







## World No Tobacco Day: May 31, 2016 and Beyond

On World No Tobacco Day 2016 history was made in Lake County Indiana. The three major hospital-healthcare systems, Community Healthcare System, Franciscan Health and Methodist Hospitals, united under one voice to battle the tobacco use epidemic. Putting aside the normal competition in the healthcare industry, the leading healthcare systems of Lake County collectively focused on the health and wellness of Lake County residents by addressing the devastating toll of tobacco use. The ultimate goal is to drive down Lake County rates of premature births, lung disease, heart disease and cancers caused or exacerbated by tobacco products.

As leaders in healthcare, we pledge to work with one another, our respective physician leadership-teams, all of the Lake County employers, constituents and the thousands upon thousands of patients that we are so very privileged to serve every single year. We will work together and toward a tobacco-free generation.