

Tobacco Free Hospital Forum

What Hospital Executives are saying:

"As a health-care provider, we want to get out there and certainly do the right thing," said Mike Fifield, benefits manager for St. Joe's. The hospital wants to do whatever it can to discourage tobacco use because of tobacco's negative effects on health, he said. We don't want to set up the smoking police force, but at the same time we want to keep a level of compliance, otherwise we would set out on this initiative for naught," he said. St. Joseph's Hospital goes smoke-free. Syracuse.com Thursday, January 25, 2007

"Smoking and tobacco products are a major factor in many preventable health problems," Fleury Yelvington, president and chief executive officer of St. Mary's, said in an announcement today. "Our mission is to provide exceptional health services to the people we serve. As such, we must lead in the effort to curtail tobacco use and serve as a role model in promoting healthy lifestyles." St. Mary's follows county on smoking Wednesday, January 19, 2007 JILL ARMENTROUT THE SAGINAW NEWS

PAH NHS Trust human resources director Alan Farmer said that it was right the hospital should be setting an example. "There are so many proven healthcare problems associated with smoking and increasingly that includes passive smoking," he said. He added: "The response we've had has been generally very positive. It seems that most people understand what we're doing and support it." PAH NHS Trust medical director Dr Sandra Dimmock said: "So many of the patients I see in surgery are suffering serious illness as a direct result of smoking. "I think it is only right that the hospital is taking this stance now."

<http://www.herts-essexnews.co.uk/news/star/2006/12/07/blanket%20ban%20on%20smoking%20at%20hospital.lpf>

Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg. PMC's president, who spearheaded the program, said not only is smoking an unhealthy life choice, but it affects non-smokers too. "This whole notion of impacting folks who don't even smoke, they're certainly much more prevalent. So the number I think is understated," said President and CEO Richard Henley. Hospital Goes Smoke Free, WNEP 16 News Station, Thursday, February 1, 5:15 p.m. By Rosa Yum

"As an organization focused on the health of our community, this is the right thing for us to do," explained Brenda Johnson, supervisor for health promotion at St. Charles. "Safeguarding the health of our patients, visitors, and caregivers is our number one priority. We know this may be challenging for tobacco users visiting us, and we've got programs and services in place to help make the process easier." Both St. Charles (central Oregon) campuses go tobacco-free, Not just inside any more; only smoke in cars. 12/28/07

Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa and associated Mercy clinics will institute a tobacco-free environment July 1. "Tobacco is inconsistent with good health," said Dr. Ronald Larsen, Mercy senior vice president, at a news conference this morning. It's time for Mercy to join other hospitals and institutions in witnessing for good health, Larsen said. The hospital invites other health care

institutions and businesses to do the same. "We're joining a wave of change in terms of tobacco-free campuses," Larsen said

"As a person who deals with the ravages of tobacco-related disease on a daily basis," Dr. Walt Bate, an oncologist and physician with the Mercy Cancer Center, said he is proud of the hospital, surgical center and clinics for taking this position. "One of my colleagues at the Mayo Clinic used to say that lung cancer patients live shorter, but die longer," Bate said. . " Mercy hospital, clinics to go tobacco-free. By JULIE BIRKEDAL, of The Globe Gazette. 1/4/07

"More hospitals in Montgomery County, and in the state of Pennsylvania, are smoke-free or preparing to become smoke-free," hospital CEO Lisa Mallon said. "It is becoming standard for hospitals and most businesses to have a smoke-free campus." Mercy Suburban Hospital. Phila.-area hospital banning smoking on grounds. [Philadelphia Business Journal, 2006-12-28](#)

It's a contradiction in healthcare. Medical workers and even patients on IVs gather outside hospitals for a smoke. It's a scene repeated at medical facilities across North Texas. Baylor Hospitals to go Smoke-Free. By [JANET ST. JAMES / WFAA-TV](#). 12/20/06

The campus of Phoenixville Hospital will go completely smoke-free, effective January 1, 2007. According to Grant Hoffman, Chief Human Resources Officer. "Our stance is that we are going to be smoke-free and we're not asking our employees not to smoke, but just not on hospital grounds. "The response has been favorable so far," he said. "Our employees understand it's the right thing to do."

Stephen M. Tullman, CEO, said the idea to go smoke-free has been discussed over the past couple of years. "We feel a responsibility to assume a leadership role in shaping policies that impact the safety, health and well being of our patients, employees and visitors. We have decided to eliminate the hazard of both firsthand and passive smoke from our workplace and campus."

Brian Torrence, director of marketing and public relations, said that this policy is being initiated from Phoenixville Hospital. "We've already heard from several of the employees who've mentioned that this will be the motivation they need to finally quit smoking,"

Phoenixville Hospital will forbid smoking. By DENNIS J. WRIGHT, dwright@phoenixvillenews.com 2/05/2006

"We want to be the role models for the behaviors we are talking to our members about," said Suzanne Swadener, project manager for Group Health. "Doing the right thing means you practice what you preach." Some Hospitals Won't Let Smokers Light Up Anywhere on Grounds. SONIA KRISHNAN / Seattle Times 2dec2006. <http://www.mindfully.org/Air/2006/Hospital-Smoking-Ban2dec06.htm>