



## CLINICAL POLICY

### Food or Drink by Personnel in Ambulatory Care Clinics (JDH, UMG and Urgent Care Centers)

**A. EFFECTIVE DATE :**

June 30, 2021

**B. PURPOSE :**

1. To provide a clinic environment that demonstrates staff professionalism.
2. To demonstrate consideration towards patient/visitors/personnel that may be adverse to the sight And smell of food.
3. Infection control measures to protect staff and patients/visitors.

**C. POLICY :**

1. No food shall be eaten or displayed at the clinic front desk area or areas where patients/visitors may pass through.
2. Water bottles are permitted at the clinic front desk area and designated work stations.

**D. SCOPE :**

Ambulatory Clinics (JDH, UMG and Urgent care Centers)

**E. DEFINITIONS :**

None

**F. MATERIAL(S) NEEDED :**

None

**G. PROCEDURE :**

1. Food may only be eaten in designated areas and out of sight of patients and visitors
2. Water bottles:
  - a. Water bottles closed tightly and concealed
  - b. Staff will not drink water in presence of patients or visitors.

**H. ATTACHMENTS :**

None

**I. REFERENCES :**

None

**J. SEARCH WORDS :**

Food, Water

**K. ENFORCEMENT:**

Violations of this policy or associated procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, the University of Connecticut Student Code, other applicable University Policies, or as outlined in any procedures document related to this policy.

**L. STAKEHOLDER APPROVALS :**

On File

**M. COMMITTEE APPROVALS :**

None

**N. FINAL APPROVAL :**

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| 1. <u>Andrew Agwunobi, MD (Signed)</u><br>Andrew Agwunobi, MD, MBA<br><b>UConn Health Chief Executive Officer</b>   | <u>08/24/2021</u><br>Date |
| 2. <u>Anne D. Horbatuck, (Signed)</u><br>Anne D. Horbatuck, RN, BSN, MBA<br><b>Clinical Policy Committee Co-Chair</b>   | <u>08/24/2021</u><br>Date |
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