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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

30 July 2004

POLICY STATEMENT NO. 9

SMOKING IN KIMBROUGH AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

1. I strongly discourage the use of smoking materials of all types. Almost 40 years ago, the Surgeon General of the United States determined that smoking is hazardous to personal health. Studies have also shown that smoking reduces readiness by impairing physical fitness and by increasing illness, absenteeism, premature death and health care costs.
2. Smoking is prohibited throughout Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center (KACC), to include all ancillary buildings. Staff, contract workers, volunteers, patients and visitors may smoke only in designated areas outside of the buildings. The following rules are applicable under this policy.
  - a. Main building (bldg 2480). The designated smoking area is behind the building, across from the handicapped parking spaces behind the Laboratory and Radiology. Smoking is also permitted in the gazebos behind bldg 2480. "No Smoking" signs will be prominently posted at all main entrances. Approved smoking receptacles will be placed at all doorway entrances (solely for the purpose of allowing smokers a means to extinguish cigarettes, cigars and pipes before entering the building). Active smoking near these doorways, whether by staff, patients or visitors, is never approved. This provision includes the "park" benches in front of the building. Only smoking materials such as cigarette butts and spent matches will be deposited in designated smoking receptacles. Combustible by-products (for example, cigarette packages) will be deposited in regular trash receptacles.
  - b. Ancillary buildings. The fire marshal of each ancillary building will designate one authorized smoking area outside the building and ensure that adequate receptacles, as described in paragraph 2a, are available. The designated area will be at least 50 feet from entrances and exits and, when possible, provide protection from the elements.
3. I expect members of this command, as representatives of the medical profession, to take the lead in setting a positive example by refraining from smoking on and off duty. The Health Promotion Program at KACC offers tobacco cessation classes for individuals desiring to quit tobacco use. Classes are scheduled by calling Community Health Nursing at 7-8434.

  
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