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**Dominican Hospital is smoke-free**  
*Smoking prohibited on campus grounds*

SANTA CRUZ –For nearly 70 years, Dominican Hospital has been working hard to keep the focus on health in Santa Cruz County.

That’s why, as of Jan. 1, 2010, Dominican Hospital and Dominican Rehabilitation Services is completely smoke-free. Smoking is not be permitted anywhere on the grounds at either facility.

Smoking has not been allowed in Dominican buildings and restricted to designated areas for many years. The campus-wide ban is just the latest addition to the robust slate of wellness programs in place at the hospital.

“We are all aware of the health hazards of smoking,” said Nanette Mickiewicz, MD, hospital president. “As a health care provider, we have a responsibility to model health behaviors that we want to see in our community.”

Patients are informed about Dominican’s smoke-free policy before admission. Physicians, nurses and respiratory therapists can assist patients with nicotine replacement therapy and discuss options and resources for smoking cessation.

Discounts on nicotine replacement products are available to visitors.

Employees who smoke are offered a smoking cessation program to include counseling, nicotine replacement therapy and a 24/7 telephone help line.