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## Interviewing: What to Wear?

Over the years we have set up hundreds of job interviews and prepared the candidates. When our dressing suggestions are misunderstood, office managers will comment about how job applicants appeared.

"She had on denim overalls and a peasant blouse with flip-flops. I thought she had chew in her mouth." "As a manager of a medical practice, I think candidates should be more traditional and professional-looking when they come for an interview. I know that some of the clothes they wore were expensive, but low-cut, see-through, silky blouses, short suede skirts, and high leather boots were inappropriate for a medical office. This is Denver, not Las Vegas. Our practice is not a nightclub." "Am I getting too old or are the TV shows about offices promoting sexy clothing as professional dress?" "She had not removed her piercings. They were so painfully distracting I couldn't concentrate on her answers. Our doctors took one look and said, "Absolutely do not hire her."

**So how should someone dress for an interview at a medical practice?** Conservatively. Remember, you have been prescreened and someone potentially likes your background. *The idea is to have the interviewer concentrate on your skills and personality; he wants to hire someone who can do the job and "fit in."* Preparation starts with being clean and well-groomed. Women should wear a simple dress, skirt, blouse and/or jacket, slacks and blazer, flats or low heels. Jewelry, make up and hair styles should compliment your Colorado-healthy look. Do not wear perfume or chew gum. Cover tattoos. For support positions, men can wear slacks, a collared shirt with or without a jacket or tie, socks, and leather shoes. No t-shirts or athletic shoes. Look good and get that job!

## "Boutique" Medicine

Have you heard about **concierge** medical practices, for more personalized MD services? USA Weekend reported about 200 of the 295,000 primary care physicians have opted to limit their 2000-4000 patients annually to 400-600 clients. In addition to medical insurance, each patient pays a fee of \$90-200 per month for this new level of attention. They might offer a same-day medical appointment with a physician, your MD's cell phone number or supervised preventative health care. The plans do not cover serious illnesses, hospitalization, or surgery. MDVIP, a Florida based company that helps doctors convert to concierge services, cites a 95% patient renewal rate.

## Handy Information for Seniors

**What do you do if a loved one dies at home?** Dial 911 or your hospice provider. (Senior Law Handbook, Chapt. 12)

**Can you reserve free transportation in Metro Denver for cancer treatments?** Yes. 303-758-2030 (Transit Guide)

**What are the top 10 home improvements for Seniors?** 1) Levered doorknobs 2) Bathroom grab bars 3) Levered kitchen faucets 4) Handrails on both sides of stairs, in and out 5) Grab bars in showers and no door thresholds 6) Removable shower heads for those who must sit. 7) Portable shower seats 8) First floor bathroom with a bath-shower and bedroom 9) Widened doors to accommodate wheelchairs. 10) Walker and wheelchair ramps. (AARP)

There is an information treasure chest for Senior citizens at [www.9news.com](http://www.9news.com). Click on the **Senior Source** button. They can find a free Senior Law Handbook from the Colorado Bar Association; a two page guide to transportation services for the metro Denver area, on-line registration for Medicare, information about Medicare part D prescriptions, a resource directory for people 60 years and over, numerous health and safety articles, and useful links to private, non-profit, and governmental agencies. People will appreciate your sharing this site!

## Smiles

"Start every day with a smile and get it over with." WC Fields

"A smile is the light in the window of your face that tells people you are at home." Anonymous

"Peace begins with a smile." Mother Theresa