

UC Riverside, School of Medicine Policies and Procedures**Policy Title:** Policy on Dress Code**Policy Number:** 950-07-009

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I. Policy Summary

As future physicians, medical students encounter patients from multiple cultures and backgrounds, ages and with varied opinions about their health care provider's professional attire. Furthermore, each clinical site in which medical students rotate will also have different expectations. It is therefore important for medical students to inquire about the site's dress code early on so as to comply with local standards. Medical students should dress conservatively when there is any doubt of the expectations.

II. Policy Text

- A.** The following are guidelines that are expected to be followed for all clinical sessions (doctoring, clinical skills) and when delivering patient care as a representative of UCR School of Medicine (SOM).
1. An easily visible identification badge, located above the waist, must be displayed on a white coat that is clean and wrinkle free.
 2. Clothing should be neat, clean and professional – no words or pictures unrelated to the professional environment should be worn. Scrubs may be acceptable.
 3. Shoes must be closed and covering feet (no exposed toes). For most **on-campus** experiences, open toes are allowed.
 4. Nails should be clean and natural (no artificial nails).
 5. Jewelry should be minimized and not interfere with patient care.
 6. Only cultural or religious head wear (no caps, hoods) is allowed in the clinical setting.
 7. Avoid or eliminate colognes and perfumes.
 8. The highest standard of personal hygiene is expected.

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