

## Sample Letter to Patients

Hospital Logo/address

To Our patients;

XXX Hospital has a tobacco-free campus policy to provide the healthiest and safest environment for you, other patients, families, visitors and employees. This means that smoking or tobacco use is not allowed in any XX buildings or on any XX owned properties including the parking lots, garages and grounds. Patients are not allowed to leave the hospital to smoke or use tobacco at any time.

Prior to, or upon your admission to XXX, please notify the admissions nurse or staff if you use tobacco. This information will be shared with the doctors and other clinicians who will be caring for you. Information and assistance will be offered to all patients who smoke or use tobacco products in order to make them as comfortable as possible. Please discuss this further with your doctor if you have questions.

(Optional)

We realize it may be difficult for some people to adjust to this policy. Therefore, we offer several ways to help people adapt to the policy while they are on the XX campus. Patients will have a chance to discuss medication options with their doctors. Nicotine replacement medications are available for visitors at a small cost to those who wish to use it during their visit. A tobacco treatment specialist is available to meet with you if you would like more information about making a quit plan to stop using tobacco, or about using tobacco treatment medications.

Thank you for your cooperation with this policy and for helping to keep XXX hospital a healthy environment for everyone.

Sincerely,

Medical staff