



**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.

Upon recognizing the existence of a therapeutic relationship with a student, the faculty member or preceptor must promptly submit a brief written statement to the appropriate Associate Dean describing the nature of the relationship sufficient to identify a conflict, without disclosing confidential medical details. The Associate Dean will arrange for another qualified faculty member or preceptor to assume responsibility for grading, evaluation or participation in promotion decisions for that student. The Associate Dean will also maintain a confidential record of recusals for accreditation and compliance purposes.

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

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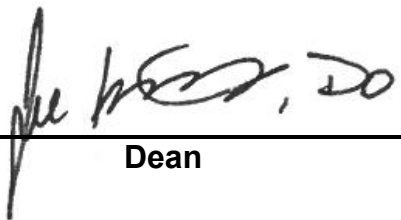


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Additionally, KYCOM requires that all clinical preceptors complete an attestation that they do not maintain a physician/patient relationship with the student being evaluated. This attestation is included in the Student Assessment Form completed by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

Related References

[UPIKE Employee Handbook](#)



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