

GRAND ROUNDS

Effective April 1, 2017, RVH will be a smoke-free property!

We are committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for our patients, families, visitors and staff. As a hospital, it is important that we model and support healthy choices. In an effort to do this, and in conjunction with the Smoke Free Ontario Legislation, RVH will be going completely smoke free effective April 1.

Here are the answers to questions you may have about a smoke-free RVH campus:

Don't smoke-free hospital grounds show a lack of compassion for patients who smoke?

All admitted patients are screened for tobacco use and provided with Nicotine Replacement Therapy while in the hospital. RVH employees will also be provided with smoking cessation assistance.

We know that quitting smoking is the single most important change a person can make to their overall health!

Where will people go to smoke?

People will have to leave the hospital grounds to smoke. The hospital property will be completely smoke free!

Limiting people's exposure to smoking and second hand smoke is important for upholding the health of patients, staff, volunteers and visitors.

Can visitors, staff and others smoke in their cars on the property?

Smoking is not allowed in any vehicle while on hospital property.

How will the ban on smoking on hospital grounds be enforced?

Tobacco Enforcement Bylaw Officers employed by public health units are designated under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and will enforce the ban on smoking on hospital grounds.



***DID YOU KNOW?** Tobacco kills three times more Canadians each year than alcohol, AIDS, illegal drugs, car accidents, suicide and murder combined?*

In consideration of those who are sensitive or allergic, RVH is a scent-free environment