



# INDIANA UNIVERSITY

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

### Invasive Procedures on the Newly Deceased

gme-adm-0020

#### About This Policy

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**Responsible University Administrator:**

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#### Scope

This policy applies to all Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) Graduate Medical Education (GME) resident physicians.

#### Policy Statement

IUSM firmly prohibits invasive procedures on the newly deceased solely for teaching purposes by medical students, residents, and fellows.

It is understood that IUSM training programs have an obligation to ensure residents' procedural and technical skills, including abilities to perform invasive procedures. Additionally, any patient who is an organ donor has already agreed to further invasive procedures.

Surgeons may choose to continue to an operation on a deceased patient in order to determine the cause of death. Likewise, autopsies are not a violation of this policy.

It is acknowledged that other teaching sources such as cadavers, simulators, and animal laboratories are frequently employed for teaching invasive procedures but are less accessible, less realistic, and more costly.

Despite these acknowledged challenges, it is believed that competent physicians can be trained without performing invasive procedures on the newly deceased.

#### Reason For Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define the IUSM policy on invasive procedures performed on the newly deceased.

A fundamental requirement of the profession of a physician is to maintain public and individual trust. IUSM believes that the teaching of invasive procedures on newly deceased patients is not acceptable and therefore, will not be tolerated.

#### Definitions

A *resident* is an IUSM resident or fellow, or a non-IUSM resident or fellow electively rotating through IUSM and provides clinical care as part of a GME program.

#### Implementation

The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) for Graduate Medical Education is responsible for implementation of this policy.

## **Oversight**

Policy authority for this document resides with the Graduate Medical Education Committee. The DIO and the Graduate Medical Education Committee are responsible for oversight. This policy will be reviewed every three years or more often if deemed necessary.

## **History**

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