



Community Hospital of San Bernardino

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San Bernardino Hospital Kicks The Habit! *Community Hospital of San Bernardino to become Tobacco-Free*

San Bernardino, CA – June 24, 2009 – Beginning June 30, 2009, Community Hospital of San Bernardino (CHSB) will become a tobacco-free campus. This hospital-wide wellness initiative is the next step forward in the hospital's effort to become a healthier environment for all.

Hospital Administrator Diane E. Nitta states, "As a leading healthcare organization, CHSB is committed to caring for the health and safety of its patients, visitors, and staff. Because of that pledge, the hospital wants to set a good example and model healthy behaviors. The tobacco-free initiative is a concrete way we can demonstrate our ongoing commitment to healthy living."

A tobacco-free campus involves eliminating the designated smoking areas and banning the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco. For information and referrals to smoking cessation programs in San Bernardino, the public may contact the hospital's Health Information and Education Center (HIEC) at 909/887-6333, ext. 9-4734.

About Community Hospital of San Bernardino

Community Hospital of San Bernardino is a private, non-profit 321-bed acute care hospital that has served the Inland Empire community since 1910. Its services include an emergency room, acute inpatient care, obstetrical services, inpatient and outpatient surgery, behavioral health services and long term neurological care for adults and children. Affiliated with Catholic Healthcare West, Community Hospital of San Bernardino is non-denominational.

The hospital is recognized for its excellence in patient care, its wide array of community education and health services and its family-friendly environment. It is accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation's leading accrediting organization for hospitals. Approximately 13,000 patients are admitted to Community Hospital of San Bernardino each year and more than 40,000 people are treated each year in its Emergency Department. With more than 1,350 employees, it is one of the largest employers in the Inland Empire, and earned recognition as a *Top Company to Work For in the Inland Empire* in 2004. Community Hospital of San Bernardino is located at 1805 Medical Center Drive, between Highland and Baseline in the city of San Bernardino. The website is www.chsb.org.