## DRESS AND APPEARANCE

## **POLICY**

All ECM field staff will be expected to project a professional image while on duty.

## **PROCEDURE**

ECM field staff will be expected to be familiar and comply with the following guidelines:

- 1. ECM employees will be expected to exercise good judgement in choosing appropriate apparel for their work and to exercise care in grooming, personal hygiene, and cleanliness.
- 2. ECM employees will be required to wear designated identification while on duty.
- 3. ECM employees may wear street clothes or approved uniforms, as desired. Street clothes must be neat, clean, and professional. Shorts are not allowed at any time.
- 4. ECM employees <u>must</u> wear clean, slip resistance working shoes.
- 5. Hair falling about the face or otherwise dangling could present an infection control problem, e.g, hair falling into wounds or sterile trays.
- 6. Hair must be neatly groomed. It must be secured so that it does not fall into the face.
- 7. Sideburns must be neat and well-trimmed. Moustaches and beard may be worn if neatly trimmed.
- 8. Nails must be an appropriate length for safe clinical practice, clean and well-manicured. No chipped polish.
- 9. Jewelry must be simple, not excessive, large or dangling.

  Note: Dangling and/or large jewelry presents a safety hazard for personnel and patient. Large rings also present two (2) infection control problems: adequate hand washing cannot be achieved; and the ring provides a warm, moist environment for bacterial growth.
- 10. Cologne should not be offensive to patients.
- 11. Staff will use standardized nursing bag, if appropriate.

Employee Signature:	Date:
Employer:	Date: