

**STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

POLICY: PRESCRIPTION WRITING

PURPOSE

To establish an institutional policy regarding the writing of prescriptions in a therapeutic relationship by appropriate health care providers

POLICY

Prescription Writing and Therapeutic Relationships

The Department of Health and the Office of Professional Medical Conduct seriously discourages the practice of physicians and licensed health care practitioners writing prescriptions for people with whom they do not have a therapeutic relationship.

A therapeutic relationship is described in terms of being the patient's health care provider as evidenced by documentation of the assessment and treatment of a patient in a medical record kept by the health care provider.

It is the policy of Stony Brook University Hospital that residents and fellows who write prescriptions for people with whom they do not have a therapeutic relationship will be subject to disciplinary procedures consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Penalties sought may include termination. Additionally, this will be considered MISCONDUCT and may be reportable to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

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