



**Department of Medicine
Internal Medicine Residency Program**

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

As physicians-in-training, members of the internal medicine housestaff should set standards of professionalism which others (i.e. medical students) can emulate. In an effort to accomplish this goal, the following guidelines apply:

A. ATTITUDE

1. Residents and interns should be courteous and respectful in all interactions with members of the health care team.
2. Housestaff should be businesslike in their demeanor, and always mindful of a patient's right to privacy. Discussion of a patient's age, gender, ethnic origin, economic status, lifestyle, or disease process should occur only in appropriate areas. These discussions should never occur in public areas (i.e. hallways, elevators, cafeteria).
3. Language in patient-care areas should be appropriate and never include the use of expletives and/or racist or sexual remarks.

B. APPEARANCE

1. All housestaff should be appropriately attired and present a professional appearance at all times.
2. Scrubs should only be worn during on-call and post-call days.

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