

Bon Secours Health System, Inc.  
Richmond Region  
St. Mary's Hospital  
Policy/Procedure

Policy Manual: School of Medical Imaging  
Section: Student – Clinical

**Areas Affected: Students**

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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

**PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IS TO BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.**

Students are reminded that the Department of Radiology in any facility is a service department serving patients, medical staff, and the community. As a student, you have all the responsibilities of a health care professional. Students are not assigned to a clinical rotation merely to practice and perfect positioning and technical skills. Although that practice is a large part of the task, students are also in clinical to provide total patient care and are not to replace qualified Radiographers. Therefore, clinical education does not confine itself to knowledge and technique; it also encompasses attitude, conduct, interpersonal skills, and professional responsibility.

Students are discouraged from using the staff lounges and should stay in their assigned areas, even when not busy (Except during lunch breaks). Use of the lounge is at the discretion of the supervisor and Clinical Instructors.

Gathering in the work area should be kept to a minimum as large groups may cause inappropriate and loud conversations, which can be interpreted as unprofessional conduct. Personal conversations should be kept to a minimum and any conversation related to any patients should not be carried on in the vicinity of patients. This is a very serious confidentiality breach and could potentially lead to dismissal from the program.

Eating, drinking, and chewing gum will not be permitted in patient areas.

The department phone use should be limited to school and department related calls only. Personal calls should be limited to lunch period. Cell phones are not permitted in the clinical areas; if a student feels the need to have access to a cell phone or smart device, the device must be kept in a locker, purse or backpack on mute or vibrate. Use break and lunch time to check messages and return calls.

Smart watches and other wearable devices must be on mute and not accessed during clinical time, therefore no calls or electronic communication while in clinical. **Students are allowed to use their smart watches to track steps/and or heart rate only.**

The Clinical Instructor and staff Technologist of your area should be notified by the student as to their whereabouts at all times. If you are moved from one area to another by the supervising Technologist, please make sure you notify the C.I. immediately. If, for any reason, a student needs to leave the assigned clinical site other than during lunch break, the C.I. is to be notified. A deviation from this policy will be considered a serious infraction.

Students are not permitted to leave clinical areas earlier than the end of the assigned shift - even if excused by the supervising Technologist. Only school personnel have the authority to excuse students from clinical assignments.

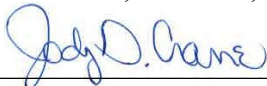
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