

**YALE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE POLICY**

UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE

The faculty reserves the right to require at any time the withdrawal of any student when in the opinion of the instructors it is evident that the student is unfit for any reason to continue the course. The Yale School of Medicine has an obligation to protect patients, students and employees, as well as an obligation to protect its mission in education and research, from harm caused by an action or condition of a student or employee. We deal only with harm caused by a medical student.

Potential harm may be caused by neurological disease or degeneration, emotional or psychological disorders, or the use of drugs or alcohol. Potential harm may be described as arising from behavior regarded by patients or the public as alarming, threatening, bizarre, hostile, or otherwise inconsistent with the duties and responsibilities of a student; or behavior that is disruptive for working groups, medical treatment, or educational processes.

Potential harm to other people that occurs in the context of a person's professional, medical or academic duties is a legitimate concern of the School of Medicine. Private acts of students outside of this context are also a legitimate concern of the Medical School because they may indicate the existence of a potential hazard if the person continues his or her role as a student. For example, if a person is convicted of assault or the possession of drugs or firearms, or is admitted to an institution for the treatment of alcoholism, this condition is a potential hazard to the public and such a student may not continue in his or her role as a medical student until satisfactorily rehabilitated. Any such behavior reported to the associate dean for student affairs will be referred to the Progress Committee for appropriate action.