



Foothills AHEC Pathway to Med School Program Research Project Guide for Physician Supervisors

The practice-based research component of the Foothills AHEC Pathway to Med School program is meant to encourage undergraduate pre-med students to examine health care processes and patient populations in community-based, primary care clinical settings to ultimately improve care and outcomes.

Before The Program

- Draft a timeline for the project prior to program start date.
- Communicate with Special Projects Coordinator regarding IRB process, pre-program readings, etc.
- Receive IRB approval through your organization, if necessary.

During The Program

- Physicians may conduct project orientation for their group during allotted time on program orientation day or at a location of their choosing during the program dates.
- Guide teams of two to three program participants over the course of the month to collect and analyze data from designated practice sites.
- Project groups must produce a scientific poster and corresponding presentation.
- Approximately 60 program hours are dedicated for participants to collaborate on the research project, plus any evening or weekend work that may be necessary; meet with participants periodically during these hours.

After The Program

- Review students' applications for submitting their research posters to be presented at the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly.

Guidelines for the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians' Annual Scientific Assembly

- Posters presented may be research results, case reports, summer projects, or educational projects relevant to primary care medicine.
- Submissions must be original work not yet published or presented at regional or national meetings.
- Medical student projects previously presented at medical school, student "Research Days", Summer Preceptorship programs are acceptable. Concurrent submissions to other conferences such as NAPCRG and STFM are encouraged.
- Posters will be judged for awards at the time of presentation at the meeting.
- Review will focus on the following: significance of findings for practicing primary care physicians; quality of presentation of findings; quality of methods used to generate findings.