University of Pikeville
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Office of the Dean

Non-Academic Health Professionals

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Purpose

University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) requires that any health professional providing health services, through a physician/patient relationship, recuse themselves from the academic assessment or promotion of the student receiving those services.

Policy Statement

KYCOM directs that no member of its faculty establish or maintain a therapeutic relationship with any KYCOM student. A therapeutic relationship exists when a physician/patient relationship is established between a KYCOM employee and a KYCOM student. Such a confidential relationship is established when certain professional, ethical, and legal obligations arise as a result of the physician/patient relationship.

In the event, a therapeutic relationship is established or in any way maintained by and between a KYCOM employee and a KYCOM student, the employee must identify and recuse themselves from any academic assessment or promotion of the student with whom the employee has the therapeutic relationship.

The Associate Dean of Osteopathic Medical Education is responsible for implementation of this policy in regards to first- and second-year medical students. The Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs is responsible for implementation of this policy in regards to third- and fourth-year medical students.

Additionally, KYCOM requires that all clinical preceptors complete an attestation that they do not maintain a physician/patient relationship with the student being evaluated. This attestation is included in the Student Assessment Form completed by the preceptor regarding each KYCOM student completing that rotation.

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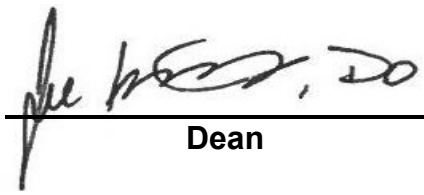
Related References

UPIKE Employee Handbook



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