



**The University of Texas Medical School-Houston
Gastroenterology Clinical Fellowship Program
Required Research Activity
2009-2010**

The first year fellow is required to carry out one small research project during the first twelve months of training. This could be either as a published case report or abstract. During this period of time the fellow will be exposed to different areas in the field of gastroenterology as well as being able to work with different faculty members at all facilities.

At the end of the first year of training the fellow is required to choose a program faculty research mentor who will guide the research activities throughout the rest of the fellowship. Both parties should agree on working together during these two years and express this in writing to the fellowship program director no later than the last week of their first year. In addition to this agreement, the letter should contain a brief summary of the research plans that they have for the remaining two years of the fellowship. The fellow is expected to carry out one primary study which should be prospective and one or more secondary projects. The later could be anything from a retrospective study, case series, book chapter, etc. All projects have to be approved by the fellowship research committee prior the fellow getting involved with them. This committee will be integrated by the fellowship program director, and two other program faculty members that have a well known research background in the field of gastroenterology. Ideally, the fellow is expected to publish all projects in a manuscript rather than an abstract form. Fellow will be encouraged to present projects at national or international meetings.

Each program faculty mentor will be objectively evaluating the fellow's research activity progress quarterly during the second and third years of fellowship training. The fellow will be required to meet with the fellowship program director to review his evaluation and to update the research progress. It will be up to the fellow's mentor whether to approve or disapprove any other research activity that the fellow may be asked to do by any of the other program faculty members. This will allow the fellow to focus on the primary research projects.

During the last two years of training, the fellow will have a total of four months of research protected time that he will take advantage of to carry out his projects. Two of these months will be assigned during his second year of training and the other two during his last. Additional research time may be requested and will need prior approval by the fellowship program director.

This is to verify that I have aware of the Required Research Activity during by fellowship training. I also understand that a copy of this signed statement will be placed in my file.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ PGY: _____

Program Director's Signature: _____