

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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Departments Consulted: Facilities Management DHS Human Resources Environmental Health & Safety	Reviewed & Approved by: Attending Staff Association Executive Committee Senior Executive Council	Approved by: (Signature on File) Chief Medical Officer
		(Signature on File) Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

To establish a smoke-free environment at the LAC+USC Medical Center facilities in compliance with State law and as mandated by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

POLICY

Smoking shall not be permitted anywhere within LAC+USC Medical Center facilities and grounds.

DEFINITION

“Smoking” Includes the smoke of pipe, cigar, cigarette, operating electronic cigarette, vapes or any other like substance, lighting such substance, and/or carrying a burning pipe, cigar, cigarette, vapes or like substance of any kind.

PROCEDURE

- "No Smoking" signs shall be posted at all major building entrances and throughout the campus. Signs shall clearly state "No Smoking" and/or display the international no smoking symbol.
- Receptacles shall be provided to extinguish smoking material before entering any LAC+USC Medical Center facility.
- Patients shall be informed of the Medical Center’s smoke-free environment policy upon admission. (Reference: Patient Rights and Patient Responsibilities policies)

Violation of Policy

Guidelines, which may be adapted to meet each specific case, are:

- For workforce members who fail to observe this policy, their manager and DHS Human Resources may be contacted to initiate progressive disciplinary measures.

RESPONSIBILITY

All LAC+USC Workforce Members

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REFERENCES

California Government Code, Sections 7596 - 7598
California Labor Code Section 6404.5
Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 5148
Los Angeles County Code, Sections 2.126.010 - 080
DHS Policy #381, Smoking in Departmental Facilities

REVISION DATES

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