Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) students may seek to establish a provider-patient relationship for medical care with physicians that they know in clinical or academic settings. This may be because of convenience, proximity, familiarity, and/or trust.

While MSUCOM students may seek care from the health professionals of their choosing, once a therapeutic relation is established, the treating physician (or other health professional) must recuse him/herself from:

1. Participating in academic or clinical assessment of the student.
2. Participating in decisions related to advancement or graduation of the student.
3. Participating in MSUCOM committee reviews of the student’s academic or professional performance (e.g. COSE).