

BUSM Policy for Separation of Academic/Physician Roles in the Provision of Health Treatment

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Policy Statement: Any BUSM faculty or health professional who provides clinical care to a BUSM medical student for any health services, including mental health services, must have no involvement in the academic evaluation or promotion of the student.

Such faculty, staff, and health professionals may give lectures but may not lead smallgroup discussions or serve as a preceptor, course director, or member of promotions or appeals committees on issues involving such a student.

Faculty obligation: Faculty must avoid any involvement in the academic evaluation or promotion of any student for whom they have provided health services. A faculty member who determines that s/he will be involved in the academic evaluation or promotion of a student for whom s/he has provided health care must notify the course/clerkship director immediately and must recuse themselves from the academic evaluation or promotion of the student. The course/clerkship director must reassign the student to a new clinical site, remove the faculty member from any role in supervision and/or evaluation of the student, and assign the student to a new preceptor. Course or clerkship directors should not provide direct patient care to students for these reasons.

Student obligation: During the scheduling process, students must notify BUSM's Registrar if the site where they receive health care precludes their assignment to a specific clinical site. Students must request assignment to a site different from where they received health care treatment.

A student who determines that a faculty member who has provided health services may be involved in his/her evaluation must immediately notify the course/clerkship director to insure that the faculty member is recused from the student's academic evaluation or promotion or for the student to be reassigned.