

MEDICAL STUDENT POLICY

Title: Medical Student Dress Code Policy	
Relevant LCME Element(s): 3.5: Learning Environment/Professionalism	Last approved: 2/7/2024

I. **PURPOSE**

Outline dress code for medical students in the educational setting.

II. **PERSONS AFFECTED:**

Medical students

III. **POLICY AND PROCEDURE STATEMENT**

Appropriate deportment and dress are expected of students as they engage with patients and clinical colleagues. Students should follow specific hospital, clerkship, and ECMH dress codes, PPE guidelines, operating room guidelines, and scrubs policies when rotating in those settings.

At Feinberg, students may dress informally for lectures or small group activities with no patient or standardized patient interaction. For all educational settings where real or standardized patients are present, including but not limited to clinical correlations, clinical skills sessions, and small group patient interviews, the below clinical attire guidelines should be followed.

- Students are required to wear a clean, short white coat with an ID badge identifying themselves as medical students.
- No jeans, cut-offs or shorts.
- Button-down shirts should not be open below the second button. No T-shirts or sweatshirts. No bare midriff.
- Skirts must be an appropriate length.
- Leggings can be worn if with skirts, dresses, or tunics.
- Items designed to be worn as undergarments are unacceptable as outerwear.
- Closed-toe shoes are required.
- Religious or cultural head coverings are allowed.
- Jewelry and facial hair should be worn in accordance with the care environment.
- When performing physical exams with standardized patients, nails must be trimmed to a short length and artificial nails are not allowed. Strong fragrances are discouraged due to the potential negative effect on patients and staff with sensitivities.
- Cuts and abrasions should be covered with tegaderm or similar water impervious material.

IV. **REVISION HISTORY**

2/7/2024: Added requirement that nails must be trimmed when performing physical exams on SPs.

8/2/2023: Updated policy with more inclusive language and to focus only on dress code in educational settings.

V. **APPROVING BODY:**

Curriculum Committee