



## **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER SMOKING POLICY**

*Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2009*

### **REASON FOR THIS POLICY**

To sustain a safe and healthy environment at Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) for our faculty, staff, students and visitors, and to be consistent with regulations of federal, state and city agencies, as well as our affiliate, NewYork-Presbyterian, smoking is not permitted anywhere on the CUMC campus.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Smoking or carrying any burning cigarettes, cigars or pipes is prohibited within and around all CUMC buildings, grounds and vehicles, as follows:

- Smoking is prohibited at all times in the interior of all CUMC buildings, including residence halls and parking facilities.
- Smoking is prohibited at all times outside of all CUMC buildings (at a distance of 30 feet or more from the building perimeter), including parking lots, driveways, plazas and gardens.
- Smoking is prohibited at all times on inter-campus shuttle buses and CUMC-owned vehicles.

### **WHO IS GOVERNED BY THIS POLICY**

This policy applies to all CUMC faculty, staff, students and visitors, including other members of the Columbia University community. Persons who do not comply with the policy will be subject to corrective action.

### **RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY OFFICE AND OFFICER**

At CUMC, the responsible office for this policy is Environmental Health and Safety ([www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/ehs](http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/ehs)). The responsible officer is the Associate Vice President for Environmental Health and Safety.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Questions about the CUMC smoking policy can be answered as follows:

- **Faculty and staff** with questions about the CUMC smoking policy should contact Environmental Health and Safety, at [ehs-safety@columbia.edu](mailto:ehs-safety@columbia.edu) or 212-3-5-6780.

- **Students** with questions about the CUMC smoking policy should contact the office of their school's dean of student affairs.
- **Visitors** with questions about the CUMC smoking policy may contact Public Safety at 212-305-8100.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Members of the CUMC community seeking information on smoking cessation programs are encouraged to visit the Smoke-Free CUMC website ([cumc.columbia.edu/SmokeFree](http://cumc.columbia.edu/SmokeFree)).

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