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Guam Memorial Hospital Authority will be “*SMOKE FREE*” for a Healthier Guam

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In an effort to improve health care and promote positive lifestyle changes, the Guam Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees last night at its regular Board meeting approved to implement a smoke-free policy at the hospital, effective October 1, 2006. Smoking will not be permitted on its premises.

As a healthcare provider, GMHA recognizes that smoking is a risk factor for many chronic diseases, including asthma, cancer, heart disease, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. GMHA is confident that this measure will create a healthier environment and discourage the use of tobacco at the hospital, ultimately reducing smoking related illness.

On September 1, 2006, GMHA will start its smoke free campaign, by disseminating health information, posting banners and signs, providing consultation and a smoking cessation program. We encourage all staff and the community to support this campaign.

For more information, please contact PeterJohn D. Camacho, Hospital Administrator/CEO at 647-2418 or Zennia Pecina, Assistant Administrator, Professional Support Services at 647-2213.

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