

Policy on Research Involving McGaw Trainee Participants

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For any research involving McGaw trainees as test subjects or participants, the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) must review the Institutional Review Board (IRB) proposal. The GMEC will be very stringent when considering the impact on trainees, who are considered a vulnerable population.

The GMEC's evaluation of any such research proposal is guided by the following considerations:

1. The impact on trainees;
2. Any educational benefit(s) of the research; and
3. Any risk(s) to trainees, including loss of privacy and / or loss of protected information.

Additionally, the GMEC will consider the effect of any general email or survey tool on trainees' ability or willingness to respond to required and essential communication from their program or McGaw.

In addition to the GMEC, the following approvals are required:

1. Vice Dean for Education; and
2. Appropriate IRB.

Given the relative frequency of research requests involving emails or other communication to McGaw trainees, McGaw will only approve rare and exceptional proposals.