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**COMMANDING OFFICER'S
POLICY STATEMENT ON TOBACCO USE**

U.S. Naval Hospital, Rota, Spain is a tobacco-free campus. We are committed to healthy lifestyles and military readiness. All patients, visitors and staff (including volunteers, local nationals and contractors) are to refrain from using tobacco products on our hospital grounds. Our campus is defined as the area around the hospital bordered by streets on each side and includes all buildings, parking areas, outdoor areas, and sidewalks. There are no designated tobacco use areas.

Navy Medicine personnel shall not use tobacco products while in the presence of patients or while in uniform when representing Navy Medicine. If a service member travels in support of our Navy Medicine mission, this is considered an official duty and all elements of OPNAVINST 5100.13E shall apply.

U.S. Naval Hospital, Rota is joining the Commander, Naval Operations and the Navy Medicine Surgeon General in supporting ongoing initiatives to assist all tobacco users in "kicking the habit". Tobacco use is the number one PREVENTABLE cause of death in the world. Making our Hospital grounds completely tobacco-free firmly supports our belief in the health and wellness of our people. The dangers of second-hand smoke have been documented and recent research confirms the role of second-hand smoke in many health organizations. We have an obligation to provide a healthy, tobacco-free environment for everyone who enters our doors.

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