SUBJECT: Student health issues or concerns brought to the attention of faculty/staff during the course of curricular study and/or hands-on lab activities at ICOM.

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Policy & Procedure Statement:

To maintain a mutually beneficial and professional relationship among faculty, staff, and students at ICOM. This policy should in no way limit or replace the faculty advising activities currently in place for appropriate service to ICOM and its students.

Student health-related concerns:

A. Abnormal history or physical exam findings that may be discovered incidentally in a student (or faculty/staff member) during small group/interactive learning activities, OMM lab, and/or Clinical Skills labs:

1. Any abnormal clinical findings and/or concerns that come to the attention of individual students and/or faculty during interactive and “hands on” learning scenarios should be deferred to seek appropriate medical care from a licensed provider outside of ICOM’s purview. In the rare event that a physical exam finding is deemed to be of an emergent care need, then student (or faculty) should seek care at local emergency departments or initiate “911” services where appropriate.
B. Non-academic health professionals who do provide mental or medical care to ICOM’s students must recuse themselves from any assessment and promotional review of such students.

C. Existing health concerns/issues brought to the attention of faculty or staff by an ICOM student:

1. In addition to above, any existing health concerns or acute illness that an ICOM student brings to the attention of a faculty/staff member or other affiliate members of ICOM will be encouraged to seek licensed and qualified medical, mental, or social services from appropriate individuals or clinics outside of ICOM. We understand that a well-intentioned student may at times seek the opinion of faculty and/or staff (however qualified or perceived) as it relates to their personal health concerns, however there should be no advice given or implied by any of ICOM’s staff, faculty, and other contracted providers of ICOM’s throughout all educational objectives that could be deemed a provider-patient relationship. Deferral to appropriate local care sites outside of ICOM will be the standard as described in the Academic Handbook.

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