



University of Colorado
Anschutz Medical Campus

Family Members as Clinical Supervisors for Medical Students

Policy

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Family members, or those with a current or former close relationship to a medical student, will not be involved in the academic assessment or promotion of a medical student. When students or their family members who are in a supervisory role are working together in a School of Medicine course, there is the potential for a conflict-of-interest in evaluating the student's academic or clinical performance. For the purposes of this policy, family member is defined as including spouses, domestic or romantic relationships, siblings, parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, or any other close relationship through blood, marriage, or otherwise that may create a conflict of interest. If not a relative or family member described above, application of this policy will be at the discretion of the course director in consultation with the Assistant Dean of the Clinical Curriculum. Clinical placement at a site with a family member will be also avoided at the discretion of the course Director. Faculty must notify students as soon as they recognize the conflict-of-interest. Students likewise must notify their course director if they are assigned to a preceptor for evaluation who has a potential conflict of interest due to a family member relationship as described above. Once identified, the course director must find an alternative clinical site or provide an alternative supervisor for evaluation.