

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

I. 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.

II. 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

III. 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 or relevant phase dean 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 that serves on the Student Progress and Promotions Committee must recuse themselves from deliberations related to a student with whom they have a patient care relationship.

IV. POLICY AUTHOR(S)

- Office of Medical Education

V. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Admissions Policy

- Recusal Policy for Conflicts of Interest
- Policy on Academic Progress and Promotions

VI. REFERENCES

LCME Element 12.5: Non-Involvement of Providers of Student Health Services in Student Assessment / Location of Student Health Records

VII. APPROVALS

Curriculum Committee approved on December 15, 2025

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine reserves the right to change these policies and procedures as needed.