

## SCRUBS FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

### HOSPITAL POLICY

This Policy defines the color of scrub wear used in the hospital sterile areas. It also defines who is eligible for this scrub wear and the methods of distribution for this item. The goal is to establish a system for the issuance of the Scrub Suits as distributed by and maintained through the use of the ScrubEx™ dispensing system which will define authorized users, identify losses and provide a means to recapture lost or misused scrubs. Only reusable scrub attire dispensed by the designated automated system (ScrubEx™) will be worn in all sterile restricted areas. Only personnel having authorization to be present in the restricted areas of the department will be provided access to the dispensing unit.

### I. SCRUB USE

Mount Sinai will provide scrub garments to students working only in STERILE areas of the facility for the following areas:

DEPARTMENTS	COLORS
PERIOPERATIVE SERVICES	JADE GREEN
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	JADE GREEN
WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SERVICES	ROYAL BLUE
HEART HOSPITAL	CEIL BLUE
STERILE PROCESSING DEPARTMENT	NAVY BLUE
ENDOSCOPY DEPARTMENT	MISTY

Scrub garments are to be considered hospital property. Only students working in these areas are authorized to wear hospital issued garments. ScrubEx™ cameras are monitored routinely. Scrubs only are to be placed into the return receptacle. Students not authorized to wear these garments who are seen in them could be subject to disciplinary action as directed by their department head.

### II. ScrubEx™ DISPENSING SYSTEM

Scrubs are stored in the IPA ScrubEx™ machines. Students may gain access to the ScrubEx™ system through the use of the ISMMS ID card. It is then the responsibility of the unit charge person to retrieve the card and/or the scrub set.

- If you recently replaced your ID card, please include the six (6) digits on the back or your new ID card that follows the plus + sign. **eg: 2+123456.**

**Scrub Machine Locations.** These units are located:

- KP4 Locker Room
- ANB 7 - Service Hall
- GP5 - Room 180 (down the west service hall)
- GP3 - Service Hall.

**Each authorized student user will have a credit of one set of scrubs.** Once the set has been dispensed, no more will be issued until that set is returned. Each time a student “swipes” their ID card through the dispensing unit, a scrub set must be removed since that action has now been charged against their credit of one set. Scrub attire should only be returned through the receiver unit using the ID card so that the return will be properly credited.

Once a student retrieves their size, this will be the size that the unit will dispense until the student requests a change. If the dispensing unit is out of the student’s normal size, an alternate size may be selected at the machine.

If you need to change your scrub size or in the event an issue occurs including late night and/or during weekend/holiday hours, please email Ms. Jennifer Reyes at [Jennifer.reyes@mssm.edu](mailto:Jennifer.reyes@mssm.edu) within 24hrs of the incident so she can follow up with the Linen/Uniform Services Department for verification the next business day. Failure to do so will result in the student being responsible for any charges incurred for missing/lost scrubs **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Students will not remove Hospital scrub suits from the facility for any reason, without proper authorization from their department head, director of linen services & security. In any case these scrubs must be returned.

These garments are to be worn in the hospital while on duty only, and except for the condition noted above, not removed from the facility. Those authorized to wear scrubs will return them to appropriate soiled linen containers and change into their personal clothing before leaving.

### **III. LINEN SERVICES**

Will be responsible to distribute clean sterile scrubs daily to all location, as well as pick up all soiled scrubs. Linen Services will track all distribution and pick-ups for every department. Linen services will track and report loses and returns monthly. **Scrub loss per piece = \$20, per set \$40**. Sizes to be allocated to the system will be small, medium, and large and double extra-large.

Any problems with the use of the system or size/scrub availability should be brought to the attention of the Linen/Uniform Services Department at extension x-46391.

### **IV. INFECTION CONTROL POLICY**

Scrubs will not be allowed to be removed from hospital premises and must be turned in after use for processing to meet JCAHO standards. Scrubs need to be processed under certain specification to meet standard and insure we eliminate any transference. Any student who removes scrubs from the hospital after use in an authorized area are in violation of this policy and may be stopped upon leaving or re-entering the hospital.

Sterile scrubs are not to be worn outside the hospital for any reason, not even during breaks. If students do not wish to change out of their scrub attire during break, they must wear a cover gown or lab coat to exit the sterile area, but they cannot go outside. If the student chooses to remain in their scrubs, with a cover gown they must remain inside the hospital and take their breaks at the café's, gift shops, lounges or designated break areas.