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DRESS CODE POLICY FOR RESIDENTS

Policy Statement

Personal appearance is an important component of professional demeanor. Each resident is expected to dress in a manner which conveys a professional image and inspires confidence in patients and colleagues. Residents of the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) 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.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

This policy applies to all residents and fellows who participate in an ACGME-accredited post graduate (GME) medical education (GME) training program sponsored by the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS).

Policy Contact

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Who Approved This Policy

Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC)

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Policy

- Residents are expected to dress professionally, maintain good personal hygiene, and show consideration for cultural sensitivities of patients and co-workers, avoiding attire or grooming that could be offensive or unsafe.
- A white coat and visible ID are required at all times while providing clinical service in a setting which does not require specialized garb
- Residents may substitute an approved jacket for their white coat provided the jacket has been approved and issued by the department or the Hospital.
- Scrubs may be worn when on a surgical service or during night-call hours; a white coat or approved jacket should be worn over scrubs if the resident steps out of the surgical suite.
- Scrubs are not permitted to be worn outside the Hospital.
- Residents are expected to comply with existing dress codes at the Medical Faculty Associates (MFA) and affiliate sites/institutions.