

Postscript:

Medical Independence in College Athletics and NCAA Rules

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In speaking with Dr. Bruce Axelrod, a renowned child & adolescent psychiatrist, regarding the issue of medical autonomy in sports, Dr. Axelrod advised me of a practice within the medical community that he believes could help protect student-athletes from abusive coaching techniques:

*Institutions who allow an abusive coach to resign and take another position elsewhere and fail to share that information with the next institution, should remain liable for any acts they commit at the new institution. This responsibility is currently in force for medical training programs that pass incompetent physicians to other programs and fail to warn. I believe that adopting this type of policy would diminish the "resign and move on" syndrome that currently permeates athletic departments across the country.*