Fourth-year UNC School of Medicine student Casey Hribar, who is also pursuing an MBA at Carolina, led research on patient perceptions associated with scrub color, and published the findings in a *JAMA Surgery* research letter.
The researchers examined whether scrub color is associated with the ability to be perceived as a surgeon and the perception of selected clinician character traits.

Doctors wearing green scrubs were most strongly recognized as surgeons, while black scrubs were not highly thought of; some patients associated black scrubs with death.

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