

OPERATING ROOM DRESS CODE

Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that those working and visiting in the OR are wearing appropriate attire at all times.

Policy Statement

PHC expects all staff and visitors present in the OR areas to follow the outlined OR Dress Code for the various areas within the OR.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to all PHC staff and visitors to the OR.

Procedure

- **Masks**

All personnel must wear a mask at all times in the OR theatre when sterile supplies are open or a surgical procedure is underway.

The mask should cover both the nose and mouth, and fit snugly under the chin and over the bridge of the nose.

The mask should NOT be pulled down under the chin or hang around the neck.

The mask must be changed between cases.

Masks are optional in the OR theatre when no open sterile supplies are required or when a closed procedure is performed (e.g., closed reduction).

Discard the mask when it is obviously moist or soiled.

- **Hats**

The hat must cover all hair, and earrings must be contained within the hat.

Those with a beard must wear a hood.

A cloth hat is acceptable, as long as a clean, laundered hat is worn each day.

- **Shoe covers**

Shoe covers should be worn for surgical procedures where there may be splashes or spills of body fluids. The shoe covers should be removed prior to leaving the theatre.

- **Jewelry**

All watches, rings and brackets must be removed when providing direct patient care or opening sterile supplies, and when scrubbed.

- **Staff**

For those working in the OR, appropriate OR attire (hospital-issued scrub suit or scrub dress with nylons) and a hat must be worn in the semi-restricted and restricted areas.

- **Semi-restricted areas: OR theatres, Core**

OR attire must not be worn outside the hospital. All OR attire, including warm up jackets or lab coats, must be changed daily.

Cover gowns must be worn over OR attire when providing patient care outside the surgical suite and removed upon return to the OR.

Other than the hat, nylons, socks, shoes, or a crew-neck undershirt visible at the neck, no exposed personal clothing is acceptable i.e., own uniform or warm up jacket, vest, sweatshirt, turtleneck, long-sleeved shirt, etc.

- **OR Visitors**

Those visiting the OR for a short period may wear a cover gown or jumpsuit and a hat in the semi-restricted areas, an empty OR theatre, or the Core. The OR theatre must be cleaned after the visit.

Visitors who go into a theatre when sterile supplies are open or the procedure is underway must change into OR attire.

Exceptions

None

Definitions

“Operating Rooms” means:

SPH Main Operating Room

SPH Surgical Procedure Rooms

MSJ Main Operating Room

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