

DRESS CODE POLICY FOR RESIDENTS

PURPOSE:

To outline the standards of personal appearance required of residents providing patient care at The George Washington University Medical Center and affiliated institutions.

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Personal appearance is an important component of professional demeanor. Each resident shall be expected to dress in a manner which conveys a professional image and inspires confidence in patients and colleagues. The George Washington University Medical Center and its affiliated institutions provide clinical service to a multi-cultural patient population, where clothing choices may convey different meanings for different populations. Apparel should be consistent with each resident's duties.

SPECIFIC STANDARDS:

- A white coat and visible ID are required at all times while providing clinical service in a setting which does not require specialized garb.
- Scrubs may be worn when on a surgical service or during night-call hours; a white coat should be worn over scrubs if the resident steps out of the surgical suite.
- A tie is required for men when not dressed in scrubs.
- Jeans, sport shirts, tee shirts, excessively short skirts, sandals, tennis shoes (except with scrubs) and provocative buttons or messages on clothing are inconsistent with a professional image.
- Frequent handwashing and high standards of general cleanliness are extremely important.

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