



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

School of Medicine

## OPERATING POLICY

# NON-INVOLVEMENT OF PROVIDERS OF STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES IN STUDENT ASSESSMENT

CATEGORY: STUDENT AFFAIRS

COORDINATOR: Dr. Henry Lamberton

Governing Policy:

Related Entity Specific Policy:

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On occasion medical students may receive healthcare treatment of a sensitive nature from a healthcare provider who also has a teaching and assessment role in the curriculum. It is the school of medicine's responsibility to ensure that these individuals have no influence on the academic assessment or progress of the student they have treated.

1. Health professionals who provide psychiatric/psychological assessment or treatment, or other sensitive health services to medical students, will have no involvement in the academic assessment or promotion of the medical student receiving those services.
2. If a student is assigned to an educational environment where the supervising faculty member has previously provided mental health assessment or treatment, or other sensitive health care to the student, the faculty member must advise the course/clerkship director of a need to re-assign the student to a different evaluating supervisor. It is the responsibility of the course/clerkship director to make sure that faculty are aware of this policy.
3. If a student should be assigned to an educational environment where the supervising faculty member does not immediately recall having treated the student and/or has not initiated the steps in Number 2 (above), the student should request and will be granted an alternative assignment. The student may go directly to the relevant curriculum director (i.e. course director, clerkship director) or to the office of medical student education to have the assignment changed.
4. A faculty mentor involved in the competency development or academic evaluation of a student cannot be a health care provider for a student they are mentoring.

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5. A healthcare provider on the Academic Review Committee or on any committee that evaluates students (voting or nonvoting members) must recuse himself or herself from deliberations related to a student that he or she has treated.
6. Those who provide mental health services or other sensitive health care to students may lecture in a large group setting where the students may be present but cannot assign their grade or provide narrative feedback to them. They cannot be a small group facilitator or mentor for a student they have treated.
7. Those who care for students in the Student Health Center may lecture in a large group setting at LLUSM but cannot assign their grade or provide narrative feedback to them. They cannot be a small group facilitator or faculty mentor.