

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION POLICY

Use of computers, including the electronic mail system, is governed by formal University of Pittsburgh policies and procedures. As with all University policies, any breaches are subject to adjudication through the University Judicial Board. Please refer to the University publication "Student Code of Conduct & Judicial Procedures". (http://www.pitt.edu/~provost/ch3_stud_code.htm)

You may also access the document "Access and Use of University Electronic Resources" (Document 10-02-05) under "Support Services" on the University website <http://www.pitt.edu/HOME/PP/procedures/10/10-02-05.html>.

In addition, School of Medicine computer users are governed by the following guidelines, in keeping with the Student Honor Code:

The students, faculty and staff of the School of Medicine wish to foster an environment where all members of the community treat each other professionally and with respect in all facets of interaction. To that end, we expect our students to conduct their electronic communication using the same standards as they would in face-to-face communication. Please do not distribute e-mail to your colleagues that could be considered to be offensive, discriminatory, derogatory or harassing. In addition, please be cognizant of the purpose of the student e-mail distribution lists, and use each of them for the purpose for which they were intended.

It is not our intention to hinder the free exchange of ideas, only to ensure that communication is accomplished in a civil, professional manner. Should any student have a concern about e-mail communication, he or she may bring that concern to a member of the Student Honor Council, a faculty member of the Honor Council Advisory Committee, or a member of the administration. Any conduct issues are handled as per the Student Honor Code guidelines.

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