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Clinical Do's and Don'ts

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Hi, I'm Sally and welcome to Radcast on Clinical Dress:

Sally: You have only one chance to make a good first impression. The minute that you step into a clinic, an impression of you is made.

To make that good impression, find out first what the dress code is for that clinic.

Julius: Sally, Does this mean that each clinic has a different dress code?

Sally: Absolutely, Julius. Some clinics require lab coats, others want all of the therapists dressed in scrubs, while others permit casual work dress.

Julius: If I go to a clinic where lab coats are worn, what should I wear under the lab coat?

Sally: Unlike kilts, you must wear something under your lab coat. My advice would be to wear casual work clothes. This means casual slacks like khaki's with a polo shirt, dress shirt or blouse.

Julius: How about jeans?

Sally: Absolutely not! This is a key point in the dress code: All clinics consider jeans to be unprofessional.

J: What other things would you consider inappropriate for men?

S: Glad you asked that question, Julius: For men: shorts, open-toed sandals, and T-shirts are not allowed. And for women: the same applies, of course. Remember, that patients don't appreciate looking at midriffs, cleavage, facial jewelry or tattoos.

Julius: If I'm going to wear scrubs, do I need to buy my own?

Sally: It depends on the clinic, some provide scrubs for their staff and some do not. You should contact the clinical supervisor before your first day to find out. All clinics allow lab coats, so if in doubt, just wear a lab coat for the first day.

J: So, Sally, would you recommend that I dress like the therapists, then I will be okay?

S: Generally, yes. Most therapists set a good example. Just use your common sense.

J: You have given me tips on clothes, how about shoes?

S: You will be on your feet all day, so make sure that whatever you wear is comfortable. And for women, high heels are simply not recommended.

J: Can I wear sneakers?

S: Yes, but check with your clinic about colors. Clogs are also allowed, but no open-toed shoes.

J: Is it true that cancer patients are very sensitive to smells.

S: This is very true, so you should not wear perfume or after-shave, or even scented lotions.

J: Is there anything that I could wear that would be dangerous to the patient or myself?

S: Yes, you'll be leaning over and touching the patients all the time, so, no dangly earrings, long necklaces, large rings, or long fingernails.

Outro: Remember: First impressions are critical. And how you dress is a big part of your first impression. Today we've covered some basics on clinical dress codes:

Jeans NO. Tennis Shoes YES.

Perfums NO. Clean Scrubs & lab coats YES.

Facial Jewelry NO. Simple jewelry YES

Dress for your friends NO. Dress for your patients YES.

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