Drug Testing

All incoming students are required to undergo drug/alcohol screening. Subsequently, drug/alcohol testing may be requested of any student, at any time, including:

- When concerns about substance use issues arise
- Whenever an administrative evaluation is requested (see Administrative Evaluation Section below)
- When any student returns from a leave of any kind
- When a student self-reports a problem.

Failure to undergo testing as requested will result in dismissal from the School.

Drug/alcohol testing is conducted both to provide an environment that is safe for our patients and that promotes the highest possible level of learning and professionalism in our students. While the School of Medicine maintains a drug-free workplace in compliance with federal regulations, it also strives to foster an atmosphere of openness about drug and alcohol related issues. Although people often have strong preconceptions about substance use and drug/alcohol testing, such testing is done out of concern for the well-being of our students and of their current and future patients. It is therefore neither uncommon nor prejudicial.