Responsible Department/Division/Committee:

Graduate Medical Education Committee

Policy:

SBM has established an institutional policy regarding the writing of prescriptions in a therapeutic relationship by appropriate health care providers.

Definitions:

None

Procedures:

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 Medicine that residents and fellows who write prescriptions for people with whom they do not have a therapeutic
relationship will be subject to disciplinary action consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Such disciplinary action may include termination. Additionally, this will be considered professional misconduct and may be reportable to the New York State Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

**Forms:** (Ctrl-Click form name to view)
None

**Policy Cross Reference:** (Ctrl-Click policy name to view)
None

**Relevant Standards/Codes/Rules/Regulations/Statutes:**
None

**References and Resources:**
None