



**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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