

## **Policy on Non-Involvement of Providers of Student Health Services in Student Assessment**

### **I. POLICY**

Health professionals who provide health services to medical students, including medical and psychiatric care as well as psychological counseling, will have no involvement in the academic assessment or promotion of the medical student receiving those services.

A student assigned to a course, clerkship, elective or other educational activity with a treating healthcare provider may request and will be granted an alternative assignment. The student may go directly to the relevant curriculum director (i.e. course/clerkship/elective director) or to the associate dean for student affairs to have the assignment changed. Even if a student does not request an alternative assignment, a healthcare provider must recuse themselves from academic assessment of a student with whom they have a patient care relationship.

A healthcare provider on the Promotions or Admissions Committee must recuse themselves from deliberations related to a student with whom they have a patient care relationship.

### **II. PURPOSE**

On occasion medical students may be receiving treatment from a healthcare provider who also has a teaching and assessment role in the curriculum. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that these individuals have no influence on the academic progress of the student they are treating.

### **III. SCOPE**

This policy applies to:

- Medical students
- Faculty, residents, fellows and other clinical staff who provide clinical care to medical students and who also are involved with teaching or assessing medical students

### **IV. POLICY AUTHOR(S)**

- Office of Medical Education

## **V. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- Admissions Committee Conflict of Interest Policy Statement
- Policy on Student Promotions

## **VI. REFERENCES**

LCME Element 12.5: Non-Involvement of Providers of Student Health Services in Student Assessment / Location of Student Health Records. The health professionals who provide health services, including psychiatric/psychological counseling, to a medical student have no involvement in the academic assessment or promotion of the medical student receiving those services. A medical school ensures that medical student health records are maintained in accordance with legal requirements for security, privacy, confidentiality, and accessibility.

## **VII. APPROVALS**

Curriculum Committee

Education Policy Council

Dean, School of Medicine, December 22, 2017