

Dress Code

Introduction

Residents are expected at all times to present a professional image to the public. Special attention should be given to attire, cleanliness and personal hygiene.

Attire and grooming will have a major influence on how your patient will perceive you as a professional and a physician. Residents in the hospital must dress professionally as discussed below. Individual residency programs may modify these general guidelines with specific guidelines applicable to that clerkship in particular.

- Clothes should be clean, comfortable and not provocative. Beards are allowed but must be tidy and properly trimmed.
- Men should be attired in an appropriate shirt with matching tie and pants, and the white coat, all clean and neatly pressed. The tie should be placed underneath the white coat that shall be completely buttoned at all times. Shorts are prohibited. Socks should be worn and shoes should be clean and polished. Running shoes and sandals are inappropriate.
- Women should attire either in pants and a blouse, a skirt and blouse, or a dress covered by the white coat, all clean and neatly pressed. Pantyhose are recommended. Miniskirts and shorts should not be worn in the hospital. Low rise pants with exposed navel or low cut shirts with exposed cleavage are inappropriate. Shoes should be clean and polished. Loud high heeled shoes, running shoes and open-toed shoes are inappropriate.
- The student's ID must show clearly over the white coat.
- Refrain from wearing excessive jewelry or dangling earrings to make the patient's examination and scrubbing in the operating room more convenient.
- Hair should be clean and neatly cut. Long hair should always be styled and/or pulled back at all times in order not to interfere with work performance, safety and infection control. Any facial hair should be appropriate and neatly trimmed.
- Make-up should be appropriate for daytime work and perfumes and scented after-shave must be reduced to minimum. Visible adornment with tattoos and ornamental piercing, except for earrings, are not acceptable.
- Nails should be short and clean.
- Scrub suits are NOT acceptable attire except when assigned to those residency programs that require them. Facial masks, gloves and shoe protectors must not be kept on while circulating in the hospital.
- Clothing (especially shoes) should be comfortable enabling you to move around without constraint or embarrassment.
- Personal hygiene is critical. Daily showers are strongly advised.

- Cell phone use in the hospital should be restricted to urgent situations and educational purposes as long as it does not interfere with required duties, patient care and interaction with healthcare providers.
- Personal cell phones and beepers must be on vibrating mode during duty hours.

Residents who do not abide by dress code will be asked to do so within 24 hours; otherwise they will be reported to the Dean.