

WOMACK ARMY MEDICAL CENTER (WAMC)
STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
Healthcare Trainees

1. Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC) serves an active operational Army and commands a preeminent staff of physicians, dentists, nurses, technicians, and other health care personnel to assist you during training. WAMC offers you an opportunity to learn in a modern, fully equipped health care facility.

2. WAMC is a military organization:

a. A neat and well-groomed appearance is an absolute requirement while in the hospital environment.

b. Trainees engaged in direct patient care are strongly encouraged to wear their short white coats. Blue jeans, T-shirts as outer garments, shorts, sandals, and similar items of casual and beach wear are not appropriate attire while training in the hospital. Male trainees should wear slacks while on duty. Clothing worn by female trainees should be styled and fitted to avoid extremes in neckline and hemline. Jewelry should be tasteful; politically or ethnically oriented jewelry is not appropriate while on duty at a military installation.

c. Professional integrity, mature judgment, and proper superior-subordinate attitudes are necessary for effective relationships. Courtesy communication and common sense are indispensable in a teaching environment.

d. While on government-owned or leased property or while on duty for the government, trainees will not participate in any gambling activity, i.e. the operation of a gambling device, conducting a lottery or pool, playing in a game for money or property, and selling or purchasing a number slip or ticket.

e. There will be no personal commercial solicitation while on this installation.

f. trainees will not engage in conduct prejudicial to the United States Government or prejudicial to the Armed Forces, or will they make comments regarding such matters.

g. Gifts or donations to teaching chiefs or other instructors are not expected and will not be accepted.

h. Medical information concerning patients or their families is confidential and will be treated as such. All requests for the release of medical information will be referred to the Chief of the Patient Administration Division (PAD) during duty hours. Questions concerning the release of medical information after duty hours will be referred to the Administrative Officer of the Day (AOD).

i. Illicit use of stimulants, depressants, or hallucinogenic drugs while on this installation is prohibited. Violators will be reported to the proper enforcement agency and suspended from further training at WAMC.

3. Trainees are reminded that violations of any of the guidelines presented here may result in prompt release from training at this hospital. Should this occur, a letter detailing the reasons for release will be sent to the individual's educational institution.

4. Please remember at all times you are in a training role. In that capacity, you are here to learn and have no personal authority, either in the management of patients or the supervision of hospital personnel.

5. You will find the educational opportunities at WAMC are limited only by your own initiative, the amount of time, and the amount of energy you expend in taking full advantage of this hospital's resources. Our staff is available to help you and is anxious to assist you in any way possible. You can expect our complete cooperation. We are certain that you, in return, will be a credit to WAMC.

Student Name

Date

