**PPNO List Serv Query Summary**

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PPNO Query: Smoking

Do you have inpatients that leave the unit and exit the building to smoke?

Have you put any additional measures in place during COVID to what you already have, in support of ensuring that the people smoking are far enough away from the entrances?

Is there any additional information that you can share about approaches you are taking to ensure safe and adequate distances from the people smoking to the entrances of the building?

Abbreviated Question (as it will appear on search results page)

Policy/Procedure  Practice  Program Info  Committee Structure info  Role  Students

Model/Structure  Care Delivery  Collaboration  Regulation/Legislation  Pt. Safety

Quality/Outcome/Indicator  PP Culture/Leadership  Other:

Keyword(s)

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Responses: Please cut and paste responses from emails into the table, save and send summary table to PPNO List Serv. Allow 3 weeks for responses to filter in before sending final version.

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| George Fieber RN  Nursing Practice Leader  Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre  Office: (807) 684-6691  Cell: (807) 629-0889 | * Do you have inpatients that leave the unit and exit the building to smoke? On admission to hospital smokers are advised that they cannot leave the bldg to smoke due to COVID restrictions. If they insist on going outside they are discharged as leaving AMA. Nicotine patch or gum are prescribed to reduce cravings. There has been a marked increase in patients discharging selves AMA. See attached directive   + If yes, have you put any additional provisions, procedures, or directives in place?   + If yes, do you supply them with PPE, and which PPE? Reducing demand for PPE was one of the reasons for the smoking restrictions. * Have you put any additional measures in place during COVID to what you already have, in support of ensuring that the people smoking are far enough away from the entrances? Even in "normal" times there is no smoking allowed on hospital property. * Is there any additional information that you can share about approaches you are taking to ensure safe and adequate distances from the people smoking to the entrances of the building? |  |
| Natalie Krempel RN  Nurse Clinician  Acute Inpatient Psychiatry  Health Sciences North | Horizon Santé-Nord  Ramsey Lake Health Centre & Sudbury Mental Health & Addictions Centre – Kirkwood Site  Office Location: 41 Ramsey Lake Road, North Tower, Level 6, Room 6673B  Sudbury, Ontario P3E 5J1 Tel: 705.523.7100 ext. 8317  Pager: \*88-1045  [www.hsnsudbury.ca](http://www.hsnsudbury.ca/) | * Do you have inpatients that leave the unit and exit the building to smoke? Health Sciences North has a no smoking policy * Have you put any additional measures in place during COVID to what you already have, in support of ensuring that the people smoking are far enough away from the entrances? The only time we provide patients with cigarettes is when they are leaving on a pass. Passes have been cancelled during COVID |  |
| Melissa Pelletier, RN, BScN, CNeph(C)  Clinical Educator  Renal Program  Professional Practice  Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre  201 Georgian Drive  Barrie, Ontario  L4M 6M2  [pelletierm@rvh.on.ca](mailto:pelletierm@rvh.on.ca)  Tel:  705-728-9090 ext 47712  Cell: 705-229-9846  [www.rvh.on.ca](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.rvh.on.ca%2f&c=E,1,1G7_vCr1VLXryNVkNnISP0uteV332zBdhljjO7t_AG0sMDONWumT43JzUlkDACo3ahV0yAx5dbnlTYBcmEkkCmJMopDOzykJBiIjtRiR&typo=1) | * Do you have inpatients that leave the unit and exit the building to smoke? RVH is committed to promoting a healthy community and safe working environment for all individuals. To fulfill the requirements of the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* (May 2007) and the mission, vision and values of RVH, no tobacco and/or combustible products shall be used and/or smoked while in or on any RVH property buildings, grounds or parking lots.   Please find attached our hospital’s “Smoke-free” policy and a policy that pertains to mental health area called Authorized and Unauthorized Leaves of Absence from the MH Inpatient Unit.  Right now during COVID all staff, visitors and patients (leaving their room) must wear a mask, social distance and perform hand hygiene. |  |

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