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**Departmental Research Committee  
Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Composition**

The committee will consist of Vice-Chair for Research (chair), one member from each affiliated hospital (in discussion with the Site Chief), the Resident Research Co-ordinator, and at least one anesthesia resident as well as a variety of members without portfolio. At least one member will have an appointment from another department. The usual term for the appointed members will be 4 years.

The existing residence research committee will act as a subcommittee of this committee and of the resident program committee.

**Mission**

To promote the highest quality, most rigorous, collaborative, peer reviewed and funded, disseminated, implemented and practice changing research within the Department and with our varied collaborators.

**Org chart** – *see appendix*

**Relations**

This committee will relate to the University Department's executive and other committees as outlined in the department Org chart. The residents research committee will function as a sub-committee of both the research committee and the Residency Program Committee with the Vice Chair Research and the Program Director sitting on both committees.

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## Role of committee

With respect to research activities, the role of the committee is to:

- Participate in review and implementation of the mission and strategic plan of the Department in particular the research priority of “Advancing the peri-operative domain as an unprecedented research opportunity”.
- Identify supervision and mentorship for CIP trainees, junior and mid-career investigators as required.
- Lead culture change around the Department city wide with regard to enhancing our academic culture.
- Encourage and facilitate high quality, peer reviewed and funded multicenter clinical research within and beyond the University of Toronto.
- Facilitate development of research structure, infrastructure and support for individual researchers and for the Department including the development of formal research groupings/labs/clusters.
- Oversee the design and direction of the Clinician Investigator Program (CIP).
- Oversee and modernise the Research components of the Departmental Website.
- Participate and support high quality academic recruitment where there is a significant potential for an individual to have a successful research career.
- Participate in University research administrative activities.
- Liaise with the Office of Research Services and the Hospitals on areas such as clinical trials, consultation, regulatory and contract arrangements.
- Have representation on the Executive Committee of the Department through the Vice-Chair for Research.
- Advise other Departmental committees on research matters
- Support and conduct Internal Peer-Review for Grant applications submitted by members of the department and oversee the maintenance of a list of suitable reviewers for grant application reviews
- Participate in the planning and scoring of presentations at the annual Departmental Shields Research Day

## Committee members roles

- Promote collaborative research both intra- and interdepartmental across the city
- Help to mentor a cadre of rising research scholars and trainees in the Clinician Investigator Program (CIP) and for amongst the anaesthesiology residents
- Support their own research programs

- Identify strategies to enhance the Department's profile and impact in research and
- Help to secure major research recognition awards and high-level funding.

### Meetings

The committee will meet approximately 4-6 times per year, with additional meetings called ad-hoc, as necessary.

### Membership 2019-2022

NAME	ROLE
Laurent Brochard	IDCCM representative
Stephen Choi	Sunnybrook HSC Representative
Brian Cuthbertson	Chair
Dallas Duncan	Residents research committee representative
Zeev Friedman	UHN and Sinai Health System representative
Ahtsham Niazi	Vice Chair Education
Ashwin Sankar	Early Career observer
Mandeep Singh	Early Career observer
Ben Steinberg	Hospital for Sick Children representative
Duminda Wijeyesundera	St Michael's representative
Hannah Wunsch	Researcher

# Appendix

