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. A medical school ensures that medical student health records are maintained in accordance with legal requirements for security, privacy, confidentiality, and accessibility.

Key points

Many SMPH students seek personal healthcare from University Health Services and other clinics in the area where they are completing clinical rotations. As a result, it is crucial to communicate that healthcare practitioners are not to be involved in the assessment or promotion of any student they treat.

This policy includes practitioners in every specialty, including psychological and psychiatric counseling, and to every SMPH faculty member and instructor. SMPH faculty members who provide healthcare for students are prohibited from evaluating or promoting the students they treat.

Additionally, student medical records must be treated in compliance with the same legal requirements as any other patient medical record.

SMPH works with all local and statewide partners to effectively disseminate this policy. It is widely communicated at clerkship meetings, Medical Education Day, and faculty orientations. Students are also informed of this policy throughout their time at SMPH.

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