

<u>Protect confidentiality and privacy:</u> Protect the confidentiality and privacy of research participants by avoiding using personal identifiers unless necessary and by storing data securely.

<u>Follow the comparative review process:</u> Follow the journal's guidelines regarding submitting manuscripts, and ensure that the research is appropriately cited and referenced.

<u>Avoid plagiarism</u>: Avoid plagiarism by properly citing and referencing all sources of information. All manuscripts should be original works and not be duplicated from any other published or unpublished work.

<u>Disclose conflicts of interest:</u> Disclose any conflicts of interest that may influence the research, such as funding sources or financial relationships with industry.

<u>Use clear statistics:</u> Use appropriate statistical methods to analyze the data and present findings.

<u>Avoid selective reporting:</u> Avoid selective reporting by including all relevant data and analytical results, even those that do not support the research hypothesis.

<u>Get ethics clearance:</u> Where necessary, seek ethics clearance from the appropriate ethics committee.

## **SBMT Research Fellows Research Guidelines**

<u>Establish clear goals and expectations</u>: Before beginning your collaboration, it is essential to establish them, including defining the scope of the project, the roles and responsibilities of each team member, and timelines for completion.

<u>Communicate effectively:</u> Effective communication is crucial in any collaboration, including regular updates, meetings, and clear communication about any changes in the project.

<u>Respect each other's expertise:</u> Each team member brings unique skills and expertise to the project, and respecting each other's contributions is essential.

Respect seniority, address faculty and peers by their titles to avoid any conflict.

<u>Share data and resources:</u> Collaborators should agree to share data and resources as necessary to achieve the project's goals.

Give credit where it is due: All team members should be acknowledged for their contributions to the project. Authorship on any publications should be determined based on each member's contributions.

Adhere to ethical guidelines: Collaborators should adhere to these ethical guidelines for research, including obtaining informed consent, protecting confidentiality and privacy, and disclosing conflicts of interest.

Resolve conflicts constructively: Conflicts may arise during the collaboration, and it is essential to resolve these conflicts constructively through open dialogue and negotiation.

In the case that a disagreement arises, it should be brought up with SBMT senior leadership if it pertains to the research project.

Once a working group has been formed it is encouraged for the project to be taken to fruition.

Communication methods: All communication related to SBMT, its projects, and initiatives (WMBF, N20 BTIP, etc.) should go through SBMT approved channels only. (Whatsapp Subcommittee Chats and Fellows Space, institutional Email, and email to SBMT leadership and staff) Personal interactions in any platform's direct messages are not sanctioned by SBMT and are discouraged.

Any Protected Health Information under HIPAA must be kept confidential. All HIPAA rules apply.