



STA. ANA HOSPITAL

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SUBJECT : POLICY ON THE PROHIBITION OF ENTRY AND USE OF STYROFOAM AND NON- REUSABLE PLASTIC PACKAGING AT STA. ANA HOSPITAL

BACKGROUND:

Healthcare facilities like Sta. Ana Hospital should primarily give quality care and not to cause harm to its patients and clients. The hospital management need not only focus on its patients and watchers security and protection alone but also to all its employees, clients and guests. It is also the management responsibility and commitment to look into the protection of the environment. Styrofoam and other non-reusable plastic packaging contribute to the volume of waste generated by the hospital which is one of the sources of dioxin when incinerated or burned. This has a harmful effect not only on the individual's health but also to the environment. It is in this context, that the hospital management would like to implement the policy on the prohibition of entry and use of styrofoam and non-reusable plastic packaging inside the hospital premises.

OBJECTIVE/RATIONALE:

To prohibit the entry and use of styrofoam and non-reusable plastic packaging inside the hospital premises in order to minimize the volume of waste generated by the hospital and to protect the environment.

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES:

The following guidelines and procedures must be followed in implementing this policy:

1. The security guard on duty must confiscate the Styrofoam and non-reusable plastic packaging upon entry at the hospital.
2. The visitors, guests or clients who brought food in styrofoam and other non-reusable plastic packaging must surrender the items to the security guard on-duty before entry to the hospital and get it back when leaving the hospital premises.
3. Foods are allowed provided it is placed in a reusable plastic or carton-made containers.

4. The store owners inside hospital premises must replace the styrofoam and other non-reusable plastic packaging that they are using.
5. Employees are also prohibited in using styrofoam and other non-reusable plastic packaging when bringing food inside the hospital.
6. Suppliers and clients prohibited to use styrofoam and other non-reusable plastic packaging in the supplies or items that they will going to deliver in the hospital.
7. In making the specifications, the end-users should take note that the supplies and materials are not packed with Styrofoam and other non-reusable plastic packaging.
8. Food chains around the vicinity of the hospital are informed of this policy.

RESOURCES NEEDED:

Reusable plastic and carton-made containers

RESPONSIBLE PERSON:

Chief Administrative Officer
Security guard on-duty
Hospital Employees
Hospital Clients and Guests
Patients and Watchers

TIME FRAME:

Immediately