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**SUBJECT:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Tobacco Non-Use Policy

**References:** See Enclosure 1.

1. **Purpose:** This President's Policy Memorandum (PPM) replaces PPM-007-2015 and is intended to provide clear policies and procedures for non-use of all tobacco products at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU). For the purpose of this policy memorandum, tobacco products include smoked tobacco (i.e. cigarettes, cigars, and pipes), smokeless tobacco (i.e. chewing tobacco and dipping tobacco), e-cigarettes, and vaping devices.
2. **Applicability:** This policy applies to all personnel and visiting members at USU (all USU campus areas within NSAB).
3. **Policy:** With the exception of designated tobacco-use research areas where approved tobacco-use research is being conducted, the NSAB Campus of USU is tobacco free.
4. **Background:** U.S. Federal policies regarding tobacco control are stipulated in Executive Order (EO13058) that was initially issued on August 9, 1997 (Reference 1). This EO was updated on June 19, 2009 (FMR 2008-08; 102-74.330) (Reference 2).

Department of Defense (DoD) has considered additional updating of the EO based on input from the Defense Advisory Committee on Tobacco (DACT) that formulated recommendations in July 2015. Deliberations and recommendations are intended to encourage DoD personnel to abstain from tobacco use and to enhance health and well-being of DoD personnel and their families. Additional efforts of tobacco control are part of the Healthy Base Initiative (HBI) (Reference 3) and are part of the DoD-HA Operation Live Well Strategic Planning Initiative (Reference 4).

Federal hospitals and Military Treatment Facilities encourage tobacco prevention and abstinence to safeguard personnel who might use tobacco products and to safeguard non-smokers who might be in the vicinity of tobacco smokers. Naval Support Activity, Bethesda strongly advocates tobacco control and issued an instruction on March 4, 2015, to underscore the importance of enforcing tobacco control practices that promote a tobacco-free working and public living environment for all personnel (Reference 5). NSAB's movement towards a tobacco-free installation is consistent with DoD instructions (Reference 6).

5. **Release:** This policy is approved for release to all personnel working on the NSAB campus of USU as well as any organization with a formal affiliation with USU.
6. **Effective Date:** This PPM is effective immediately.

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Richard W. Thomas, MD, DDS, FACS  
President

Enclosures:

1. References

### References:

1. PPM-007-2015, "USUHS Tobacco Policy," dated 19 October 2015 (cancelled).
2. Executive Order 13058; <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-1997-08-13/pdf/97-21607.pdf>
3. FMR 2008-08; [http://www.gsa.gov/graphics/ogp/FMR\\_2008\\_08.pdf](http://www.gsa.gov/graphics/ogp/FMR_2008_08.pdf)
4. Healthy Base Initiative; <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/hbi>
5. Operation Live Well; <http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Operation-Live-Well>
6. NSABETHINST 6240.1
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