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PROPER SURGICAL ATTIRE

Clean scrub attire will be worn in the restricted areas of the surgical suite. (The restricted areas include the operating rooms and adjacent corridors.) When outside the restricted areas, a knee length lab coat should be worn over scrub suits.

Surgical scrub attire should be changed daily or whenever it becomes visibly soiled.

Surgical scrub attire will be laundered in Central Sterile Supply. If scrub suits are laundered at home, they should not be worn to and from the building and should be protected during transport

Surgical attire, or scrubs, is designed to interfere with the passage of microorganisms from personnel to the patient and the environment, and from the patient to personnel.

Scrubs are donned before entering the OR in the morning and removed before going home.

Technicians must put on a clean lab coat as a cover whenever leaving the suite.

Caps should completely cover hair to reduce shedding of microorganisms.

Masks should cover the nose and mouth completely.

Although shoe covers have not been shown to reduce infection rates, clean shoe covers must be worn in the restricted areas to help with sanitation.

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