



**Policy Title**

Conflict of Interest in Student Assessment

**Identifier**

UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 3.04

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**LCME Standards**

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

**Scope**

University of South Carolina (UofSC) School of Medicine Greenville students and faculty/residents responsible for assessing students

**Policy Statement**

A clinician who has provided medical or psychological services for a medical student will not serve in an evaluative capacity for the student or supervise educational activities that result in evaluation or assessment. In addition, if an assigned assessor cannot provide an objective assessment of a student due to a personal or familial relationship, then they will not serve in an evaluative capacity for the student or supervise educational activities that result in evaluation or assessment. In addition, faculty members with a conflict of interest in assessing a student will recuse themselves from voting on Student Evaluation Promotion Committee (SEPC) decisions.

**Reason for Policy**

LCME requires 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**

1. A health care provider who has provided medical or psychological services for a medical student or has a personal or familial relationship will not serve in an evaluative capacity for the student or supervise educational activities that result in evaluation or assessment.
2. If a student is assigned to an educational environment where the supervising faculty member previously

has provided health care to the student or has a prior personal or familial relationship, the faculty member must advise the course/clerkship director of the need to re-assign the student, based on a conflict of interest, to a different evaluating supervisor.

3. It is the responsibility of the course/clerkship director to make sure that faculty and students are aware of this policy.
4. If a professional serving as a provider of medical or psychological services for an UofSC School of Medicine Greenville student happens to be a member of an evaluation or promotions committee at the time of the evaluation of one of the students to whom he/she has rendered services, the professional will recuse him/herself from the committee until the evaluation of the student is complete.
5. Evaluation forms will include an option for declining evaluation.

## **Sanctions**

NA

## **Additional Contacts**

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## **Related Information**

UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook

UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 3.06 Request Alternative Clinical Site

## **History**

<b>Date of Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
May 2019	Clarified language, updated title of policy. Editorial changes made due to branding updates and titles.
Dec 2018	Policy formalized into standardized template, LCME CQI