

**Research Opportunities/Issues at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis (The MED)
for UTHSC College of Nursing Students and Faculty**

On March 14, 2007, Drs. Hathaway, Polly, Graff, Cashion and Maria van Werkhoven met, discussed, and agreed upon the following.

Prior to nursing faculty or students (graduate or undergraduate) conducting research at The MED, the following procedure will be followed:

- **CON faculty and students will conduct research only on UTHSC- IRB approved research studies.**
- **All principal investigators (P.I.) and co-investigators will have completed the CITI Human Subjects Protection Training Program, as required by the UTHSC-IRB.**
- **A co-P.I. must be identified who is a MED faculty member credentialed to practice in the specialty where the research is to be conducted. If invasive methods (i.e., blood draws) are a part of the research procedure, then the MED faculty member must be a physician. For chart reviews and non-invasive protocols, co-PI can be a nurse who is a MED faculty member.**
- **Following UTHSC-IRB approval, all research projects must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Medical Research at The MED.**
- **Because a MED credentialed co-P.I. will be identified for each research project, faculty/student investigators will not need to seek credentialing from The MED in order to conduct research at The MED.**

If you have any questions regarding this policy please contact The Med's research officer, Ms. Maria van Werkhoven or Dr. Mona Wicks in the UTHSC College of Nursing.

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<The Med's official policy statement follows this page>

The Regional Medical Center's Policy Regarding the Conduct of Research

MED policy requires that the principal investigator be credentialed and privileged at The MED. If you are a student or resident, you will need to identify a MED-credentialed Co-Principal Investigator for this study (this could be your faculty-mentor). This additional Co-Principal Investigator name will need to be submitted to the IRB in the IRB application (or as a revision).

1. Investigators applying for research or conducting research represent that they are licensed, have the appropriate skills, medical training, credentialing, experience, and privileges to conduct research at The MED. The Office of Medical Research may require investigators or those subject to an investigators' direction and control, to provide additional information and documentation that demonstrates qualifications to provide service for said research.
2. The **sponsoring institution** represents that investigators and those subject to their direction and control are sufficiently qualified to conduct proposed research.
3. The primary investigators are responsible for the research activities of co-investigators and those participating in the research.
4. If invasive methods (i.e., blood draws) are a part of the research protocol, a co- Principal Investigator must be identified who is both a UT faculty member and a physician with privileges at The MED and credentialed to practice in the specialty where the research is to be conducted;
5. For chart reviews and non-invasive protocols, co- Principal Investigator can be an individual who is a UT faculty member at The MED; and
6. Because a MED-credentialed Principal Investigator will be identified for each research project, faculty/student investigators will not need to seek credentialing from The MED in order to conduct research at The MED.