

## **Intellectual Property at UT Southwestern Medical Center**

As part of your residency, it is important to familiarize yourself with our policies regarding the ownership and management of intellectual property that may arise from your activities here.

### **Intellectual Property Ownership**

In accordance with our institution's intellectual property policy, the Board of Regents (“Board of Regents”) of The University of Texas System (“UT System”) owns all intellectual property created under the following conditions:

- Resulting from activities performed within the course and scope of employment at UT Southwestern Medical Center (“UTSW”).
- Resulting from participation in a project that is governed by an agreement between UTSW and a governmental, philanthropic, corporate or other sponsor.
- Resulting from the use of equipment, funds, supplies, facilities, information or resources/materials owned by UTSW or the UT System.

This includes intellectual property rights in inventions, discoveries, designs, creations, developments, improvements, and innovations of any kind made on or off campus, and those made while working under a consulting agreement within the area of expertise and professional capabilities related to your university appointment. As an inventor, you are required to assign your rights in such intellectual property to the Board of Regents, and do not have the independent right or authority to convey, assign, encumber, or license such intellectual property otherwise.

### **Disclosure Requirements**

All faculty, staff, students, and trainees of UTSW are required to disclose inventions or other creations prior to public disclosure. This is done by filing a completed Intellectual Property Questionnaire, which can be accessed via the UTSW OTD website (<https://www.utsouthwestern.edu/about-us/administrative-offices/technology-development/>).

### **Joint Ownership with other Medical Centers**

If you, like many UTSW residents, are employed by a medical institution other than UTSW (such as Parkland, Children’s Medical Center, Scottish Rite, etc.), there is a high likelihood that any resulting intellectual property rights will be jointly owned by the Board of Regents and the other medical institution. If your employment resides with

such non-UTSW medical institution, please also follow their policies and procedures regarding the management and reporting of intellectual property.

For complete details please review [INP-101](#) of the UT Southwestern Policy Handbook and [Rule 90101](#) of The University of Texas System Regents' Rules and Regulations.

Please contact the UT Southwestern Office for Technology Development with any questions.

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