Research Studies Involving School of Medicine Medical Students as Subjects

I. POLICY
All research studies that include University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine medical students as subjects must be approved by the Research on Medical Students Review Committee (ROMS RC). This includes studies that do not require IRB approval.

ROMS RC internal approval of a study does not replace the judgment of the University of Pittsburgh Institutional Review Board and consent to proceed may be contingent on obtaining the appropriate IRB approval.

IRB approval of a study does not remove the requirement for ROMS RC review of a study that involves University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine medical students as subjects.

II. PURPOSE
The UPSOM aims to support investigative efforts, and to balance the interests of investigators with those of research subjects, with particular attention to involvement of medical students as research subjects.

III. SCOPE
This policy applies to:
• Medical students
• Faculty

IV. POLICY AUTHOR(S)
• Office of Medical Education

V. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
• Procedure for Review of Research Studies Involving School of Medicine Medical Students as Subjects
VI. REFERENCES
• University of Pittsburgh Human Research Subjects Protection Office Policies and Procedures, Chapter 14, Considerations for Special Populations, Students as Research Subjects

VII. APPROVALS
Education Policy Council
Dean, School of Medicine, February 28, 2018