

Smoking Policy

In keeping with our mission to improve the health of our communities, we are committed to providing a safe, clean and healthy environment for our patients, employees, visitors and customers. The use of all tobacco-related products are prohibited anywhere on the hospital campus to reduce the risk associated with passive smoking, and reduce the risk of fire hazard.

The Florida's Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities states:

- ❖ A patient is responsible for following the treatment plan recommended by the healthcare provider.
- ❖ The patient is responsible for his or her actions if he or she refuses treatment or does not follow the healthcare provider's instructions.
- ❖ A patient is responsible for following the healthcare facility's rules and regulations affecting patient care.

If a patient leaves the nursing unit and / or the building, this will be considered as an "Against Medical Advice" (AMA). The patient's primary physician will be notified of the patient's absence and subsequent AMA. Upon a patients return to the nursing unit, they will be informed that their absence resulted in an AMA. The patient will be given the AMA Form to sign; their belongings will be packed up and then accompanied to the main entrance.



Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point is proud to be tobacco free. For our patients who use tobacco products, your healthcare team will discuss options available to you during your stay. For your safety, you may not leave your unit to smoke or use other tobacco products including electronic cigarettes.