Visiting Medical Student Dress Code

Appropriate deportment and dress are expected of visiting students as they engage with patients and clinical colleagues. Students may need to curtail some aspects of their individual expression to reflect appropriate respect and establish a rapport with patients, families and health care members.

Clerkship Attire Guidelines

- Hair must be well groomed. Men’s beards are acceptable when neatly trimmed.
- No hats (with the exception of religious or cultural head coverings).
- No facial piercings or dangling earrings. A minimum of jewelry should be worn.
- Button-down shirts should not be open below the second button. No T-shirts or sweatshirts.
- No jeans, cargo pants, cut-offs or shorts.
- Shoes must be closed toes. Clogs are acceptable, sandals are not. Shoes must be clean.
- Clean sneakers are acceptable when wearing scrubs.
- Do not wear cologne or perfume in any clinical setting.
- Bathe regularly and wear underarm deodorant. (Deodorant is not considered the same as cologne /perfume.)
- Women should wear blouses or sweaters. No bare midriff.
- Skirts must be a conservative length (no miniskirts). No jeans, cargo pants or leggings without skirts.
- Bright or dark nail polish should be avoided. Minimize makeup.
- Cuts and abrasions should be covered with tegaderm or similar water impervious material.
- Protective glasses and masks should be worn even when Faculty and house officers do not.

Scrub Suit Guidelines

- **SCRUB SUITS ARE PERMITTED ONLY IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE AREAS.**
- **SCRUB SUITS SHOULD NOT BE WORN OUTSIDE THE PATIENT CARE AREA AND NEVER OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL BUILDINGS.**
- **WHEN OUTSIDE PATIENT CARE AREAS, STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR WHITE COATS AS WELL.**
- Scrub suits are to be changed daily and immediately when soiled.
- T-shirts should not extend below the scrub top.
- NEVER wear the same scrub suit back into the Operating Room after circulating in the hospital.
- Scrubs should be changed in appropriate changing location.
- Double glove in the Operating Room with gloves that are one half size larger on the inside and the real size on the outside.
- Jewelry must come off before scrubbing. Earrings are unacceptable in the Operating Room.

Other

- Do not chew gum.
- No eating or drinking in front of patients or in patient care areas.
- Speak softly in the hospital.
- Never discuss patient care issues in public areas, such as cafeterias and elevators.
- Be cautious expressing opinions that reflect negatively on other students, faculty, staff or institutions.
- Do not carry patient charts or X-ray folders with the name exposed.