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Context:

Preclerkship Non-Clinical Dress Code **Developed by the MCG Class of 2011, modified by subsequent MCG Classes**

In order to foster the professionalism represented by entry into medical school, MCG students are expected dress in a professional manner. In the non-clinical setting, the attire that is appropriate is more casual than in the clinical setting and is delineated in this policy. For the purposes of this policy, non-clinical setting includes but is not limited to lectures, small group discussions, anatomy lab sessions and exams. Standardized patient activities, OSCE's, and all patient encounters are considered clinical activities (see Clinical Dress Code Policy).

Appropriate attire includes:

- Collared or button-up shirts, professional blouses, and sweaters
- Appropriate T-shirts – it is recommended to stick with plain or university T-shirts with the school name
- University/appropriate hoodies and jackets
- Clean, pressed scrubs
- Professional-length skirts, dresses, or shorts
- Slacks, capri pants, or jeans (in good condition and without holes)
- Loafers, sandals, or athletic shoes that are clean and without holes

Attire that is NOT appropriate includes but is not limited to:

- Used anatomy scrubs that have not been washed, or anatomy scrubs with lingering stains or odors
- Operating room/hospital-issued scrubs at any time or in any condition (in accordance with hospital policy)
- Other scrubs that have not been freshly laundered and have the potential to introduce pathogens and/or offensive odors
- Rubber flip flops or beach sandals
- Shirts with written statements like “trust me, I’m a doctor,” any sorority/fraternity shirts, or other shirts with offensive language
- Loungewear, pajamas, or house shoes
- Worn out clothing
- Revealing clothing for men or women

PCL and Guest Speakers/Lecturers (Deans, guests, and/or patient visitors): White coat attire is expected for all of these activities unless specified by the Module/Course Director

- Business casual with white coat
- Clean, pressed scrubs with white coat
- First year students who have not yet received a white coat should wear business casual attire and may not wear scrubs without a white coat as white coat attire



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Situations involving dress code violations will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Module/ Course Director and may involve asking a student to leave which may involve additional sanctions related to missing mandatory activities.