

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Positive Findings on Physical Exam by Physician Assistant Students</b>
<b>Application/ Scope:</b>	Students registered in the Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program and Physician Assistant Students
<b>Approved (Date):</b>	[to be completed]
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### 1. PURPOSE

To provide guidance should a potential abnormality or positive finding be discovered in the course of a physical exam, laboratory or diagnostic imaging study.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 MPAS: Master of Physician Assistant Studies.
- 2.2 Physician Assistant students: Students enrolled in the MPAS program at the University of Manitoba.

### 3. POLICY STATEMENTS

- 3.1 If a potential abnormality or positive finding is discovered in the course of a physical exam, laboratory or diagnostic imaging study, the course instructor will notify both the Physician Assistant student and the Program Director, MPAS or designate, who will then recommend that the student with the positive finding seek care at their primary care provider.
- 3.2 In the event that the Physician Assistant student does not have a primary care provider, they will be directed to Student Health Services in order to identify appropriate healthcare resources in a timely manner.
- 3.3 Physician Assistant faculty members, who may be licensed medical practitioners, are not permitted

by their educational practice description to diagnose illness. ~~Faculty~~The faculty will be able to direct the Physician Assistant student to appropriate care.

3.4 The information respecting the positive finding or potential abnormality is personal health information pursuant to *The Personal Health Information Act* (Manitoba) and shall be protected accordingly.

#### 4. **PROCEDURES**

4.1 All Physician Assistant students will be notified of this policy during the orientation and this policy shall be referenced in the Student Handbook.

#### 5. **REFERENCES**

5.1 *The Personal Health Information Act* (Manitoba)  
<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/p033-5e.php>

#### 6. **POLICY CONTACT**

Please contact the Program Director, MPAS, with questions regarding this document.