

HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: SMOKE/TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

POLICY NO. 458

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a smoke/tobacco-free environment at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

A smoke/tobacco-free environment is consistent with the health care mission of this Medical Center and provides leadership, guidance and support for the promotion of a healthy lifestyle.

POLICY:

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and its business associates shall not permitted smoking / tobacco use, anywhere within the administrative jurisdiction of the Medical Center and its business associates as of October 1, 2012.

This policy is being implemented in recognition of the Medical Center's responsibility to establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment for patients, workforce members including volunteers and visitors.

For the purpose of this policy, the term “smoking” refers to the act of smoking, burning, or chewing any form of tobacco or smoking materials, including but not limited to, cigarettes including electronic cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, marijuana and other nicotine delivery devices not intended for smoking cessation efforts.

Smoking/tobacco use is not permitted by any workforce member including a volunteer, patient, visitor, vendor, contractor, or anyone else in any facility owned or leased by Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. This includes anywhere on the grounds of any such facilities, including parking lots and cars parked in the parking lots, etc. The campus is bounded by Carson Street to the north, Vermont Avenue to the east, 220th Street to the south and Normandie Avenue to the west. In addition, LABiomed parking lot, the Lot V lot off 220th St. and Employee Children’s Center off Carson are included in the campus. Family Health Center/Family Medicine off Lomita is included in this policy as a smoke and tobacco free campus. Gardena High School Family Medicine clinic is included, as all Los Angeles Unified School District campuses are smoke free.

Additionally, it is encouraged that all workforce members including volunteers remain free of the smell of smoke upon arriving to work and throughout their entire shift.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/1/86

SUPERSEDES:

REVISED: 2/87, 5/92, 3/96, 6/98, 2/02, 4/04, 5/07, 1/08, 6/12, 02/17

REVIEWED: 2/87, 5/92, 3/96, 6/98, 2/02, 4/04, 5/07, 2/11, 6/12, 08/15, 02/17

REVIEW COMMITTEE: Environment of Care Committee

APPROVED BY:

Kim McKenzie, RN, MSN, CPHQ
Chief Executive Officer

Anish Mahajan, MD
Chief Medical Officer

Patricia Soltero Sanchez, RN, BSN, MAOM
Interim Chief Nursing Officer

Signature(s) on File.

HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: SMOKE/TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

POLICY NO. 458

PROCEDURE:

"No Smoking/tobacco" signs shall be posted at all major building entrances and throughout the campus. Signs shall clearly state "Harbor-UCLA is a Smoke & Tobacco Free Campus" and/or display the international no smoking symbol. Patients shall be informed of the Medical Center's smoke/tobacco-free environment policy upon admission.

All workforce members shall be instructed on this policy at new employee orientation and re-orientation and reinforced at the department/service level. Workforce members who smoke will be encouraged to attend smoking cessation classes provided by the Medical Center or outside agency.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

It is the responsibility of all workforce members to support the Medical Center's smoke/tobacco free environment policy by encouraging their colleagues, patients, visitors and others to comply with this policy. Supervisors, managers or designees are responsible for implementing and enforcing this policy.

Workforce members who fail to comply with this policy will be subjected to progressive disciplinary measures.

REFERENCES:

County Code, Sections 2.126.010-2.126.080

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations,
Environment of Care Standard - E.C. 1.30 Smoking

Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services Policy # 381

American with Disabilities Act, Title II, Subpart B, Section 35.130

Government Code Division 7, Title 1, Chapter 32

Los Angeles County Ordinances 11.64.030

LAC-USC Healthcare Network Policy

San Francisco General Hospital-Smoke Free Environment Document

Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo-Tobacco Free Environment Document