

Fostering Young Investigators

Research Tips for Pharmacy Residents

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1. Identify potential resident projects even before the residents arrive.
2. Establish a timeline.
3. Maintain a narrow focus for the resident's project. Ask only one study question as the project needs to be feasible.
4. Ask a relevant question.
5. For resident projects, the use of retrospective data is usually easier, given the limited time available for study completion.
6. Identify senior investigators in your institution who may have a feasible project idea that could be undertaken by the pharmacy resident.
7. Establish a research team composed of the investigators who will be responsible for study completion.
8. Establish relationships and get support from those departments and individuals who are key to completion of the study.
9. Hold frequent team meetings to monitor the progress of the research and to plan next steps. The resident and their research advisor should meet regularly to discuss the study.
10. For prospective studies, consider completing the project over 2 residency years.
11. Encourage the resident to stay focused on the study and complete a small amount of the work each week. The residency director and resident should discuss allocating time specifically for completion of the research project.
12. Maintain documentation of all decisions regarding the study.

Reference:

http://www.ashpfoundation.org/MainMenuCategories/ResearchResourceCenter/FosteringYoungInvestigators/ResidencyResearchTips_1/ResidencyResearchTips.aspx