



## Department of Surgery Policy

**Subject:** Physicians, Fellows, Residents, Medical Student and Staff Dress Code

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### Objective:

This policy is being created in order for the Department of Surgery to maintain a professional and productive environment for patient care, teaching and student learning and to best present the department in a highly respectable fashion. This policy will be applied to all faculty, staff, fellows, residents, medical students rotating on Department of Surgery services and staff.

Integral to this policy, it is expected that all faculty, trainees and staff will exercise good judgment and meet acceptable norms for personal cleanliness, hygiene, and grooming.

### Guidelines:

The following guidelines are meant to serve as a general outline for dress and appearance for Department of Surgery faculty, staff and trainees, and are not mean to be an all-inclusive list of acceptable or unacceptable forms of professional attire. When in doubt, or in the case of special needs, program directors or supervisors should be consulted.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in disciplinary actions.

### Dress and Appearance Guidelines:

- It is expected that all personnel dress in a professional manner and present an appearance consistent with our roles as physicians, medical staff, medical trainees and/or staff.
- When hospital scrubs must be worn outside of the OR because of medical necessity, a clean white lab coat should be worn over the scrubs. Scrubs should be cleaned and laundered as appropriate.
- Green OR scrubs should not be worn outside of the Texas Medical Center.
- Sweatshirts or jackets, if needed during colder weather, should be worn under white coats.
- Shorts, denim fabrics, (jeans, jackets, skirts or pants), tee-shirts or leggings are not acceptable attire.
- Footwear may include clean sneakers, nursing shoes or clogs (closed toe). Flip-flops are not acceptable footwear.
- BCM or hospital identification badge must be worn in a visible location.