

## Elimination of Smoking Areas

This hospital has been actively working on tobacco control measures since 2004 but, in order to implement smoking cessation within the hospital premises, all smoking areas have been eliminated.

In addition to cancer, smoking is a cause of circulatory, respiratory, digestive, and periodontal diseases, fetal growth disorders, and various other health problems. Scientific evidence has also shown that passive smoking causes health problems.

Hospitals have a mission to promote health and providing smoking areas is contrary to this mission.

We ask for your understanding and thank you for your cooperation in not smoking anywhere on hospital grounds.

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