



Starting January 1, 2015, Barnes-Kasson Hospital's campus
is becoming Tobacco Free!

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable illness and death across the nation. Due to the acknowledged hazards arising from exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, Barnes-Kasson wants to provide a tobacco free environment for all employees, patients, and visitors.

Being tobacco free includes any tobacco product, not just traditional cigarettes. It includes the use of smokeless, electronic, or spit tobacco, as well as, cigars and pipes.

We thank all of our patients, visitors, and staff for helping to make a tobacco free environment possible. We ask that you refrain from smoking in any area of the Barnes-Kasson Campus.

If you are in need of using a tobacco product, we ask that you please exit the hospital campus to do so.

If you are seen using a tobacco product on campus, please be aware that all employees of the hospital have been asked to politely remind you that the campus is tobacco free and to kindly walk to at least the main road to continue use.

If you are an inpatient at the hospital and are in need of a tobacco product, we ask you tell your nursing staff that you would like to go outside so that they may unhook any medical equipment prior to you going out.

Upon return, nursing staff will gladly reconnect any equipment. As a kind reminder, IV pumps will need to be disconnected prior to going out as they will not easily wheel on the sidewalk to the street.

We look forward to a healthier Barnes-Kasson in 2015. We wish you the same!