



TITLE OF POLICY

Policy on Conflict of Interest in Student Healthcare and Student Education

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish mechanisms for avoiding conflicts of interest between a student's healthcare provider and student education.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE

The Office of Student Affairs will review the policy on an as-needed basis and Education Committee will approve it.

LCME REFERENCE(S)

LCME 12.5: Non-Involvement of Providers of Student Health in Student Assessment and Training

HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES

Approved by Education Committee 2011

Approved by Education Committee March 2019

Amended and Approved by Education Committee December 2019

DEFINITION(S)

NA

POLICY

Non-Involvement of Providers of Healthcare

Residents and attendings cannot evaluate the academic performance of any student for whom they have provided health care, including psychological and reproductive health care. Faculty or residents completing the common assessment form are required to certify that they have not been involved in providing health care to the student.

Prior to the start of a course students who recognize they have been assigned to work with a faculty member or resident who has been a personal healthcare provider must alert the Associate Dean for Student Affairs to facilitate a change in assignment. Faculty or residents who recognize prior to the start of a course that they have been assigned to work with student for whom they have provided personal healthcare provider must alert the course director that they have a conflict of interest to facilitate a change in student assignment. Confidentiality of student health information must be preserved at all



times (e.g the faculty member will only note that a conflict of interest exists and will not provide any information on the health care provided unless the student has provided written consent.

If a resident or attending discovers that s/he is assigned to a student for whom s/he has provided health care, s/he should contact the course director immediately in order to assign appropriate evaluators. The content of such notification cannot include evidence of any health care provided unless the student has provided consent.

Non-Involvement of Students in Fellow Students' Healthcare

Medical students should not be involved in the provision of healthcare to fellow medical students.

Students cannot be placed in clinical sites that serve as designated clinics for primary care or psychological/psychiatric care for the student body, including but not limited to Campus Health Services.

Students must recuse themselves if they find themselves rotating on a service where a fellow student is seeking care. Students seeking care do not have the option of allowing peers to observe or participate in their healthcare.

The School of Medicine and Regional Campuses work with neighboring hospital systems to provide inpatient psychological/psychiatric healthcare to protect student privacy.

PROCEDURE(S)

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