

## ***Clinical Policy***

### **UAMS campus goes smoke free July 6.**

<b>SOURCE:</b> Administration	<b>POLICY TITLE:</b> Patient Smoking
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<b>SCOPE:</b> UAMS Medical Center - Hospitalized inpatients and outpatient clinic patients	
<b>PURPOSE:</b> In compliance with requirements set forth by Federal and State regulatory bodies and Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the following policy on patient smoking has been established. UAMS Medical Center is a smoke-free environment.	
<b>POLICY:</b> Active and passive smoking have been determined by the Surgeon General to be causes of preventable diseases as well as being implicated as the source of hospital fires. To promote the health, well being and safety of our patient, patients will not be permitted to smoke.	
<b>PROCEDURES:</b>  I. Information regarding the smoke free policy will be provided to patients prior to arrival in the outpatient areas. Patients anticipating hospital admission are notified in the preadmission process. Patients with non-planned admissions will be informed of the smoke free policy upon arrival.  II. Upon inpatient admission, if the patient's nursing assessment determines tobacco abuse, the patient shall receive educational material promoting smoking cessation programs as well as information on UAMS Medical Center's smoke free policy.  III. The patient's physician will be notified of the patient's tobacco history. The physician will discuss with the patient alternative to smoking and the appropriate smoking cessation aids will be ordered.  IV. Patients refusing to comply with the smoke free policy will be managed as follows:  A. The Attending Physician will be notified and a decision will be made weighing the benefits of hospitalization against the risk associated with policy violation. This decision will be documented in the medical record by the Attending Physician.  B. If the physician determines that hospitalization will continue for a non-compliant patient, the patient will be asked to sign a release form prior to leaving the unit.  C. Patients receiving blood or blood products are not allowed to leave the unit during the transfusion.  D. Telemetry patients will be informed that telemetry is nonfunctioning when they leave the floor.  E. Patients receiving IV chemotherapy will not be allowed to leave the unit during chemotherapy infusion.  V. Non-compliant patients will be directed to a designated area that has emergency access. The designated area will be out of public view. Nursing shall document the patient's departure in the Medical Record.  VI. In the event a smoking violation involves a direct threat to health and/or safety the UAMS Campus Police will be notified.	

**REFERENCES:**

**UAMS Medical Center**

**Leaving the Unit for Smoking Form**

**RELEASE**

I have been informed that UAMS Medical Center has a smoke free policy.

It is my desire to leave the unit to smoke.

I understand that my physician has been notified, and that certain medications and/or treatments will be discontinued until my return to the floor.

I understand that leaving to smoke is against medical advice.

I assume all risk of injury that may occur to me, the patient, while smoking. I assume all risk of delayed treatments that may occur due to my absence to smoke.

I understand and accept the risks and/or any complications that may arise as the result of leaving the unit to smoke.

I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE UAMS, UAMS Medical Center, its agents, employees, and physicians from any and all liability, claims, demands or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me in leaving the unit to smoke.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Patient Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and Time)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(MD/RN Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and Time)

***Patient has been informed of hospital policy and refuses to sign form.***

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