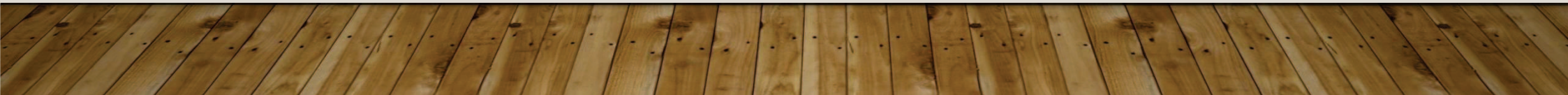


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AN angry surgeon who confronted David Cameron and Nick Clegg during a hospital photocall has now gone on leave, it was revealed last night.



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Female Muslim medics 'disobey hygiene rules'



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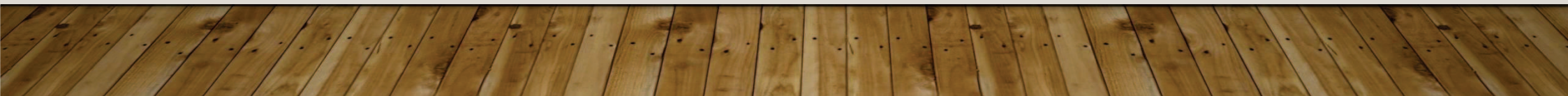
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‘These students are being trained using taxpayers' money and they have a duty of care to their patients not to put their health at risk.

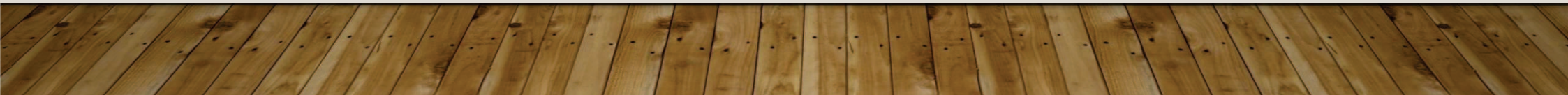
Perhaps these women should not be choosing medicine as a career if they feel unable to abide by the guidelines that everyone else has to follow.’



Wear short-sleeved shirts/blouses and avoid wearing white coats when providing patient care

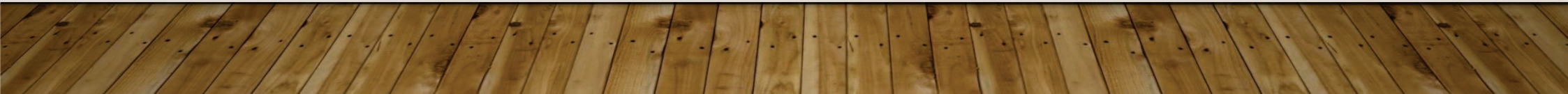
Cuffs become heavily contaminated and are more likely to come into contact with patients.

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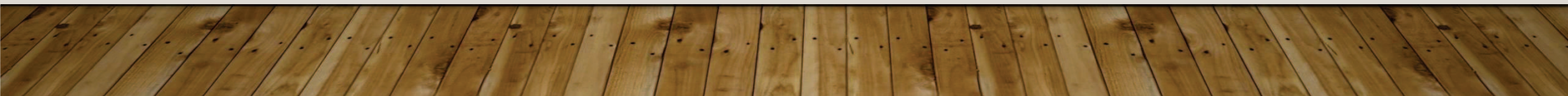
- 1. Uniforms may include provision for sleeves that can be full length when staff are not engaged in direct patient care activity.
- 2. Uniforms can have three-quarter length sleeves



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- 3. Any full or three-quarter length sleeves must not be loose or dangling. They must be able to be rolled or pulled back and kept securely in place during hand-washing and direct patient care activity.
 - 4. Disposable over-sleeves, elasticated at the elbow and wrist, may be used but must be put on and discarded in exactly the same way as disposable gloves. Strict procedures for washing hands and wrists must still be observed.

Where, for religious reasons, members of staff wish to cover their forearms or wear a bracelet when not engaged in patient care, ensure that sleeves or bracelets can be pushed up the arm and secured in place for hand washing and direct patient care activity.*

* footnote: In a few instances, staff have expressed a preference for disposable over-sleeves – elasticated at the wrist and elbow – to cover forearms during patient care activity. Disposable over-sleeves can be worn where gloves are used, but strict adherence to washing hands and wrists must be observed before and after use. Over-sleeves must be discarded in exactly the same way as disposable gloves.)



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Female Muslim doctors allowed to wear disposable sleeves for modesty: official guidance

Female Muslim doctors and nurses are to be allowed exempted from rules requiring medical staff to bare their arms.



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All staff involved in caring for patients should be 'bare below the elbows' to ensure sleeves do not become contaminated and hands can be washed thoroughly to prevent infections passed around the ward.



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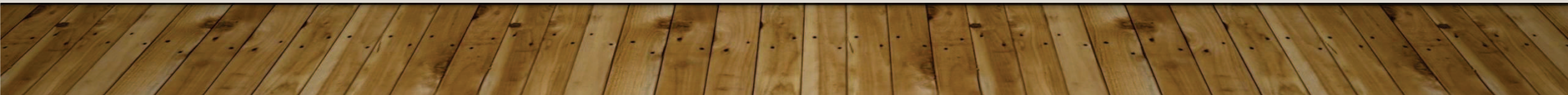
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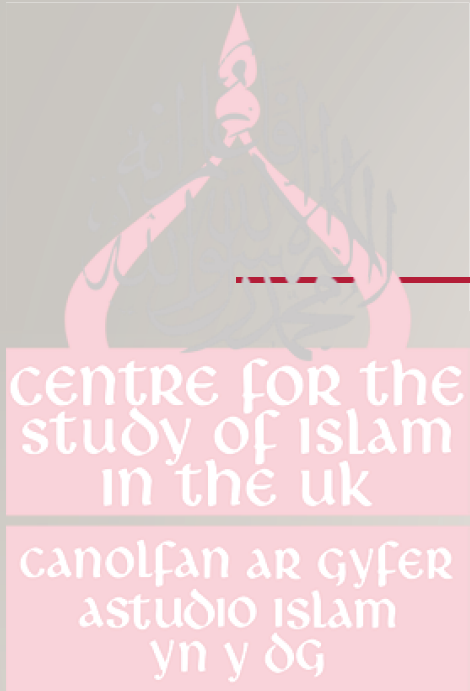
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No wonder dress codes have doctors up in (bare) arms

You don't need to be a brain surgeon to see that infection-control policies make no sense

But the bare-below-the-elbows policy serves another function. Increasingly, the dress code is used by managers as a way of forcing doctors – the traditional figures of authority in hospitals, who are often seen as a threat because of their knowledge and skills – to observe the rules. It is a stick with which to beat clinicians, a way for managers to flex their muscles. And it has had unintended consequences.





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