

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Riverside Medical Clinic

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for employees to maintain a professional image while conducting business for Riverside Medical Clinic (RMC).

II. SCOPE

This policy and procedure (P&P) applies to RMC employees and supersedes all previous practice or policy regarding dress code.

III. POLICY

The employer's professional atmosphere is maintained, in part, by the image that employees present to patients, visitors, staff, physicians, and vendors. Employees should therefore utilize good judgment in determining their dress and appearance. Employees who are inappropriately dressed will be sent home and directed to return to work in proper attire. Management discretion will be utilized in the determination of appropriate dress. Employees will not be compensated for the time away from work when requested to go home to change into appropriate attire. The dress code policy applies at all times during working hours in patient and non-patient areas. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of your employment. The following guidelines have been established and will assist you in defining acceptable attire.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES

All uniforms must be clean, pressed and kept in a presentable condition. Uniforms that are loose fitting to allow for bending or stretching should be worn. Tight fitting clothing or faded denim is not acceptable attire.

A. Clinical, Ancillary and Patient Services Staff

1. Uniform Tops/Shirts:

- b. Nursing uniform tops/shirts may be white, prints, pastels, and/or solid colors (excluding bright neon, military green). Acceptable tops/shirts are tunics, smocks, nursing warm-ups and scrubs. Short or long sleeved tops, cardigan sweaters, nursing warm-up jackets may be worn. Loose fitting Capri length (below the kneecap) may be worn T-shirts with a collar may be worn on Fridays. Unacceptable attire is tops with low necklines, sleeveless tops, crop tops, tops made of see-through fabric or tops with commercial logos or written messages.

2. Uniform Pants:

- a. Uniform pants may be white, black or brown, or solid pastel colors (excluding bright neon, military green). Acceptable pants are nursing pants, nursing warm-up pants and scrubs. Pants should be ankle length. Not acceptable are stirrup pants, harem pants stretch pants, extremely tight pants, sweat, overalls, leather or athletic pants, and shorts.

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3. Uniform Skirts:

- a. A Uniform skirts should be worn in good taste and may be worn in white, brown, black, pastel, or solid colors (excluding bright neon). Skirts for women should be conservative to moderate in length. Hemline should be a modest length, no more than four (4) inches above mid knee. This includes "slits" in skirts or dresses. Miniskirts, blue jeans, spandex, tight skirts, revealing split skirts, are not acceptable.

4. Lab Coat:

- a. Lab coats are optional, but if worn, must be white.

B. General Guidelines

1. Undergarments:

- a. Undergarments must be worn and appropriate to the uniform. Undergarments must be inconspicuous and not visible through clothing.

2. Footwear:

- a. Shoes must be worn at all times. Staff must wear color appropriate, rubber soled and flat or with a low wedge for safety reasons. Shoes and laces must be kept clean and neat. Shoes, including clogs with sling back straps, and closed toed are acceptable. Flip-flops, thongs, slippers, heels higher than 3", bare feet, moccasins, sandals, combat boots, and ugs are unacceptable.

3. Hair:

- a. Hair should be neatly kept and modestly styled. Extreme color or style is generally deemed not appropriate. Hair must be clean and kept away from face and not interfere with patient care.

4. Nails:

- a. Nails should appear clean and manicured, and conservative in length and color. Acrylic nails, as governed by OSHA, may not be worn if providing direct patient care.

5. Jewelry:

- a. Jewelry should be conservative and in good taste. Small earrings, no large dangle, or hoops. Multiple rings, earrings, necklaces, or bracelets are generally deemed inappropriate. During business hours, earrings are limited to two earrings per ear. For safety purposes, no dangling earrings or necklaces should be worn when working in the Pediatrics department. Additionally, body piercing jewelry where visible to the patient and/or customer, such as on the face, nose and tongue, are not permitted to be worn in the workplace.

6. Body Art:

- a. Body Art is defined as tattoos and body piercing. Tattoos must be conservative in nature, not offensive. If visible, must be covered up during business hours.

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7. Personal Hygiene:

- a. Proper body hygiene requires cleanliness and neat grooming.
- b. Routine baths or showers and regular attention to oral hygiene are expected before reporting for duty.
- c. Whenever it appears to be justified, employees may be required to consult a private physician for any hygiene problems of a medical nature.

C. Identification Badges:

1. When an employee is hired, a company identification badge will be issued which must be worn at all times while on the company premises. I.D. badges must be worn above the waist with face and name facing out. The badge identifies all company employees to internal and external customers. There will be a replacement charge for all lost ID badges. Upon separation of the employee's employment, the ID badge must be returned to the employer.

D. RMC – Discretionary Dress

1. At its discretion, Riverside Medical Clinic may allow employees to dress in a more casual fashion than is normally required. On these occasions, employees are still expected to present a neat appearance and not permitted to wear torn or disheveled clothing, athletic wear, or similarly inappropriate clothing.
 - a. Casual Friday- Denim pants/blue jeans which are not torn and/or bleached may only be worn with the Riverside Medical Clinic "Polo" shirt. Capri pants are permissible. Open toed sandals in non-patient areas are acceptable.
 - b. Summer Attire – June 1 through September 30 of each year, employees may wear "walking" shorts" on casual Friday. Walking shorts are defined as shorts that are no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee. Shorts that are considered "baggie" and extend three (3) inches beyond the bottom of the kneecap are considered inappropriate.

Enforcement

The supervisor has the primary responsibility to enforce the dress code to ensure that employees fully understand it. Apply standards of neatness, practicality and safety in judging what is or not appropriate. However all levels of supervisors and managers need to enforce the dress code if they see that an employee is inappropriately dressed, in or outside of their own departments. If an employee's attire or hygiene is deemed inappropriate by management, he/she may be required to leave work and return with the problem corrected. Any time missed for this reason will not be paid for by RMCPs.

Exceptions

There may be circumstances that may arise which the adherence to this policy may be difficult (e.g. pregnancy and or other medical circumstances). In these special circumstances, it will be the supervisor's discretion along with Human Resources to allow the employee to deviate from the policy for a designated duration of time.