

APPLICATION

NYU Langone

PURPOSE

- To support the health, safety, and welfare of faculty, staff, students, patients, and visitors.
- To reduce the risk of fire hazards.
- To comply with New York State and New York City regulations, Joint Commission standards, and voluntary guidelines set forth by the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) and the WELL Building Standard (WELL).

POLICY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1.0 Policy and application

- NYU Langone includes NYU Langone Health System (the System), NYU Hospitals Center (including the NYU Lutheran and HJD campuses), NYU School of Medicine, NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers, and all entities that are controlled by the System.
- NYU Langone facilities are tobacco-free facilities.
- Use of tobacco products and smoking are prohibited:
 - inside of any owned or leased NYU Langone facilities
 - on roofs and grounds, including courtyards and gardens, of any owned or leased NYU Langone facilities
 - in front of buildings and on the sidewalks of any owned or leased NYU Langone facilities
 - within 25 feet of any entrance to or exit from an NYU Langone facility
- This policy applies to any substance which contains tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, powdered tobacco, chewing tobacco, and to any smoking device, such as electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).
- This policy is in effect for all faculty, staff, students, patients, and visitors of NYU Langone facilities.

2.0 **Rationale**

As a world-class, patient-centered, integrated academic medical center, NYU Langone has implemented a tobacco-free policy. Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death, resulting in more than 5 million deaths per year worldwide [1]. In the United States, tobacco use leads to one in five deaths annually, costing an estimated \$193 billion [2].

3.0 **Tobacco cessation program**

- The Tobacco Cessation Program is available to all NYU Langone employees at no cost. The program is managed through the Joan and Joel Smilow Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Prevention Center of the Rusk Institute.
- All employees, patients, and visitors can call the NYU Hospitals Center Smokers' Quitline, 855- NYU-QUIT (698-7848), for additional information on tobacco cessation programs.

4.0 **Designated areas for tobacco use**

- Smoking may be permitted outside NYU Langone facilities only in specifically designated areas that comply with state and city regulations, and have been approved by NYU Langone senior leadership.

5.0 **Procedure**

- All faculty and staff are expected to help maintain this policy by courteously informing anyone who appears to be unaware of the tobacco free facility policy.
- If any employee is found using tobacco products or e-cigarettes, the employee shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.
- If a patient or visitor is found using tobacco products or e-cigarettes in a patient care area, the patient/visitor shall be reminded of the policy and tobacco product(s) or e-cigarettes shall be removed from the patient/visitor. The products may be given to family to take home or inventoried as personal property and locked on the unit. If necessary, Security may be called to perform a property search.
- Additional information regarding this policy is available through Employee Relations at 212-404-3857.
- For patient information, contact Patient Relations at 212-263-6906.

References:

1. World Health Organization. [WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2009](#). Geneva: World Health Organization, 2008 [accessed 2011 May].
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [Smoking - Attributable Mortality, Years of Potential Life Lost, and Productivity Losses United States, 2000-2004](#). Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 2008;57(45):1226–8 [accessed 2011 May].

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Summary of Revisions

Revision date	Section	Changes
February 2017	Application	Changes NYULMC to NYU Langone
	1.0	Defines NYU Langone
November 2016	1.0 and 5.0	Distinguishes e-cigarettes from tobacco products
	Reviewed by:	Adds review by Lutheran Safety Officer, and HJD, NYU Lutheran, and NYU LFHC EOC Committees.
September 2016	1.0	Updates the prohibitive distance to 25 feet
	Appendix A	Adds Tobacco Free signage
February 2016	5.0	Clarifies tobacco products to include electronic cigarettes Adds Patient Relations contact information

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We Care About Your Health



All NYU Langone Medical Center facilities and outdoor premises are tobacco- and e-cigarette-free. No Smoking within 25ft of all building entrances.

For Help Quitting: 855.NYU.QUIT
(855.698.7848)

