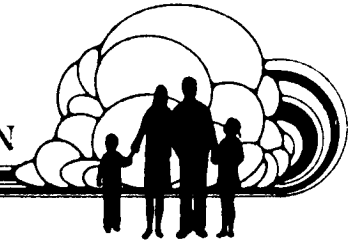


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Dear Lee:

The Arizona Public Health Association supports the adoption of resolutions on smoke free hospitals. The Arizona Medical Association can be a very significant force in promoting smoke free hospitals. We endorse the resolution now before the Arizona Medical Association.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Nolan, MD

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President,
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RESOLUTION

Introduced by ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Subject SMOKE FREE HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT

1 WHEREAS, A growing body of evidence indicates that involuntary smoking may
2 pose a health hazard to the general population. Certain groups of
3 patients who often find themselves in hospitals (e.g., those with
4 chronic cardiovascular or pulmonary disease) are especially suscep-
5 tible to the ill effects of secondhand tobacco smoke; and
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7 WHEREAS, Tobacco smoking in hospitals undermines air quality, harms smokers
8 and nonsmokers, and increases fire danger and litter; and
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10 WHEREAS, The Surgeon General and the American Medical Association have en-
11 dorsed "A Smoke-Free Society by the Year 2000;" and
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13 WHEREAS, The Arizona Lung Association, the Arizona Thoracic Society, the
14 Arizona State Dental Association, the Arizona Nurses Association,
15 the Arizona State Council of Hospital Pharmacists, the Arizona Soci-
16 ety for Respiratory Therapy, and the Arizona Coalition for Cost
17 Effective Quality Health Care have expressed support for this con-
18 cept; and
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20 WHEREAS, Physicians and other health professionals are the most qualified to
21 serve as role models and educators in this effort; therefore, be it
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23 RESOLVED, That the Arizona Medical Association encourage Arizona hospitals,
24 individually and through the Arizona Hospital Association, to ban
25 smoking in hospitals by all staff, employees, visitors, and patients,
26 except for those inpatients who may be allowed to smoke by doctor's
27 order only in specially designed areas which minimize the possible
28 effects of sidestream smoke.