POLICY REGARDING CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION
OF MEDICAL STUDENTS

Preamble
In recent years, health care institutions and members of the health care professions have come under increasing scrutiny by various legal and regulatory agencies. In the course of obtaining licensure, hospital privileges, and insurance qualifications, physicians are routinely asked to respond to queries regarding aspects of past and current behavior (including criminal histories).

Some of the institutions hosting clinical placements for students of Boston University School of Medicine now require that students undergo certain pre-qualifying reviews. Several facilities require formal criminal background investigations, commonly referred to as CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) checks. We expect that this will become more common in the future.

Policy
The School of Medicine requires applicants for admission to disclose any felony convictions and to provide detailed related information. The School of Medicine further requires that, so long as an admitted student remains a medical student, he or she must keep this information current by promptly informing the Associate Dean of Student Affairs if he or she is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor while enrolled at the School of Medicine.*

The Associate Dean will determine whether the criminal conduct at issue, even if unrelated to the School of Medicine, violates standards of professional conduct expected of Medical School students or otherwise adversely reflects on the fitness of the student to become a physician. If so, the Associate Dean will determine whether the matter warrants handling under the School's Student Disciplinary Code of Academic and Professional Conduct or the University-wide Code of Student Responsibilities.

Further, Students will be subject to professional discipline under the School's Student Disciplinary Code of Academic and Professional Misconduct for any misrepresentation or non-compliance relating to reporting obligations under this Policy.

I have notified the Associate Dean for Student Affairs of any felony or misdemeanor conviction against me in the United States or internationally* since I completed my application to medical school. I will continue to do so promptly throughout my medical education at Boston University School of Medicine.

*Under Massachusetts law, you are not required to disclose a first conviction for the misdemeanors of drunkenness, simple assault, speeding, minor traffic violations, affray or disturbance of the peace. However, should such convictions otherwise come to the School’s attention, the Associate Dean will determine whether they warrant discipline under School of Medicine or University-wide policies.