



**Policy Title:**

Conflict of Interest in Student Assessment

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**LCME Standards**

12.5 - Non-Involvement of Providers of Student Health Services in Student Assessment

**Scope**

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Columbia faculty, staff, and students.

**Policy Statement**

The School of Medicine is committed to providing all students with appropriate health care and personal counseling in a compassionate, confidential, and professional manner. Student confidentiality is a priority. A physician or professional counselor who has rendered healthcare services or professional counseling to a student is not permitted to have any involvement in the teaching, supervision, evaluation, assessment or the educational advancement decision-making processes with respect to any student they have treated, evaluated, or otherwise provided healthcare or counseling services to. In the event a faculty member renders healthcare services to a student under their instruction or supervision (typically in emergency circumstances), it shall be the responsibility of the faculty member to immediately notify the Office of Student Affairs office of the occurrence so that the student can be reassigned and to ensure that no further instruction, supervision, or assessment by the treating physician will occur.

**Reason for Policy**

The LCME expects that 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.

**Procedures**

To ensure compliance with this policy, it shall be the obligation of all faculty members to attest prior to assuming teaching/supervision responsibilities, and again prior to evaluating each student, to the best of their knowledge they have not rendered health care or professional counseling



services with respect to each student under their supervision or assessment responsibility. These attestations shall be monitored and maintained in a database by the Office of Student Affairs.

## **Contacts**

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## **History**

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