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

Policy Statement

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 assessment or promotion of the students receiving those services, excluding exceptional circumstances. 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. In addition, upon submitting all clinical performance evaluations, faculty attest that **that by submitting this evaluation, I attest that I do not have a conflict of interest that includes providing health and/or psychiatric/psychologic services to this student.**

Who Needs to Know This Policy

Faculty, Residents, Fellows, Staff, and Students

Contacts

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Who Approved This Policy

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