



Protocol for Shadowing in the Patient Care Center

You may have an opportunity to shadow a podiatric physician in our Foot and Ankle Center during your interview day. It is important that you understand our expectations during this visit.

Appearance

Please come dressed in professional attire - properly fitting pants (no denim material), tucked-in shirts with collars for men, and pants, slacks or skirts and appropriate tops for women. Shoes should be appropriate for the work environment. No capri pants, shorts, jeans or any clothing with large logos or messages.

Preparation

- Turn your cell phone off; no texting
- Be prepared to talk about yourself. You may be asked:
 - Why are you interested in the Podiatric Medicine profession?
 - Questions about your past medical experience
 - What do you hope to get out of this experience?
 - Have you shadowed other physicians?
- Be personable and cheerful. People want to feel comfortable with you.

The Patients

Observing the interactions between patients and the physician is your purpose for being here. Some patients have personal issues they might not feel comfortable discussing with an observer present. On occasion, expect a patient to refuse having an observer in the room. The physician will usually introduce you to the patient. If you are asked to introduce yourself, give your name and explain that you are shadowing today.

Your role is the observer. When in the examining room, unless the physician has granted you permission to do otherwise:

- Do not offer opinions
- Do not take notes
- Do not ask questions
- Do not make physical contact with the patient

The time to ask questions is when the patient visit is over, and you are alone with the physician. Patient confidentiality and comfort are paramount when non-medical visitors are present