

### **Department of Internal Medicine Research Month Policy**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to delineate the resident's responsibility when they elect to take a research month.

**Application:** This policy applies to all residents in the Department of Internal Medicine who elect to take a research month.

**Policy:**

1. An Internal Medicine Resident may elect one month to complete a research project in order to fulfill the academic requirement.
2. A mentor must be designated and agree to accept the resident that month. The mentor must be available during the entire month.
3. Prior to the research month, the resident must have a protocol approved by the Resident Research Committee.
4. During this research month, the resident must attend all case and core conferences. Failure to attend all case and core conferences will result in a failure of the month.
5. For Residents who elect to take a research month at a site other than the Fargo campus, a mentor must be identified and agree to precept the resident for that month. An agreement must be forwarded that defines the goals of the research, the work day schedule, and the financial responsibility for resident travel, housing, and salary.
6. A preliminary report of the research must be submitted to the Resident Research Committee no later than two months following this research month.