

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, FACULTY OF MEDICINE
POLICY ON THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DURING CLINICAL
SUPERVISION DUE TO A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

The Faculty of Medicine recognizes the inherent conflict of interest potential and the difficulties that arise when a close relative is involved in the supervision and evaluation of another close relative in the student or resident role.

The University of Ottawa recognizes a close relative in the context of its policy on professional ethics as any parent, spouse, son, daughter, brother, or sister, or any person who has the same home as the faculty member, or a treating physician, or an individual within whom the trainee has a close relationship.

The policy of the Faculty thus is that no faculty member should supervise or evaluate a close relative or other person with whom they have a significant personal relationship, in the performance of their academic or clinical roles, except during occasional supervision of on-call duties, if the latter cannot be avoided. Faculty must remain sensitive to all potential conflicts of interest with regards to supervision and deal with them in a professional manner.

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