

## Dress Code for Future Health Care Observers

Patients and their families judge the competence and professionalism of hospital staff and future healthcare providers in many ways. One important measure is the personal appearance of those who work or visit with the staff here.

These rules are the minimum standards for appearance when visiting the clinical site.

Jewelry that could be hazardous to a patient, employee or healthcare visitor may not be worn during the visit.

Visible body piercing jewelry may be worn only on the ears. Other bodily piercing jewelry that is normally visible must be removed while visiting the clinical site. It is insufficient to cover up such jewelry.

Personal cleanliness is essential. Body odor, which is offensive to others, must be avoided.

Nail polish, if worn, must be in good repair without cracks or chips.

Shorts, tank tops, sleeveless or short-crop tops, halter tops, tee shirts, flip-flops, jogging suits, torn or frayed clothing, or blue jean pants **may not be worn for the visit.** For safety reasons shoes must cover your entire foot (no open toed shoes or sandals are allowed)

Perfumes, cologne, after-shave and other strongly-scented products are prohibited to protect the health of our patients and employees.

Body art: tattoos or other body art that depicts nudity, profanity or violence must be covered so as to not be visible during the visit.

The dress code above is what all NLEMMC employees adhere to in their every day practice. Please help us by following our dress code during your visit.

We certainly hope your future is bright and that we have in some way contributed to your future success with a visit to NLEMMC.

Thank you from all the patients and employees at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center