

Why your doctor's white coat can be a threat to your health.

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Health care providers are a [known source](#) of potentially harmful bacteria due to their perpetual interaction with germs during practice. This newspaper article reports on how clinician [attire](#), stethoscopes, and technology can be contaminated with bacteria. [Hand sanitizer](#) placement, sleeve length, and laundering behaviors can reduce transmission of pathogens.