

The Scholarly Activity Requirement at Ascension St. John Hospital

- All Ascension St. John Hospital residents complete a scholarly activity project as part of our training program. The GME Research Department is available to help with all aspects of this process. A comprehensive guide to conducting research is given to all residents annually and is available on the Med Ed website.
- All projects involving human subjects or data from human subjects must be reviewed by the Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- Standard research projects, quality improvement projects, studies involving simulation, secondary analysis of existing databases, meta-analyses and cost-effectiveness analysis are examples of types of scholarly activity that can be done. *
- Collaborative research with other institutions is acceptable if the Ascension St. John resident has a significant role in protocol development and conduct of the study.
- For research involving secondary analysis of existing large datasets, please see the guidelines related to this type of research.
- All investigators need to complete a human subjects training module (CITI training) prior to embarking on their project.
- All projects must be described in a written protocol, which will be refined and reviewed with the help of the GME Research Department. The Ascension St. John Hospital IRB requires that all investigator-initiated projects receive scientific review and the signature of a GME Research Department scientific reviewer prior to IRB submission.
- The GME Research Department will assist with sample size calculation (if needed) and will perform the statistical analysis for the resident.
- Resident projects can have a budget up to \$2,000 approved administratively, or up to \$10,000 approved by the GME Research Committee.
- The GME Research Department has funds for 2 travel grants per resident per year for travel within the continental US to present IRB-approved projects. Review the policies and procedures before you submit an abstract to a meeting.
- All residents are required to turn in a completed manuscript plus a one-page abstract describing their scholarly activity project to the GME Research Department in the year they expect to graduate. The deadline will be set each year, but usually occurs in May. The manuscript will remain in the resident's permanent Med Ed file.

*In certain circumstances, book chapters may also meet the requirement. Please talk to your Program Director and Dr. Szpunar.