Creating Positive Impressions

Leader's Guide



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Internal Agenda

Welcome 4 minutes

 Welcome participants to today's session. Introduce yourself and have participants introduce themselves. Remind the group why the REACH for Excellence initiative deserves special attention.

Part I: Service Excellence

Ice Breaker (The "Seated" Line Dance)

15 minutes

 Break the ice with brief discussions about customer service issues, including what we would like our customers to say about their expectations at Saint Raphael's.

The REACH for Excellence Progress Report

5 minutes

 Provide an update on the REACH for Excellence initiative, identifying work completed by various employee groups.

The REACH for Excellence Standards

12 minutes

 Provide a brief description of the six proposed standards [2 minutes], and identify / discuss behaviors that will allow all of us to Create a Positive Impression [10 minutes].

Creating Positive Impressions

15 minutes

- *Part I:* Creating Positive Impressions video Illustrate the inappropriate and appropriate service behaviors seen at Saint Raphael's [5 minutes].
- Part II: Performance Standards Manual Share the organization-wide behaviors associated with Creating Positive Impressions [10 minutes].

Behavior Change 101

15 minutes

• Introduce the Model of Planned Behavior to help explain the complexities associated with individual behavior change and to help employees understand the importance of the action tools used for holding each other accountable.

Internal Agenda (con't)

* * 10-Minute Break * *

What Can I Do? 20 minutes

Provide an interactive learning experience focused on how we can help each other create positive impressions with all of our customers. Introduce various tools including: the What Can I Do Decision Tree [3 minutes], the Sticky Situations [9 minutes], and the What Can I Do Action Tools [8 minutes]

Part II: Engaging Your Employees

Sending and Reinforcing the Message

3 minutes

Identify formal and informal methods for sending and reinforcing the message to all employees that Saint Raphael's expects everyone to be actively engaged in providing outstanding customer service.

Observing and Evaluating Performance

5 minutes

 Provide managers with tips for observing and evaluating employee performance, and share the changes made to the Behavioral Expectations Form and the customer service element of the Management CBPE.

Service Stinkers 7 minutes

 Help managers identify behaviors and characteristics of their "service stinkers," and provide them with the steps for on-going performance management.

Management Development Training

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3 minutes

 Share information on the new management development training curriculum which all supervisory employees – up to and including the senior leadership team – must complete.

What's Next? 1 minute

Share next steps related to *Creating Positive Impressions* and encourage participants to talk with their supervisors about the REACH for Excellence initiative.

Internal Agenda (con't)

Closing 1 minute

Share final thoughts / thank participants for their time, attention, and participation.

The REACH for Excellence Bracelet and Pledge

3 minutes

- Introduce the REACH for Excellence Pledge and the idea of an organization-wide commitment to providing outstanding customer service.
- Distribute the Pledge with the REACH for Excellence bracelet.

Attendance and Evaluations

4 minutes

 Distribute the attendance sheets and ask participants to complete a program evaluation form before leaving.

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Internal Program Notes

MIN		ACTIVITY	
N/A	PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP		
	Part I: Service Excellence		
		To build our understanding of the REACH for Excellence initiative	
		To introduce the REACH for Excellence standards	
		The kick-off our first targeted standard which is <i>Creating Positive Impressions</i>	
		To examine ways we can support each other in making our organization better	
		To look at next steps	
	Par	t II: Engaging Your Employees	
		To provide tools for sending and reinforcing the message	
		To clarify the role that supervisors and managers play in performance management	
		To discuss on-going management development efforts to support the REACH for Excellence initiative	

ACTIVITY

PRE-TRAINING PREPARATION

- □ **Obtain** the following supplies:
 - ✓ One Leader's Guide for each facilitator
 - ✓ One copy of the Employee's Workbook for each participant + extra copies
 - ✓ One copy of the Performance Standards Manual for each participant + extra copies
 - ✓ One copy of the REACH for Excellence Pledge for each participant + extra copies
 - ✓ One copy of the Creating Positive Impressions video
 - ✓ One VCR already hooked up to a tv screen / monitor
 - ✓ Enrollment roster
 - ✓ Name tags with small group assignments (e.g., 1-4)
 - ✓ Blank attendance sheets
 - ✓ One large flipchart and markers
 - ✓ Four table top flipcharts and markers

MIN ACTIVITY

PRE-TRAINING PREPARATION (con't)

□ Obtain the following supplies (con't):

✓ One clock / watch with a minute hand

✓ Candy

✓ Post-It Notes

✓ One noise maker to end activities and/or grab participants' attention

✓ All required poster / foam boards

✓ Something to drink for each facilitator

MIN ACTIVITY PRE-TRAINING PREPARATION (con't) **Write** the session objectives in abbreviated form on the flipchart; they include: **SESSION OBJECTIVES** Part I: Service Excellence ✓ To build our understanding of the REACH for Excellence initiative ✓ To introduce the REACH for Excellence standards ✓ To kick-off our first targeted standard which is *Creating* Positive Impressions ✓ To examine ways we can support each other in making our organization better ✓ To look at next steps

(Part II Session Objectives appear on the following page)

MIN	ACTIVITY
	PRE-TRAINING PREPARATION (con't)
	☐ SESSION OBJECTIVES
	Part II: Engaging Your Audience
	✓ To provide tools to managers and service champions for sending and reinforcing the message
	✓ To clarify the role that supervisors and managers play in performance management
	✓ To discuss on-going management development efforts to

support the REACH for Excellence initiative

MIN ACTIVITY

PRE-TRAINING PREPARATION (con't)

Write the next steps in abbreviated form on the flipchart; they include:

NEXT STEPS

✓ October 24: Introduce REACH for Excellence in General Orientation

✓ Create department-specific behaviors

✓ Identify things that need to change in your department

✓ January 1, 2006: Employees complete training

ACTIVITY

PRE-TRAINING PREPARATION (con't)

- ☐ **Prepare** the video equipment
 - ✓ Check the equipment before the session to ensure it is operational
 - ✓ Call x-3416 if you have problems with the audio-visual equipment
- ☐ Identify specific questions or comments to share with participants when reviewing the Performance Standards Manual
 - ✓ Refer to page 35 for more information and sample questions
- ☐ Identify one or two scenarios from the Sticky Situations exercise that may easily lend themselves to role playing and that participants (or you and your partner, if necessary) can easily demonstrate
 - ✓ **Refer to pages 63 77** for the scenarios
- ☐ **Identify** key discussion points for each scenario in the Sticky Situations exercise; some information has been provided, but you may wish to add your own thoughts
 - \checkmark Refer to pages 63 77 for the scenarios and key points

MIN ACTIVITY

PRE-TRAINING PREPARATION (con't)

- ☐ Arrange the room so that participants will be:
 - ✓ in small groups (e.g., 4 tables with 5-6 participants at each table)
 - ✓ able to easily form 2 lines or 2 circles for the Line Dance exercise
 - ✓ able to clearly see the tv screen / monitor to watch the video

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MIN	ACTIVITY		
5	WELCOME		
		Introduce yourself	
		Thank participants for arranging their schedules so they could attend this workshop	
		Ask participants to turn all pagers, cell phones, etc. either off or to the vibrate mode	
		✓ Unless you are a member of a code team or have a similar emergency, please wait until the break to return pages, go to the bathroom, etc.	
		Briefly review the agenda – point out the break and the two distinct parts of the training	
		Tell participants that they will work through the content of their Workbook throughout the session	
		Ask participants to introduce themselves, touching on the following points:	
		✓ Name	
		✓ Department and/or position	
		✓ Number of years with Saint Raphael's	

ACTIVITY

PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP

Explain the purpose of the workshop to participants by reviewing the session objectives and *noting that the goals of this workshop are different from the Employee's Training*

SESSION OBJECTIVES

Part I: Service Excellence

- ✓ To build our understanding of the REACH for Excellence initiative
- ✓ To introduce the REACH for Excellence standards
- ✓ To kick-off our first targeted standard which is *Creating Positive Impressions*
- ✓ To examine ways we can support each other in making our organization better
- ✓ To look at next steps

Part II: Engaging Your Audience

- ✓ To provide tools to managers and service champions for sending and reinforcing the message
- ✓ To clarify the role that supervisors and managers play in performance management
- ✓ To discuss on-going management development efforts to support the REACH for Excellence initiative

ACTIVITY

WHAT CUSTOMER SERVICE IS AND IS NOT

- Remind participants what customer service is an is not using the talking points below
 - ✓ Customer service is NOT:
 - o a program
 - o a Band-Aid
 - o a quick fix
 - o a passing fad
 - ✓ The REACH for Excellence initiative IS:
 - a strategy to help us provide outstanding customer service on a consistent basis to all of our customer which includes you

MIN	ACTIVITY
FYI →	BRINGING CUSTOMER SERVICE TO LIFE Purpose of Sharing: To give you and the participants an opportunity to connect with and to personalize the experience
	Ask participants if they've noticed any changes in how employees are behaving or how our facility looks
	✓ Be prepared to share your own ideas to get the group talking; some changes include:
	 There are now paper towel dispensers in the cafeteria which allow us to clean up minor spills
	 More employees are smiling and saying "hello" to each other
	 More employees are stopping to help our patients and guests find their way to their destinations
	 There has been less smoking at the main entrance of the hospital
	 Employees are answering their phones with clear, easy-to-understand greetings

ACTIVITY

TRANSITION:

- 'As you can see, we already have employees embracing this initiative."
- "There are employees who want Saint Raphael's to be a great place to work and a great place in which to receive outstanding medical care."
- "But we also know we're going to have some challenges."
- "Before we get into the details of the REACH for Excellence initiative and the challenges we face, I'd like to spend a few minutes having you share your thoughts and ideas in a fun, interactive way."

MIN	ACTIVITY		
15	ICE BREAKER (THE "SEATED" LINE DANCE) Small Group Exercise		
	Describe the exercise to participants using the following talking points:		
	✓ Participants will complete this exercise at their tables as a group		
	✓ A series of questions will be asked, and participants must discuss each question among themselves at their tables		
	✓ One person in the group will need to record the group's responses on the flipchart – spelling and neatness do not count		
	✓ Participants will have 1 minute to discuss and respond to each question		

ACTIVITY

QUESTION #1:

- "There's been a great deal of talk about how we feel about our jobs. We know that one of the reasons that we are focusing on service excellence is to help people feel better."
- "What I'd like you to do now is use a water metaphor to describe to your teammates how you're feeling about your job. For instance, you might say that you are "swimming" or "drowning."
- ☐ Allow 1 minute of brief discussion
- ☐ After 1 minute, call "TIME"

ACTIVITY

QUESTION #2:

- "We also know that we need to focus on the way that we treat each other, because if we take care of each other, we'll have a lot more to give to our patients and each other."
- "But taking care of each other begins with understanding and communication."
- "I'd like you to identify one thing that you REALLY wish other people would understand about your job and share it with your teammates."
- ☐ Allow 1 minute of brief discussion
- ☐ After 1 minute, call "TIME"

ACTIVITY

QUESTION #3:

- "It's easy to focus on the things that go wrong, but we know that there are times when we do meet—and sometimes even exceed—our customers' expectations."
- "I'd like you to identify the things that you HOPE our customers are saying about us and their experiences with us."
- ☐ Allow 1 minute of brief discussion
- ☐ After 1 minute, call "TIME"

ACTIVITY
SHARING RESPONSES WITH THE GROUP
Instructions / Purpose of Sharing: The main reason for having participants share their responses with the larger group is so that you will have an idea of where the group is in terms of their understanding of the REACH for Excellence initiative and how they are feeling about the initiative. The questions are designed to make quick points that will be covered in more detail later; the questions help participants understand what is coming later in the session.
☐ Tell participants that you will ask them to share some of their own responses or their teammates' responses to the questions just asked ✓ Responses will be very quick, "call-out" type responses

MIN	ACTIVITY
	SHARING RESPONSES WITH THE GROUP (con't)
FYI →	Purpose of Question #1: To make the point that many of us feel overwhelmed and that is why it is important that we make sure we don't lose sight of what we need to do for our customers and each other.
	* "What did either you or your teammates say to the question that asked you to describe your job using a water metaphor?"
	 □ Ask participants to give some quick, "call-out" responses ✓ Do not dwell on the responses ✓ Go around the room quickly, rotating from one table to the next to ensure you get at least one response from each table

MIN	ACTIVITY
	SHARING RESPONSES WITH THE GROUP (con't)
FYI →	Purpose of Question #2: To demonstrate that many of us take each other for granted. We all want to be respected for the work that we do, and more importantly, we would love it if people would begin by getting to know exactly what we are each responsible for doing. Many people will share that they are only one person, that they can't be everywhere at the same time, and that they would like a little understanding from their peers.
	* "And what did you or your teammates say when you had to identify the one thing that you REALLY wished people understood about your job?"
	 □ Ask participants to give some quick, "call-out" responses ✓ Do not dwell on the responses

MIN	ACTIVITY
	SHARING RESPONSES WITH THE GROUP (con't)
FYI →	Purpose of Question #3: To demonstrate that many of us know the kind of experience we want our customers to have and what we hope our customers are saying about us.
	* "And finally, what did you or your teammates say when you were asked to identify the things that you HOPE our customers are saying about us and their experiences here?"
	 □ Ask participants to give some quick, "call-out" responses ✓ Do not dwell on the responses
	* "By a show of hands, how many of you believe that our customers really ARE saying those positive things about us?"
	■ Encourage participants to raise their hands in response to your question

ACTIVITY

SHARING RESPONSES WITH THE GROUP (con't)

- "Now, how many of you believe that some of our customers are actually SAYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT from what we hoped to hear?"
- Encourage participants to raise their hands in response to your question
- Give me some quick examples of what you've heard our customers ACTUALLY say about us."
- ☐ Ask participants to give some quick, "call-out" responses
 - ✓ Do not dwell on the responses

ACTIVITY

TRANSITION:

- "It appears that we're doing many things right when it comes to customer service; however, as you've identified, there's still room for improvement."
- "We'll spend the rest of our time today exploring what we can do to improve the service we give our customers, and we'll talk about how we can make sure that there's consistency in how we provide that service."

MIN ACTIVITY 5 THE REACH FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRESS **REPORT OVERVIEW** Quickly review the following events to bring participants up to speed on the REACH initiative: ✓ May / June: Introduced the service excellence initiative to all management employees and service champions ✓ Departments held Staff Alert meetings ✓ We had a beach party to "officially" kick of the initiative ✓ The Coordinating Council approved the recommended behaviors for our first standard – creating positive impressions ✓ Departments began collecting data from their customers ✓ The six committees have been hard at work doing...(give examples) ✓ Forty facilitators completed three days of training in preparation for delivering the employee training sessions – which begin Monday, October 24 ✓ Performance evaluation forms have been changed to reflect the creating positive impressions performance standards ✓ Training programs are being developed to support management employees throughout this initiative

ACTIVITY

THE REACH FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRESS REPORT (con't)

OVERVIEW (con't)

- ✓ A refresher training course is being created to address employees who continue to demonstrate behaviors that are inconsistent with the performance standards
- ☐ Let participants know that many of the things just mentioned such as performance evaluations, additional management training, and refresher training for employees will be discussed in greater detail today

MIN	ACTIVITY
5	THE REACH FOR EXCELLENCE STANDARDS: OVERVIEW
FYI →	Instructions: Refer to the preprinted poster / foam board entitled Standard Identification
	* "Before we go any further, I think it's important for you to understand how we got to where we are right now and to understand where we're headed."
	☐ Ask participants to turn to page 1 of their Workbook
	✓ Page 1: REACH for Excellence Standards
	□ Briefly explain the information presented using the talking points listed below
	✓ The current standard is <i>Creating Positive Impressions</i>
	✓ There are five additional future standards that will be introduced organization-wide over the next two to three years
	o The future standards are in <i>draft form</i> only

ACTIVITY

THE REACH FOR EXCELLENCE STANDARDS: OVERVIEW (con't)

- ☐ Refer participants to the *Standard Identification* board and discuss using the talking points listed below
 - ✓ The circle in the middle represents our proposed standards and behaviors
 - ✓ You'll see five different circles that represent different groups of employees
 - ✓ Each of these groups had input into the standards and behaviors that are going to be introduced as part of the REACH for Excellence initiative
- Remind participants that just a few minutes ago, they identified the things that they HOPED our customers were saying about us and what they believed our customers were ACTUALLY saying about us
 - ✓ Many of the things that participants HOPED our customers were saying about us are things that the members of these multidisciplinary committees said as well
 - ✓ And everything that the committees and the participants are saying have led us to identify and focus on certain standards
- ☐ **Tell participants** that you'll talk more about *Creating Positive Impressions* in a minute

MIN	ACTIVITY
	THE REACH FOR EXCELLENCE STANDARDS: OVERVIEW (con't)
FYI →	Instructions: Refer to the preprinted poster / foam board entitled Embracing Each Standard
	"Quite a bit of work has been taking place throughout the organization as well as in your individual departments."
	 □ Refer participants to the <i>Embracing Each Standard</i> board and discuss using the talking points listed below ✓ The left-hand side (green) represents organization-wide activity ✓ The right-hand side (yellow) represents departmental activity ✓ The information at the bottom (red) represents how the REACH for Excellence standards will be used

ACTIVITY

THE REACH FOR EXCELLENCE STANDARDS: OVERVIEW (con't)

- ☐ Embracing Each Standard board (con't)
 - ✓ Walk participants through the organizational activities (green), using the following talking points
 - First, the six standards were identified and specific behaviors have already been developed for the *Creating Positive Impressions* standard
 - Second, how well we already demonstrate those behaviors is being measured to establish a baseline of performance
 - Next, 40 employees were identified to serve as facilitators
 - All employees including physicians will receive training on our first standard, *Creating Positive Impressions*
 - How well we demonstrate those behaviors after everyone completes training will be measured again
 - There will then be opportunities to reinforce the new behaviors
 - We'll celebrate our successes, and then begin work on the next standard, which is *Promoting Positive Teamwork*

ACTIVITY

THE REACH FOR EXCELLENCE STANDARDS: OVERVIEW (con't)

- ☐ Embracing Each Standard board (con't)
 - ✓ While all this organizational activity is taking place, there
 are also specific things that individual departments are
 doing
 - First, departments are expected to take the organization-wide behaviors and determine how they apply specifically to their department
 - How well we demonstrate these behaviors at the department level will be measured
 - And special training to address department-specific needs will be offered
 - ✓ The behaviors associated with each standard will then be incorporated into:
 - o How we *hire and orient* our new employees
 - o How we review and evaluate performance
 - o How we *reward and recognize* employees
 - o How we *celebrate success*

ACTIVITY

TRANSITION:

- "As you can tell, we're really serious about having all Saint Raphael employees take an active role in providing outstanding customer service."
- "The first step in helping you provide that service is to identify specific behaviors that correspond to Creating Positive Impressions."

MIN		ACTIVITY
15	CR	REATING POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS
FYI →	SRF	tructions: This part of the session has two components: 1) the HS video that presents "undesirable" and "desirable" customer rice behaviors, and 2) the Performance Standards Manual.
[5]	CR	REATING POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS VIDEO
		Tell participants that you are going to show them a video – that was created by Saint Raphael employees – that demonstrates "desirable" and "undesirable" customer service behaviors
		Tell participants that they should be prepared to share with the group at the end of the video some of the "desirable" and "undesirable" behaviors they saw
		Show the video
		Ask participants to quickly share some of the "undesirable" behaviors they saw
		Ask participants to quickly share some of the "desirable" behaviors they saw
		Transition to the <i>Creating Positive Impressions Performance</i> Standards Module

MIN		ACTIVITY
[8]	PERF	ORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL
FYI →	through to Manual. just demo	he <i>Creating Positive Impressions Performance Standards</i> Where possible, make a connection between the behaviors onstrated in the video with the behavioral expectations. Also, lear to participants that <i>everyone</i> in the organization <i>will be</i> to demonstrate these behaviors and will be held accountable behaviors in the performance evaluation process.
	participa	out this part of the program, it is important to engage into in the discussion of various behaviors. Below are <i>sample</i> is that can be used to help engage participants.
		Have you ever gone to a store and the clerk <i>never</i> says a word to you – doesn't even make eye contact with you? How does that make you feel as a customer?
		Have you ever called a business before or even some other part of Saint Raphael's and the person who answered the phone answered so quickly that you had no idea who you were calling?
FYI →		ions: You can also tell a 10-second story that fits with one of viors to illustrate the need to demonstrate the behavior.
		The other day I was leaving a store with my hands full of packages, and the guy in front of me let the door shut in my face! Can you imagine how some of our patients feel when we do that to them, especially our elderly patients? Some of our doors are heavy!
		There is someone I pass nearly every day, and every day I say "hello," yet that person <i>never</i> acknowledges me! I'm going to keep saying "hello" anyway.

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL

- ☐ **Distribute** copies of the Performance Standards Manual to all participants
- ☐ **Briefly review** the information presented below
 - ✓ The first page of the Performance Standards Manual provides a reminder of why it is so important for each employee to provide outstanding customer service to all of our customers
 - ✓ All employees will be expected to create positive impressions:
 - ...in personal encounters with all people
 - ...in public areas
 - ...on the telephone
 - ...in writing
 - ...when entering patients' rooms and treatment areas
 - ...through my professional appearance
 - ...in our physical environment
 - ✓ How?
 - ...in many different ways which will be discussed in greater detail
 - ✓ Why?
 - ...because it's what our patients want
 - ...because it's the right thing to do

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 4: ACTIONS

ir	personal encounters with all people
	Smile
	Make eye contact
	Use positive body language that says "I'm approachable"
	Verbally greet / acknowledge others as you approach and/or pass them
	Acknowledge others when they approach your work station
	Initiate conversation with others when appropriate
	Help others who look lost or confused, escorting them to their destination whenever possible
	✓ Walk slowly or at their pace – not yours
	✓ Point out significant landmarks (e.g., the cafeteria) to help them get a sense of the building layout
	Know your facility so that you can give correct directions when escorting is not possible
	Maintain confidentiality at all times

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 4: STATEMENTS

ir	n personal encounters with all people
	Samples of general statements:
	✓ "Good Morning, How are you?"
	✓ "Hello. How may I help you?"
	✓ "Hello Why don't you have a seat, and I'll let know you're here."
	Samples of way-finding statements:
	✓ "Hi. My name is Can I help you find something?"
	✓ "Hi. Are you looking for? Let me walk you there."
	✓ "This hospital can be a confusing place. Let me help you get to"
	✓ "Let me walk with you to rather than give you directions. I'll point out landmarks along the way to help you remember where you need to go in the future."
	✓ "Don't be afraid to ask for directions again on your next visit. We'd be happy to help you."

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 5: ACTIONS

	iı	n public areas
		Hold doors for others
		Yield to wheelchairs, stretchers, patients, and guests
		Let patients and guests get on and off the elevator before you
		Keep your voice down / low, especially when having personal conversations
		Keep personal conversations to a minimum, especially when in the presence of patients and/or the patient is not engaged in the conversation
		Do not gather in public places except in designated areas such as the cafeteria and employee lounges *
		Cell phones may be used only during breaks and lunch / dinner hour and only in designated areas
		Smoke in designated smoking areas only
		Eat and drink in designated areas only (e.g., cafeteria, employee lounges) *
		Do not chew gum at work stations
* spec	cific po	olicies to be determined by individual departments

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PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 5: STATEMENTS

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...in public areas

- □ Sample statements to guests using the elevator:
 - ✓ If closest to the elevator operating panel, check to ensure all desired floor buttons have been pushed by stating: "What floor are you going to?" or "What floor would you like?"
 - ✓ If someone else is closest to the elevator operating panel and your floor button has not been pushed, state: "Would you please press _____ for me? Thank you."

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 6: ACTIONS

	0	n the telephone
		Sound interested in what the caller has to say
		Speak slowly and clearly
		Use a proper greeting *
		Ask if you can place someone on hold and get back to him or her if the hold time is extensive
		Before transferring a call, give the caller the name and direct telephone number of the person to whom you are transferring the call
		Alert the person to whom a call is being transferred as to the nature of the call
		Answer the telephone within three to five rings
		Respond to voice mail message within an appropriate time frame (e.g., within 24 hours) *
		Change voice mail greeting to accommodate days away from the office
* spec	ific po	olicies to be determined by individual departments

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 6: STATEMENTS

0	n the telephone
	Sample statements to use as initial telephone greetings:
	✓ "Thank you for calling the Hospital of Saint Raphael. This is How may I help you?"
	✓ "Good Morning, Department. This is May I help you?"
	Sample statements to use when transferring calls:
	✓ "Sir / Ma'am, I'm unable to answer your questions, but I would like to transfer your call to someone who can help you. Is that okay?Great. Do you have a paper and pen handy? I'd like to give you the name and number of the person who can help you before I transfer your call. Ready? The person I'm transferring you to is, and his / her direct telephone number is Is there anything else I can help you with before I transfer your call?I'll connect you now.

(Sample Statements to Use When Transferring Calls continues on the next page)

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 6: STATEMENTS (con't)

0	n the telephone		
	Sample statements to	use when transferrin	g calls:
		I have a call I'd It's Mr. Jones, and h	
		from line, and he's interest Is she available?"	Mr. red in talking

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 7: ACTIONS

	iı	n writing
		Use language that is clear and appropriate to the audience, avoiding technical jargon when appropriate.
		Use business language in all correspondence, including e-mail
		Restrict e-mail to business use
		Respond to e-mail within an appropriate time frame (e.g., within 24 hours) *
		Use the Out-of-Office e-mail function to notify people that you are not in the office
		Include relevant contact information (e.g., name, title, department, address, telephone number) in all correspondence *
		When providing photocopied materials to others, be sure the material is legible
* spec	ific po	olicies to be determined by individual departments

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 7: STATEMENTS

...in writing

- ☐ Sample statements using non-technical language:
 - ✓ This procedure involves inserting a long, thin guided wire, and we can look through the wire to check the condition of your blood vessels and to see how well your heart is working.
- ☐ Sample paragraph with contact information:
 - ✓ If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Smith in the Finance Department. He can be reached using any of the methods below that are convenient to you.

Telephone: 203 / 789-XXXX

E-mail: dmsith@srhs.org

US Mail: Saint Raphael Healthcare System

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ACTIVITY

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	hen entering patients' rooms and atment areas
	Knock before entering
	Announce yourself
	Introduce yourself to anyone who does not know you
	Call patients and guests by their last names (formal names) unless otherwise requested (e.g., Mrs. Smith)
	Do not talk over patients

ACTIVITY

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	when entering patients' rooms and atment areas
	Sample statements to patients:
	✓ "Hello Mr. / Ms My name is, and I'll be your nurse this evening."
	✓ "Hello. My name is, and I'm from How would you like me to address you? Is Mrs. Smith okay with you?"
	✓ "Good Morning, My name is, and I need to take your blood pressure and your temperature. Okay?"
	✓ "Is there anything else I can help you with while I'm here?"
	Sample statements to guests:
	✓ "Hi. My name is, and I'm Mr. Jones' How are you today?"

ACTIVITY

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...through my professional appearance

- ☐ Properly display SRHS-issued name badge
 - ✓ Name and photo face outward
 - ✓ Badge is worn on the outermost garment
 - ✓ Badge is worn above the waist
- \Box Dress professionally every day of the week
 - ✓ Uniform / dress is appropriate to department, position, and professional role *
 - ✓ Undergarments must not be visible (e.g., waistband of pants must be worn at the waist and underwear must not be visible)
 - ✓ Abdomen must not be visible

^{*} specific policies to be determined by individual departments

ACTIVITY

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MANUAL – PAGE 9: ACTIONS (con't)



...through my professional appearance (con't)

- ☐ Be professionally groomed
 - ✓ Clothing, including uniforms, must be clean, neat, pressed, and free from tears and/or holes
 - ✓ Shoes must be clean and free from tears and/or holes
 - ✓ When working in a patient care area, regardless of position, closed-toe shoes and stockings or socks must be worn at all times
 - ✓ Hair must be clean and styled appropriately (e.g., hair must not be dyed unusual colors [e.g., hot pink, lime green] or spiked or shaved in unusual patterns)
 - ✓ Head scarves and hats that are not part of one's required uniform must not be worn
 - Tasteful head scarves that are worn as a result of a medical condition or medical treatment are acceptable

(Be Professionally Groomed continues on the next page)

ACTIVITY

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- \Box Be professionally groomed (*con't*)
 - ✓ Nails must be clean and styled appropriate to one's position, job duties, and specific organization-wide nail policies *
 - ✓ Offensive or extensive visible tattoos are not permitted
 - ✓ Body piercings other than earlobes must not be visible
- ☐ Maintain good hygiene
 - ✓ Be aware of and take care of bad breath
 - ✓ Be aware of and take care of foul body odor
 - ✓ Complete requisite hand washing techniques

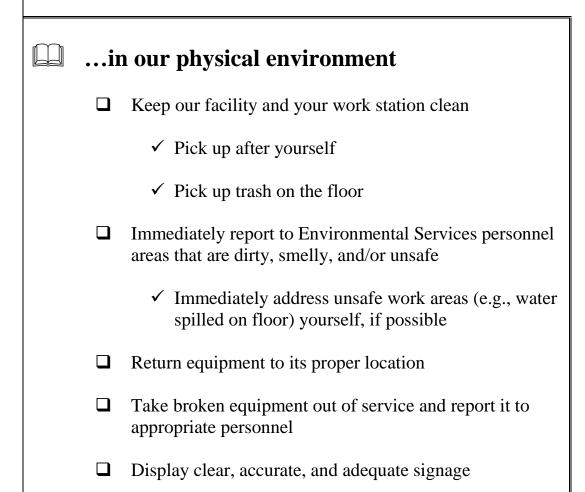
VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:

All employees should refer to the SRHS PERSONAL APPEARANCE policy for <u>additional information</u> regarding personal appearance. The policy can be found on the intranet.

^{*} specific policies to be determined by individual departments

ACTIVITY

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ACTIVITY

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in our physical environment

- ☐ Sample statements to report problems with physical environment
 - ✓ "Hi. This is ______, and I'm calling to report
 a problem. There is some sort of liquid spilled on
 the floor outside the OR Conference Room, and
 I'm not able to clean the area myself. Could you
 please send someone to clean up the spill? ... Thank
 you for taking care of the problem."
 - ✓ "Hello. This is ______, and I wanted to let you know that the ladies room located between the main hospital lobby and the orange elevators is really dirty. Is it possible to send someone over to clean it? ... Thank you. I appreciate your help."

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SUMMARY

Emphasize to participants that all of the behaviors just presented are behaviors that we already expect all employees to demonstrate – they are NOT new behaviors

Tell participants that for some of the behaviors, even more specific behaviors will be developed to meet the needs of individual departments

Remind participants that, once they leave today's training, they will be expected to demonstrate these behaviors