

DEPARTMENT: Medical Center of the Rockies	POLICY DESCRIPTION: MCR Smoke Free Campus
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SCOPE:

Medical Center of the Rockies

PURPOSE:

Promote a safe, clean, and healthy environment at Medical Center of the Rockies by establishing a smoke-free campus, including all areas inside and outside of the hospital on the campus. Provide guidelines for successful implementation in compliance with state and federal regulations and the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act of 2006. Therefore, it will be the policy of Medical Center of the Rockies to provide a smoke-free environment and to provide resources designed to assist patients, visitors, and employees in adhering to this commitment. The goal of the policy is to assist patients through their hospitalization in a smoke-free environment.

This smoke-free environment will include:

All Hospital owned vehicles

All buildings located on the MCR campus regardless of ownership.

All outdoor areas considered to be a part of the MCR Campus including parking lots

POLICY:

Inpatient – Patients will be informed of the smoke-free environment at MCR throughout the continuum of their care and will not be permitted to smoke.

Visitors and Outpatients –Visitors and outpatients will not be permitted to smoke.

Employees, Volunteers, and Medical Staff – All employees will be up-dated on an ongoing basis to changes in policies and procedures. Employees, Volunteers, and Medical Staff will not be permitted to smoke.

MCR’s smoke-free policy shall be included in the new employee orientation program.

Employees shall be encouraged not to smoke by offering educational information and providing smoking cessation resources.

Medical Staff will receive ongoing information related to our smoke-free campus and smoking cessation resources.

Appropriate signs will be posted at all building entrances, and in selected locations inside and outside the facility

PROCEDURE:

Inpatient - Upon admission or registration, patients will be advised of the Smoke-free Policy of MCR and provided smoking cessation information and resources upon request.

Visitors and Outpatients - An employee who encounters a visitor or outpatient who is violating the smoking policy is encouraged to explain the policy to the visitor at that time.

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They may be told that they must leave the campus to smoke.

Visitors who become agitated or unruly when informed of the smoke-free campus policy may be reported to Security. Security will deal with the situation as appropriate, according to their professional judgment.

Employees, Volunteers, and Medical Staff –The parking lots and the grounds of the Hospital will be monitored for compliance with the vision of a smoke-free environment. Employees should comply with personal hygiene guidelines in accordance with the Dress Code Policy regarding the odor of smoke.

MCR is dedicated to the enforcement of no smoking on the campus. Disciplinary measures, according to Human Resources policies and procedures and Medical Executive Committee guidance, will be administered for violations of the policy.

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REFERENCES:

JCAHO Standard Management of the Environment of Care EC. 1.3
Dress Code Policy