

# NEWS RELEASE

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**COMPACT DISC (CD) TRAINING AVAILABLE ON  
“SMOKING CESSATION IN PSYCHIATRIC AND ADDICTION TREATMENT FACILITIES:  
POLICIES AND CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS”**

(July 30, 2007).....The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) is offering a two-hour compact disc training on ***Smoking Cessation in Psychiatric and Addiction Treatment Facilities: Policies and Clinical Considerations***.

Many hospitals and other treatment settings have been looking for ways to reduce the health impact of smoking in their facilities. Many jurisdictions are now requiring smoke-free environments. Studies have shown that people with mental illnesses consume 45% of the cigarettes smoked in the United States and that those with serious mental illnesses die – on average – 25 years earlier than the general population. About 72% of persons with alcoholism are heavy smokers, researchers report. However, designing and implementing smoke-free policies in psychiatric and addiction treatment settings raises many clinical and administrative questions. This CD (which comes with accompanying PowerPoint presentations, sample materials, and a resource list) explores both policy and clinical considerations of concern to facilities' clinical and administrative leadership.

The faculty includes Director **Steven A. Schroeder, M.D.**, and Deputy Director **Connie C. Revell**, both of the **Smoking Cessation Leadership Center** at the University of California, San Francisco, which is working to address the specific challenges facing psychiatric patients. Also on the faculty are **Gail Hutchings, M.P.A.**, president and CEO, Behavioral Health Policy Collaborative, Alexandria, VA, and **John Eiler**, executive vice president, Network Behavioral Health Operations, SSM Health Care – St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. The moderator is NAPHS Director of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs **Kathleen McCann, R.N., Ph.D.**

## **HOW TO ORDER**

The compact disc (CD) is \$225 (or \$150 for NAPHS members). An order form is available at [www.naphs.org/teleconference/smoking\\_cessation.html](http://www.naphs.org/teleconference/smoking_cessation.html), or by calling 202/393-6700, ext. 106.

NAPHS advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider organizations that own or manage more than 600 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. The association was founded in 1933.

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