



SOUTHWEST
WASHINGTON
MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY ■ PROCEDURE

Title: Professional Appearance and Attire

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GENERAL

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STATEMENT:

Southwest Washington Medical Center (SWMC) has established guidelines for personal, professional appearance and attire that are intended to contribute to the overall positive impression of the organization. Employees are expected to be clean and neat, in compliance with safety and infection control policies and dress so that appearance is acceptable to a variety of cultures, ages and people.

PURPOSE:

To provide standards for attire, grooming and personal hygiene that are appropriate to the work situations, considering job function and safety reflecting SWMC's commitment to quality and excellence.

PROCEDURE:

- A. In addition to the standards identified in the policy on Professional Appearance Standards (8650.CR009), Biomedical Instrumentation staff shall abide by the following guidelines:
 1. Business casual attire is acceptable if covered with a lab coat for protection while servicing equipment that could soil clothing or when in patient care areas. Surgical scrubs are an acceptable alternative, especially for staff regularly servicing equipment in sterile environments. Refer to policy 8650.CR009 for more detail.
- B. The Biomedical Instrumentation department will provide two (2) lab coats initially and will replace them as needed, or will provide two (2) replacement sets of scrubs annually.
- C. The Biomedical Instrumentation department shall agree on a uniform color and style for lab coats and scrubs throughout the department.