

DRAFT: Tobacco-Free NC

1 The NCMS historically and presently supports cessation programs, tobacco-free public spaces, tax
2 increases, and education initiatives, to reduce the harmful effects that tobacco use has first-and second-
3 hand. There are currently thirteen NCMS policies focused on tobacco use and vaping.

4 **Recommendation:**

5 In line with the NCMS mission and Guiding Principles to improve the overall health and well-being of
6 everyone in North Carolina, NCMS staff submit the following policy in lieu of the existing tobacco-
7 focused policies for consideration by the NCMS Policy Committee:

8 **Tobacco-Free NC (policy)**

9 The North Carolina Medical Society supports a tobacco-free society where all public spaces are
10 tobacco, smoke, and vapor-free.

11 The North Carolina Medical Society supports funding and access to initiatives and programs
12 aimed at education, prevention, and cessation to aid in reduction of tobacco use across North
13 Carolina, especially in children/teens.

14

15