

<p><b>UC Riverside, School of Medicine Policies and Procedures</b>  <b>Policy Title:</b> Medical Treatment to Students by UCR SOM Faculty  <b>Policy Number:</b> 950-07-018</p>
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<b>Scope:</b>	UCR SOM Undergraduate Students

### I. Policy Summary

UCR School of Medicine (SOM) faculty members who provide treatment to medical students shall have no role in the assessment or promotion of medical students receiving treatment. The policy purpose is to minimize and/or mitigate potential conflicts of interest between physician faculty members' roles as clinician and educator. This policy spells out guidelines and requirements for faculty of the UCR School of Medicine who provide medical treatment to students. Students are encouraged to establish relationships with physicians outside of the UCR SOM Health system.

### II. Definitions

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education 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. A medical school ensures that medical student health records are maintained in accordance with legal requirements for security, privacy, confidentiality, and accessibility." [Element 12.5]

### III. Policy Text

Faculty and staff shall not provide medical care for UCR medical students who have been, are presently or may in the future be under their direct supervision, including consults, prescriptions, durable medical equipment, and diagnostics, except in exceptional circumstances, such as emergency, urgent, or stabilization care. UCR SOM medical students may choose UCR Health physician-faculty for their healthcare. In such cases, the medical student must complete the *Student Agreement on Provision of Medical Treatment by UCR SOM Faculty and faculty will not have any further role in the academic assessment and evaluation of that student.*

### IV. Responsibilities

UCR SOM clinical faculty members.

### V. Procedures

A. UCR SOM faculty members may not academically evaluate students for whom they provide or have provided any medical care, including treatment for sensitive health issues (e.g., mental health, sexually transmitted diseases or any health issue the student defines as sensitive).

- B. Prior to providing any medical care to a UCR SOM student, a faculty member must explain this policy and ask the medical student to sign a *Student Agreement on Provision of Medical Treatment by UCR SOM Faculty* (Attachment A).
- C. This signed form shall be kept by the student’s treating health care provider, with a copy provided to the SOM Office of Student Affairs.
- D. In cases where a UCR SOM faculty member has provided emergency, urgent, or stabilization care to a medical student under their supervision for whom they have an assessment role, care must be relinquished once the patient is stabilized, and faculty will no longer evaluate or assess that student in any academic manner.

**VI. Forms/Instructions**

*Student Agreement on Provision of Medical Treatment by UCR SOM Faculty* (Attachment A).

**VII. Related Information**

*Medical Student Handbook*

**Approvals:**

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**Attachment A**  
**Provision of Medical Treatment to**  
**UCR SOM Students by UCR SOM Faculty**

UCR SOM faculty members may not academically evaluate students for whom they provide or have provided medical care for sensitive health issues (e.g., mental health, sexually transmitted diseases or any health issue the student defines as sensitive). Prior to providing any medical care to a UCR SOM student, a faculty member must explain this policy and ask the medical student to sign this form.

This policy will be explained to UCR SOM students during orientation at matriculation and again at the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of medical training during Clinical Fundamentals. When ranking clerkship sites, students may not include sites where their physician treating them for a sensitive health issue is located. In the unlikely event that the student is assigned to such a site, the faculty member must recuse himself or herself from any evaluative or grading role.

This document will be kept by the student’s treating health care provider, with a copy provided to the SOM Office of Student Affairs.

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**Student Agreement on Provision of Medical Treatment by UCR SOM Faculty**

**To be completed by UCR SOM faculty health care provider:**

Name of faculty health care provider:

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- A. Relevant department clerkship (e.g., psychiatry, ob/gyn): \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Clerkship sites where physician has an evaluative role:

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**To be completed by UCR SOM MD Student:**

I understand that UCR SOM policy prohibits faculty from academic evaluation of medical students for whom they have provided medical care for sensitive health issues, and that mental health issues are defined as sensitive.

I consider my health issue as:             Sensitive             Not sensitive

If health services involve mental health or services that I have defined above as sensitive, I agree that, when ranking clerkship sites for the clerkship listed in A above, I will not include the site(s) listed in B above. I also agree to inform the registrar of this requirement.

In the unlikely event that despite my ranking I am assigned to a clerkship site listed in B above, I understand that the physician will recuse themselves from any evaluative/grading role.

Student’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_