

SMOKING IN HOSPITALS. Catford, John C.; Nutbean, D. The Lancet. 1983, July 9.

A survey of 190 hospitals and health centers in the Wessex Region in Great Britain was carried out in order to determine the extent to which smoking is restricted in National Health Service (NHS) health premises. The results showed that the levels of smoking restrictions were high, and that patients, visitors, and staff complied well with the restrictions. For ambulant patients, the situation clearly favored the smoker. Only 18% of acute hospitals could offer "smoke-free" day rooms to every patient who requested it, yet 92% could offer day-room accommodation to all smokers. Cigarettes were sold in a quarter of acute and maternity hospitals. Doctors appeared to play a small role in promoting nonsmoking in hospitals.

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