

PROHIBITION OF LONG OR ARTIFICIAL NAILS, NAIL POLISH AND USE OF EXCESSIVE JEWELRY**Policy**

As a healthcare-related educational entity, the San Juan Bautista School of Medicine is subject to the provisions of Administrative Order #163 of the Government of Puerto Rico's Department of Health. To this end, this Executive Order is established which extends to all students in their clinical internships at Hospital Institutions and Medical Offices.

Purpose

1. To prevent the transfer of infectious material on nails and jewelry to patients.
2. Reduce the likelihood that the glove will break when medical-surgical asepsis must be maintained.
3. Prevent skin lacerations to patients caused by healthcare personnel.
4. Prevent or reduce the possibility of contamination of surfaces, equipment and materials.
5. Reduce the colonization of bacteria in patients and employees.


Applicability

The use of acrylic nails, nail tips or cosmetic material over the nails is prohibited for the healthcare personnel indicated below:

- a. Nurses – nursing students
- b. Nurse assistants
- c. Phlebotomists
- d. Radiologic Technologists
- e. Physicians – students of medicine
- f. Pharmacists
- g. Assistant Pharmacists
- h. Dietitians

EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions contained in this Executive Order shall take effect immediately.



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