Medical students/Residents/Fellows may not take clerkship rotations or medical students/Residents/Fellow electives and receive academic credit or credit toward fulfilling program requirements in settings where any family member is involved with supervision or assessment of performance. For example, they may not take a clinical or research elective for credit with family members. The term ‘family member’ applies to those individuals related by lineage (first, second and third degree) or marriage or for other reasons including personal relationships.

Exceptions may be allowed in a course such as a lecture course where the family member might give a lecture but not evaluate the student personally (writing test questions that involve no subjective judgment of performance is acceptable if all students take the same test).

It is expected that students or residents will disclose any pre-existing relationship with potential teachers/supervisors to their curriculum dean, program director or graduate medical education dean to identify the situation and to define any needed alternatives.

At no time will a family member be allowed to assess a student or resident or be involved in decisions related to the status of that student or resident. Family members are expected to declare their conflict of interest and excuse themselves from any related discussion and/or decisions.

*This policy relates to both Graduate Medical Education and Undergraduate Medical Education.