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Research Compliance Program (located within the Office of Institutional Compliance) provides guidance in support of researchers' conduct of multidisciplinary research and scientific training. They aid in:

- Recognizing compliance in their everyday practices
- Anticipating and managing compliance issues that arise during projects
- Preparing for new and changing requirements, regulations, and laws

You can reach them at: [Research & Academics: Compliance - UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX](#)



The HIPAA Privacy Office (within the Office of Institutional Compliance) ensures that UT Southwestern complies with privacy laws, rules, and policies and serves as a resource for patients, staff, and students. The privacy laws provide for certain patient rights in how health information (PHI) is managed. This includes uses in research. **Any suspected breaches of PHI should be reported to the appropriate institutional Privacy Office right away** (in addition to the IRB). To review more, go to [HIPAA Privacy Office: Compliance - UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX](#)

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Information Security. The Information Security Department oversees the security of UT Southwestern's technology systems to ensure a safe and resilient computing environment that fulfills the mission of excellence in health care, education, and cutting-edge research. To report a breach, please contact the IR Service Desk at 214-648-7600 or email IS at: infosec@utsouthwestern.edu

Legal Counsel. The Office of Legal Affairs is a team of experienced attorneys, nurse risk managers, paralegals, and support staff. Their team has legal expertise in areas that impact a state agency and academic medical center, including constitutional, education, administrative, business, and healthcare law.

They can be reached at: [Legal Affairs: Administrative Offices - UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX](#) or



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The Biorepository Oversight Committee ensures that biospecimens used for research are responsibly obtained, stored, and distributed and that the rights of individuals who have donated human biospecimens receive all necessary protections. More information is in the handbook.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Policies. The UT Southwestern Policy Library contains the Handbook of Institutional Policies and Operating Procedures and hospital-wide and ambulatory administration policies. *Documents within the Policy Library represents the single source of truth for UT Southwestern institutional policies.*

To access the policy library, go to this website:

[Policy Library - UT Southwestern Policies – myUTSW](#) or scan the QR code:

