Rationale
Medical students commonly seek healthcare from faculty members and resident physicians given the proximity, convenience and size of our local medical community. If a student elects to establish a provider relationship with a faculty member or resident, that healthcare provider is precluded from serving as an evaluator or being involved in promotion decisions.

Scope
This procedure applies to all, medical students, teaching faculty and residents at the Brody School of Medicine.

Responsibilities
**Medical Students:** Students must identify themselves as a current medical student at the Brody School of Medicine with each provider associated with ECU Physicians (if they wish for the faculty/resident to enforce this policy). Students are encouraged to consider seeking healthcare from East Carolina University Student Health Service and ECU Counseling providers if this conflict of interest is of concern. These providers have no overlap with student evaluation and promotion. Students are required to make a Course/Clerkship Director aware if they have a possible conflict of interest related to their role as a patient of a faculty member or resident physician who is scheduled to evaluate them.

**BSOM Faculty and Resident Physicians:** Faculty/residents who provide health services to a medical student must recuse themselves from the evaluation of/promotion discussions regarding that student. In general, faculty who are Course/Clerkship Directors or who serve on BSOM Promotion and Review Committees should refrain from seeing medical students as patients. This requires that they communicate with their service line leadership to make the patient access staff aware of this scheduling detail. Clerkship Directors should work with their service line leadership to create systems that funnel students (as patients) away from key course faculty as healthcare providers.

**ECU Physicians Medical Director:** The Medical Director of ECU Physicians will review/offer edits to this policy every three years. The Medical Director is responsible for assisting Course/Clerkship Directors in their communication with service line leadership and the creation of scheduling systems that prevent medical students from scheduling healthcare appointments with key course faculty.
Procedures for Implementation and Review

This procedure is to be reviewed by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and the Medical Director of ECU Physicians every three years.

This procedure will be disseminated by the Office of Student Affairs to students and teaching faculty/administration as part of a ‘student handbook’ during orientation each year.

Applicable Laws, Regulations & Standards

LCME Standard 12, Element 5