

**Policy Name: 12.05.1 Health Provider Non-Involvement in Academic Assessment and Promotion of Medical Students**

**Purpose:**

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Element 12.5 (March 2019) states in part: “The health professionals who provide health services, including psychiatric/psychological counseling, to a medical student have no involvement in the academic assessment or promotion of the medical student receiving those services, excluding exceptional circumstances.”

**Policy:**

It is the University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine (UT Tyler SOM) policy that health care professionals who provide health services including psychiatric/psychological services, or other sensitive medical services care to a medical student are not involved in the academic supervision, assessment, or decisions about advancement /promotion / graduation of that student. Should a faculty member find themselves assigned to clinical supervision involving a student who they have treated, they should arrange for a change in assignment.

**Procedures:**

Counseling and Mental Health Center:

SOM students seeking psychological care from UT Tyler Counseling Services will have the option of going to the main UT Tyler campus for appointments, use of telemed visit, or meet with the counselor at the Health Science Center campus. The counselor’s office at the Health Science Center office will be in an area that is not used by SOM faculty or residents. The providers at UT Tyler Counseling services are not eligible for involvement in medical student training.

SOM students seeking psychiatric care from the University Health Center will be scheduled to see staff psychiatrists who have no current involvement or plan any future involvement in the supervision, assessment, or promotion of SOM students. SOM students will wait in an area not used by SOM faculty or residents who may be involved in the assessment or promotion of SOM students.

Reassignment procedures:

Any faculty member assigned to supervise a medical student for whom he or she has provided medical care must request reassignment from the course or clinical experience director. It is the course/clinical director’s responsibility to inform the Phase director of the required reassignment. If students find that they have been assigned to a supervising attending who has been involved in their health care, they are encouraged to ask for reassignment from the course or clerkship director. The student will be informed that asking for reassignment will not carry any adverse consequences.

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**Distribution:**

Clinical Faculty

The SOM will post the policy on the Faculty Affairs webpage, send annual reminders to all established clinical faculty at the start of each academic year, and provide a copy to newly hired clinical faculty.

Residents & Fellows

The Graduate Medical Education Office will post the policy on the New Innovations website, distribute the policy at new resident and fellow orientation, and be responsible for an annual reminder sent to all continuing residents and fellows.

Medical Students

The Office of Student Affairs will require that the policy be included in the syllabus for each clinical experience including clinical electives. The Office of Student Affairs will also ensure the policy is posted on the Student Affairs website.

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