Policy on Faculty Appointments for Clinical Preceptors

I. POLICY
Attending physicians who teach, supervise, or assess medical students in clinical clerkships, acting internships and electives must have a faculty appointment at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

II. PURPOSE
It is essential that medical students are supervised during clinical learning experiences by preceptors who are medical school faculty members. When preceptors are members of the faculty, departments and course directors are optimally positioned to oversee the clinical learning experiences and assure the quality of these experiences.

III. SCOPE
This policy applies to:
• Clerkship, acting internship and elective directors and attending physician preceptors

IV. POLICY AUTHOR(S)
• Office of Medical Education

V. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
• Procedure for Monitoring Faculty Appointments for Clinical Preceptors

VI. REFERENCES
LCME Element 9.2: Faculty Appointments. A medical school ensures that supervision of medical student learning experiences is provided throughout required clerkships by members of the school’s faculty.

VII. APPROVALS
Curriculum Committee
Education Policy Council
Executive Committee
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