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WITWATERSRAND,  
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## **Terms and Conditions: Wits Orthopaedic Surgery Research**

By signing and submitting their research application, researchers agree to abide by the terms and conditions outlined in this document.

If at any time these conditions are contravened the researcher may, in the first instance, receive a warning from the Department. If such behaviour continues the department will immediately withdraw approval for the research project and all research activity will cease pending an investigation of the contravention.

Research conducted in the department sites must be administered in accordance with the University of the **Witwatersrand's Research Ethics Committee Guidelines**. Please visit: <https://www.wits.ac.za/research/about-our-research/ethics-and-research-integrity/human-research-ethics-committee-medical/>

In accordance with the University of the Witwatersrand's Research Ethics Committee guidelines, research conducted on humans and animals must have clearance. The Orthopaedic Surgery department does not have its own HREC, but will accept the approval of an appropriately constituted Research Ethics Committee.

This document consists of the following:

- Registration and withdrawal/transfer of research
- Intellectual property
- Publications and reports
- Plagiarism declaration

## **1. Registration & Withdrawal/Transfer of Research**

Researchers within the department **MUST** register all research activities with the **University and the departmental research team** (Wits Orthopaedics Research Committee).

If there is a withdrawal/transfer of a research project, the departmental research team should be supplied with a signed **MOTIVATIONAL LETTER** of withdrawal/transfer stating the reason/s for the decision. In the case of a student & supervisor research project, the withdrawal/transfer letter should bear both their signatures.

## **2. Intellectual Property**

The management of intellectual property in the department is guided by the University of the Witwatersrand's copyright Laws. Please visit:

[http://libguides.wits.ac.za/Wits\\_Copyright\\_Guidelines](http://libguides.wits.ac.za/Wits_Copyright_Guidelines)

Data collected by the department is intellectual property of the university. By allowing the use of departmental information for research purposes, the department does not transfer any rights of ownership of the data, but grants the researcher a licence to use the data for the specified purpose and period of the research.

Any samples of work by research participants such as test results or photographs remain the intellectual property of the participant. Researchers require written consent from the research participants and the primary caregiver (if appropriate) to reproduce participants' work, however consent does not constitute a transfer of intellectual property rights.

In accordance with the University of the Witwatersrand's intellectual property, knowledge generated by staff/employees conducting or contributing to research remains the intellectual property of the university.

## **3. Publications**

Researchers must acknowledge the assistance of the department in all publications and presentations relating to research.

Researchers shall supply the departmental research committee (WORC) with a copy of any published material.

Authors retain the moral rights of attribution of authorship, rights against false attribution of authorship and the right of integrity of authorship.



**PLAGIARISM DECLARATION**

**SENATE PLAGIARISM POLICY**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Student number: \_\_\_\_\_) am a student registered for the degree of \_\_\_\_\_ in the academic year \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby declare the following:

- I am aware that plagiarism (the use of someone else's work without their permission and/or without acknowledging the original source) is wrong.
- I confirm that the work submitted/presented is my own unaided work except where I have explicitly indicated otherwise.
- I have followed the required conventions in referencing the thoughts and ideas of others.
- I understand that the University of the Witwatersrand may take disciplinary action against me if there is a belief that this is not my own unaided work or that I have failed to acknowledge the source of the ideas or words in my work.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

HOD Signature

Research Coordinator Signature

Research Associate Signature

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