



Frequently Asked Questions

Supporting Employees in the Transition to a Smoke Free Workplace

Why has SGMC banned tobacco use from our campuses?

- a. SGMC is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the communities we serve. By being completely smoke-free, we are furthering our mission and in doing so, we are setting the example of wellness and prevention that is important to our patients, colleagues and community. Implementation of smoke free campuses sends a clear message of SGMC's commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

What does smoke-free campus mean?

- a. Smoking and the use of tobacco products are not permitted by anyone on any of the hospital grounds and all off-site campuses and properties owned or leased by SGMC.

To whom does this policy apply?

- a. All persons, including team members, volunteers, students, patients, visitors, vendors, contractors, and others who work in or visit the campuses, parking lots and grounds.

Where on the campuses does the smoke-free policy apply? Is smoking allowed inside cars?

- a. Tobacco use is prohibited on all areas of the campus, inside and outside, including inside cars that are parked on hospital property.

Do team members, patients and visitors have to quit using tobacco?

- a. No, SGMC is not forcing anyone to quit. This policy means individuals cannot use tobacco products on hospital property.

Why don't you have smoking huts that are designated outdoor locations?

- a. Smoking and secondhand smoke are known health hazards. As a health care organization, we are committed to not just healing illness, but also to promoting wellness. Allowing smoking on our campuses, even in designated areas is not consistent with this commitment. We do not want our patients, visitors and colleagues be exposed to secondhand smoke while on campuses and grounds.