

Dear Medical Center Vendor/Contractor:

On July 1, 2007, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center plans to join over 60 other hospitals and medical centers in our state in becoming a tobacco-free campus for all patients, employees, and visitors. The new policy includes all tobacco products and will apply to all properties that are considered part of the main Medical Center campus. The new policy also covers parking areas and vehicles on the properties. The Medical Center became "smoke-free" for all interior spaces in 1994, and this is a further step in making our institution a healthier facility.

A tobacco-free policy reinforces our mission and commitment to health. It also maintains the high standard of service we give the community by providing quality health care in a tobacco-free environment.

We value the professional relationship that we have established with one another. Your services have helped us address the health needs of our community. We would appreciate your support by informing your personnel and colleagues about our tobacco-free campus policy. Please inform them that the use of all tobacco products will be prohibited on Medical Center grounds, while delivering goods, visiting or working on our property.

We appreciate your cooperation as we approach July 1, 2007. We ask for your support and understanding for all whom this will affect as we strive to promote, protect and improve the health of all of our employees, patients and visitors.

Sincerely,

Len B. Preslar, Jr.
President & CEO
North Carolina Baptist Hospital

Richard H. Dean, M.D.
President & CEO
Wake Forest University Health Sciences