



Office of the Dean  
School of Medicine

**Policy Title:** Policy on Non-Involvement of Providers in Student Assessment

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**Body Responsible for Review/Revision:** Office of Student Health; Campus Assistance Program

**Responsible Dean:** Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Records

**Relevant LCME Element:** 12.5

**Policy Statement/Purpose:** To ensure that students receive fair evaluations that are unbiased by the knowledge of underlying medical conditions, the health professionals who provide health services, including psychiatric or psychological counseling, to an LSU Health School of Medicine student are not involved in the academic assessment or promotion of the student receiving those services, excluding exceptional circumstances. Throughout this policy, the term “physicians” applies to faculty members, residents, and fellows.

### **Policy Directives:**

The primary providers of medical and psychological care to our students have no role in the academic evaluation of students in any course or clerkship.

Physicians who provide care to a student, or who have provided care in the past, must recuse themselves from any role in small group instruction, clinical supervision, small group or clinical rotation evaluation, or decision-making regarding the student who received the care. Clerkship evaluation forms include an attestation that the physician completing and signing the evaluation has not provided mental health or medical care to the student. If a physician recognizes that they have provided care to a student who is assigned to them in a small group position or clinical supervision setting, they must contact the course, clerkship, or clinical rotation director so that the student may be reassigned to another site or supervisor.

If a student is placed in a situation where a physician who provided care is in the position of teaching or assessing them in a small group or clinical setting, they must contact their course, clerkship, or clinical rotation director immediately for reassignment to another site or supervisor.

In the case that a member of the preclerkship or clerkship promotions committee has provided past care to a student under consideration in a promotions meeting (e.g., care provided prior to becoming a member of the committee), that individual will recuse themselves from any decisions regarding the student's status.