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## **POLICY FOR SEPARATION OF ACADEMIC/HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ROLES IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE**

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### **Policy Statement**

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Health professionals who provide health care services including psychiatric/psychological counseling to medical and health science students must not have any involvement in the academic evaluation or promotion of the students receiving those services. Every faculty member has an obligation to make sure that he/she has no involvement in the academic evaluation or promotion of any student who has received health services including psychiatric/psychological counseling from that faculty member.

- If a student determines that he/she will be subject to academic evaluation by a faculty member who has provided health services including but not limited to psychiatric/psychological counseling, the student must immediately notify the course/clerkship director and/or Dean's office. The course/clerkship director or Dean must reassign the student to a new clinical site or remove the faculty member from any role in supervision or evaluation of the student.
- If a faculty member determines that he/she will be involved in the academic evaluation or promotion of a student for whom he/she provided health care services including psychiatric/psychological counseling, the faculty member must immediately notify the course/clerkship director. The course/clerkship director must reassign the student to a new clinical site or remove the faculty member from any role in supervision or evaluation of the student.
- If a faculty member determines that he/she will be or has provided medical services including psychiatric/psychological counseling to a medical student whom he/she is teaching, the faculty member must notify the course/clerkship director and/or the Dean's office and recuse him/herself from any evaluation of that student.

Feedback from students will be obtained at fourth-year exit interviews and from student representatives of the curricular committees. The Student Affairs office will maintain a

database and monitor student requests and resolutions as well as faculty and student awareness of the policy.

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## **Who Needs to Know This Policy**

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Faculty, Residents, Fellows, Staff, and Students

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## **Contacts**

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## **Who Approved This Policy**

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Committee on the Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum  
Executive Committee of the SMHS Faculty Assembly 07/23/2015