

Policy on Intellectual Property

Effective 02/06/2018

Reaffirmed by GMEC 01/13/2023

McGaw realizes that trainees may be involved in Intellectual Property (IP) development while appointed through McGaw. Development cannot interfere with clinical / training requirements. However, it is important to remember that any product, invention, copyright, patent, or other intellectual property created as a result of work done as a McGaw Medical Center trainee must be reviewed by the Designated Institutional Official (DIO) to determine the role of McGaw and need for assignment of property to McGaw. Please also note that such work (including performing research under faculty supervision) is also subject to Northwestern University and / or base hospital intellectual property policies, which may require the trainee to assign such intellectual property to Northwestern University or the base hospital and execute related documentation to affect the same. Additional support that must be reported include base hospital / Northwestern University resources such as computers / space or funding that are used in the creation of the IP. To determine what additional steps need to be taken, trainees must promptly report the development of any IP during the course of training to the DIO in writing.