

UTHSCSA Graduate Medical Education Policies

Section 2	General Policies and Procedures	Effective:	April 2013
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Policy 2.23	Access to Residents as Research Subjects	Responsibility:	Designated Institutional Official
Access to Residents as Research Subjects			
Purpose	The policy addresses requests for access to residents by email, phone or in person to complete surveys or participate as research subjects. The term “resident” refers to any trainee, resident or fellow, in a UTHSCSA GME program.		
Policy	<p>Requests for access to residents to complete surveys or participate as research subjects may come to the Program Director or to the GME Office.</p> <p>Requests made to the Program Director: If a request comes to a Program Director to have access to residents in his/her program only, it is up to the discretion of the Program Director whether to grant access to the residents in his/her program. Program Directors need to be aware of the need for Institutional Review Board (IRB) review of many requests to survey trainees.</p> <p>Requests made to the GME Office: Prior to submitting a research proposal for IRB approval, a proposal involving contact with residents from one or more UTHSCSA GME programs must receive approval from the GME Office. Proposals will be evaluated based on merit and availability of resources. Priority will be given to proposals for research related to quality improvement. To qualify as a quality improvement project, proposals must have a demonstrable outcome (e.g., incorporate the PDSA Plan, Do, Study, Act model), and a quality improvement mentor for the project must be identified.</p> <p>Requests should be submitted to medgme@uthscsa.edu and will be evaluated in a timely manner. The IRB will require prior approval by the GME Office when proposed studies involve residents.</p>		