

Date: December 14, 2009
To: All OR & SPD Staff, Residents, Medical Students, and Staff Physicians
From: Dr. Tom Randall, Medical Director, Perioperative Services, VGH
Re: Policy for OR Greens

This policy applies to all OR & SPD Staff, Residents, Medical Students, and Staff Physicians.

The following procedures are to be followed regarding OR Greens:

1. OR Greens should only be worn within the hospital environment.
2. Cover gowns should be worn over OR Greens when outside the OR.
3. Cover gowns and coats worn outside the OR should not be worn in the OR.
4. Greens should not be worn outside of the hospital. You must change into street clothes.
5. Soiled greens should be changed between surgeries and should not be worn to the wards.
6. Do not stockpile greens in call rooms or at home. The Hospital has to compensate for these greens taken out of the system and has to pay to supply more greens, particularly overnight.
7. Return used OR Greens to be laundered by the Hospital.
Staph is the commonest organism cultured from outside clothes and OR Greens laundered at home are not as clean as those from the commercial laundry contracted to service the hospital.

If you are found wearing greens outside the hospital you could be subject to disciplinary action.