

MEDICAL STUDENT POLICY

Title: Stroger Drug Testing Policy	
Relevant LCME Element(s): N/A	Last approved: 6/4/2019

I. PURPOSE

Policy and procedures for drug testing at the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County for Feinberg students who matriculated prior to August 2018.

II. PERSONS AFFECTED:

Medical students

III. POLICY AND PROCEDURE STATEMENT

****This policy only applies to students who matriculated prior to August 2018.****

Effective June 1, 2015, Stroger Hospital requires that all students, residents and faculty complete a urine drug screening prior to rotating at their site. Students may decline to pursue the drug screen process described below. However, students who have not had the drug screen will not be permitted to rotate at Stroger as this site requires a drug screen. Students who decline a drug screen will be based at NMH and can identify a preference for NMH when contacted by the clerkship director. There are no consequences for students who decline drug testing.

For students who wish to rotate at Stroger, FSM has contracted with Northwestern Medicine Corporate Health to provide a 10-panel drug screen in the same manner as is done for all the Northwestern/McGaw residents. Students who wish to rotate at Stroger must complete the drug screen a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the start of the planned rotation. If a positive result occurs, the result is referred to the NM Corporate Health Director. The director will perform a confidential review to determine if any prescribed medications account for the result. If prescribed medications caused a positive result, this is not considered a positive drug screen and this information will not be communicated to Stroger or FSM. Students with a negative drug screen (including persons with medical indications) will be cleared to rotate at Stroger. These negative results are sent directly to Stroger by NM Corporate Health. In the case of a positive drug screen without a medical explanation, the NM Corporate Health Director will report the results to Dr. Roopal Kundu, ex officio member of the SPC, who will meet with the student privately and decide if further action (including referral to the SPC) is required.

To complete a drug screen students must visit NM Corporate Health located at 676 N. St. Clair, Suite 900. The office is open Monday-Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm for drug screening. No appointment is needed. You are asked not to eat foods containing poppy seeds for 24 hours prior to testing. There is no cost to students for this test.

IV. APPROVING BODY:

Vice Dean for Education