

INTENTIONAL ADVOCACY

*Questions to Contemplate Before Wearing your Pritzker White Coat
to Actions, Protests, Media Events and Conferences*

- What does it mean for me to wear my white coat to this event?
- During advocacy and activism, do I feel the need to distinguish between my role as a healthcare professional versus as a concerned citizen?
 - If not, how do I see my role as a future physician shaping my role as a citizen?
 - If so, what distinguishes events where I feel comfortable attending as a future physician versus attending as a layperson?
- Could I encounter any of my present or future patients at this event? Could it have an impact - positive or negative - on my doctor-patient relationship?
- Others may perceive that I am representing the University of Chicago and the Medical Center at this event. Do I feel I need to take steps, through my actions and words, to clarify my role as an individual medical student versus a representative of these institutions?
- Is there going to be a media presence or law enforcement at this event? If photos or video are taken of me wearing my white coat, will I be comfortable with any response from my school and my classmates? How could my actions at this event affect my future prospects such as residency applications?
- Who can I reach out to - classmates or faculty advisors - if I want advice about wearing my white coat for this event or cause?

These questions were crafted by the 2016-2017 Dean's Council to foster dialogue around intentional advocacy and to support Pritzker's future physicians as they navigate in and between their identities as students and citizens.

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