

# Safety Matters – did you know?

## Surgical attire in perioperative and procedural areas

**Surgical/scrub attire is to be worn in the semi-restricted and restricted areas of all operative and procedural areas.**

- Surgical/scrub attire includes: 2-piece scrub suit, hair cover, jacket if issued, dedicated shoes or shoes with shoe covers, and ID badge.
- Personal clothing is worn under the surgical/scrub attire.
- Single-use shoe covers are to be used if shoes are not dedicated to the hospital. Shoe covers are to be removed and discarded before leaving the semi-restricted or restricted areas.
- Jewelry, except rings, is to be confined in scrub attire or removed by persons entering the semi-restricted or restricted areas.
- Fingernails are to be kept short and clean consistent with the [Standards of Appearance](#) policy.
- Surgical/scrub attire is to be changed daily and when contaminated/soiled.
- Surgical/scrub attire should be left at the healthcare facility for laundering.

**NOTE: Surgical/scrub attire should never be worn home or outside the hospital. This includes the intercampus shuttle.**

**Staff entering the semi-restricted and restricted areas should fully cover the head, hair and facial hair.**

- Short skull caps should not be used.
- Hoods may be required to cover facial hair.
- Cloth head coverings are to be contained by a disposable head covering.

[View the Surgical Attire in Perioperative and Procedural Area Policy](#)

**For additional information:**  
Contact Accreditation & Regulatory Affairs  
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