MAIMONIDES MEDICAL CENTER

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SUBJECT: SCRUB SUIT POLICY

I. POLICY:

It is the practice in the hospital to provide scrub suits for individuals working in certain environmentally controlled areas such as the Operating Rooms, Labor and Delivery room, Radiology Special Procedure rooms, and the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory. “Green” scrub attire will normally be reserved for use by personnel authorized to participate in OR functions. “Blue/Peach” scrub attire will normally be reserved for use by personnel authorized to participate in Labor and Delivery room functions. “White” scrub suits will normally be reserved for use in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories.

Scrub attire will be worn as authorized by the specific rules and regulations of the departments where such attire is used. Consultants, x-ray technicians, or laboratory technicians who participate in operative procedures are also authorized to wear scrub attire when working in areas where such attires is required by departmental policy. Personnel from other departments (i.e., Environmental Services) are prohibited from scrub attire for use during their duties outside of designated areas.

II. RESPONSIBILITY:

A. Scrub suits are color coded for use in specified areas. It is the responsibility of the staff authorized to use scrub suits to wear the appropriate color.

i. “Green” scrub attire is limited to the 4th floor operating rooms, recovery rooms, holding area, personnel lounge, locker areas and the Ambulatory Surgery unit and associated lounge and locker areas. OR employees change into hospital provided scrubs upon arrival to work.

ii. “Blue/Peach” scrub attire is normally worn in the Labor and Delivery area. Labor and Delivery area employees may change into the hospital provided scrub attire or wear their own scrub attire from home. “White or Black” scrub suits are limited to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab. Individuals may change into the hospital provided scrub attire upon their arrival at work or wear the scrub attire from their home.

B. It is the responsibility of any person leaving an area that requires scrub attire to change out of visibly soiled attire into clean scrubs. Clean scrubs are available through the autovalet.
C. It is the responsibility of supervisory personnel in the areas requiring wearing of scrub suits to advise the Laundry of their needs. Provision will be made in the annual budgets for sufficient scrub clothing to meet the quotas agreed upon.

D. It is the responsibility of the Laundry to provide a sufficient amount of clean scrub suits or dresses in the appropriate colors to meet the pre-established quotas. Should an employee be allergic to the detergents used by the Laundry, he/she may bring hospital cleaned scrubs home to launder again.

E. It is the responsibility of the Laundry Department to stock sufficient new scrub suits or dresses to make up for losses. If the drain on the Laundry Department stock exceeds budget allocations, the Laundry Department is to advise the areas where scrub suits or dresses may be overused so that corrective action can be taken.

F. It is the responsibility of the Chairman of the Departments or Directors of the Divisions (or their designees) in those areas where scrub suits or dresses are used to inform personnel using scrub suits or dresses of the rules and regulations pertaining to them.

G. It is the responsibility of the OR and Labor and Delivery room supervisors to insure that the appropriate receptacles for all soiled attire are available and appropriately labeled adjacent to area exits.

H. It is recognized that the wearing of scrub attire may be desirable in other hospital departments such as Radiology Special Procedures, Nursery, GI suite and ED. The Chairman or Division Chief of service requiring such attire will be responsible for authorizing a dress code within their areas in conformance with this policy.

III. **PROCEDURE:**

A. Clean scrub attire will be kept in designated areas, properly identified.

B. Individuals going into areas where the wearing of scrub attire is required will remove outer clothing and put on scrub suits or will wear a “bunny suit” over their clothes.

C. All individuals who enter the semi restricted and restricted areas of the surgical suite should wear surgical scrub attire and cover all head and facial hair.

D. Masks are required where open sterile supplies or scrubbed persons are located.

E. Shoe covers or boots should be worn in instances when gross contamination can reasonably be anticipated (eg orthopedic surgery).
F. On leaving the area, masks, head covers and shoe cover are to be discarded in containers designated for this purpose.

G. If a person dressed in a scrub suit or dress must go to another area of the hospital on an emergency or “STAT” basis or transport a patient, the head covers, masks and shoe covers must be removed.

H. Scrub suits or dresses may be worn outside of the department and main hospital premises without a lab coat or gown. Staff must change out of visibly soiled attire before leaving the department or unit.

IV. CONTROLS:

A. This policy will be carefully monitored by the appropriate Departmental Chairmen, and the OR, and Labor and Delivery Room Supervisors.

B. Administrative and supervisory staff will take note of violations of this policy and report infractions to appropriate Departmental Chairmen for disciplinary action.

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REFERENCE(S)


Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens, 29 CFR Part 1910.1030


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