Subject: Graduate Medical Education Research Support

Scope: Interns & Residents (House Officers)

Supersedes: All previous policies and procedures regarding this subject and scope

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Requirements of: Accreditation Osteopathic Association (AOA)
Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)

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Purpose

To provide house officers with the opportunity to gain further experience into scientific investigation, to develop competence in research and dissemination of findings.

Policy

Research is a high priority for Henry Ford Health System and an expectation in all graduate medical education programs. In addition to providing instruction in research through didactics and on-line courses, Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital (HFWH) provides house officers with opportunities to gain further experience into scientific investigation, to develop competence in research and dissemination of findings. HFWH supports house officer research through: (1) Consultations, (2) Statewide Campus System (SCS) Research Awards, (3) SCS Research Poster Day and (4) participant travel to present at conferences.

Procedures

Consultations. In collaboration with the HFHS Public Health Sciences (PHS) department, epidemiologic and biostatistical support is available for house officer-driven research projects. To access PHS consultations, the house officer must submit to the PHS staff, a completed application for support which specifies:

1. a proposed project title,
2. the anticipated time-line,
3. services requested,
4. a faculty mentor for the project and
5. approval of the program director (maximum 10 hours allocated per project authorization; an additional allocation may be requested and approved by the program director).

Research Awards. The SCS has established a program of small amounts of research funding available to support resident research projects. The awards are limited to one per project and are for covering incidental costs to do the research, such as printing and mailing, subject fees, or statistical consultation. The proposed research should be clinically oriented with the ultimate goal of improving patient care, or focused on the education of patients or care providers. Contact Dr. Zemper at the SCS via email: zemp@hc.msul.edu with any questions regarding the SCS
research support program or application procedures. Review the SCS webpage for application materials and deadlines [https://scs.msu.edu](https://scs.msu.edu).

**Research Poster Day.** HFWH encourages all residents to participate in the SCS Research Poster Day. The Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine SCS sponsors a Research Poster Day in the spring in conjunction with their SCS Membership Meeting. Submissions are accepted from:

- MSUCOM Medical Students
- SCS Residents and Fellows
- MSUCOM Faculty

The poster day is a juried competition, with a $300 prize for the best poster and a $200 prize for the runner-up in each for the three above categories. To be eligible posters must present new research and scholarly work in an area of medicine or healthcare that contributes to knowledge in these fields. Case studies are not acceptable as research for this competition. A case series may be accepted, provided it consists of a minimum of five cases.

**Conference Presentations.** HFHS encourages house officers to conduct research and disseminate findings to further the profession and advance knowledge. Travel is considered *participant travel* if the house officer is a panelist, moderator, or speaker listed in an official program of a society or national meeting.

Funding of up to $1,500 per trip may be provided for Participant Travel, based on the judgment and discretion of the Program Director. Expenses in excess of $1,500 are the responsibility of the individual. See [Medical Education Policy #204 Compensation, Benefits, PDF & Travel](#) for details.