INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

Professionalism is a foundational pillar of a successful health care provider. CMS is thus committed to improving professionalism to promote the success of our students. To deliver efficient health care to the general public health care providers must quickly engender the trust and respect of both patients and their peers. To achieve this while promoting safety and reducing the spread of disease CMS has defined appropriate professional attire. The attire for clinical settings, both actual and with standardized patients, is listed below and is in line with those of our clinical affiliates and accommodates cultural and ethnic traditions. Before entering a clinical training site each student is responsible to find out the specific dress code at that site and abide by whichever standard is stricter.

CANCELLATION:

N/A

SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY:

This policy applies to all Chicago Medical School students working at clinical sites or with standardized patients.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

Dress Code for Clinical settings:

1) Tops: CMS white coat is required unless specifically instructed otherwise at the clinical site. Collared shirts, dress shirts, sweaters, blouses, vests and sports coats or blazers. Tops should cover shoulders, back and stomach when standing or sitting. No visible cracks or cleavage. Bottoms: Dress slacks. No denim, sweatpants, skin tight pants, painter pants, overalls, cargo pants, shorts, capri pants, leather pants or bib overalls. No visible cracks or cleavage; even when bending or sitting.

2) Skirts & dresses: No more than 2 inches above knees. No longer than ankles. Not excessively tight, no high slits. Hosiery or leggings required.

3) Shoes: OSHA standards. No open toed shoes or open backed shoes w/o straps. No Crocs. No sneakers unless part of uniform. No flip-flops. Must be clean and polished.
4) Hair - head & facial: Long hair pulled back so as not to touch patient. Hair colors should be natural shades or subtle undertones. Clean, neatly trimmed & groomed.
5) Jewelry: Avoid excessive jewelry. No visible body piercings except earrings.
6) Fingernails: Clean, trimmed, at a length that does not interfere with job. May not exceed ¼ inch. No nail polish chips. No artificial nails or extenders.
7) Headwear: Hats, caps, scarves only for religious or medical reasons.
8) Tattoos: Must be covered.
9) Cosmetics: Use in moderation.
10) Fragrances: No perfumes or colognes.
11) ID must always be visible and worn above the waist.

DEFINITIONS:

N/A

PROCEDURES:

N/A

POINTS OF CONTACT:

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REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES:

N/A