

Research Assistant needed for UCSF/UC Hastings Project - Credit only

Seeking law student/research assistant for health services study

We are studying a supportive service for people making cancer treatment decisions, and would like some assistance from a law student.

Position description:

- Law student interested in legal issues surrounding health services delivery
- Willing to conduct background research and otherwise contribute to project progress
- We will provide supervision, mentoring, academic credit, and opportunities to participate as a co-author in reports relating to the student's contributions
- We are looking for a student who is interested in doing background research on HIPAA, copyright, HITECH and other privacy issues. Ideally, we are looking for a student who would like to do this research in exchange for 2 credit hours. We anticipate about 5-6 hours of work a week.

Application process:

- If interested in applying, please email your CV and a personal statement to Professor Jaime King at kingja@uchastings.edu
- Your personal statement should be under 150 words and briefly summarize:
 - o What relevant strengths, skills, and experiences you would contribute to the success of the project
 - o How you expect to benefit from contributing to this project

Deadline: Rolling. Our goal is to begin interviewing in early December. Work will begin spring semester.

Professor King will screen applications and identify finalists to conduct a joint telephone interview with the Principal Investigator (Jeff Belkora of UCSF).

California Breast Cancer Research Program
Study 16BB-1400
Recording Medical Visits for People with Breast Cancer
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People diagnosed with breast cancer often struggle to ask questions and absorb, understand, and act upon the information they get from doctors. This is a significant problem because patients have a legal and ethical right to be as informed and involved as they want to be in their treatment decisions. Our study partner, the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County (CRCMC), provides assistance with question-listing, audio-recording and note-taking for clients' medical appointments. This assistance is associated with increased question-asking and information recall among other benefits. We have found that patients, doctors, and resource center staff sometimes share these question-lists, summary notes, and audio-recordings with other parties, usually to coordinate care or support. The problem is that current regulations are not clear about how to store and share documents created, like these, by employees of support organizations that are not legally considered "covered entities". We propose to develop community-endorsed policies, procedures, and guidelines for the safe, legal, private and effective storing and sharing of question-lists, summary notes and audio-recordings.

Specifically, we ask:

Q1. How are patients, doctors and resource center staff currently storing and sharing question-lists, audio-recordings and summary notes, and what are the implications in terms of patient privacy, safety, quality of care and other issues?

Q2. What policies, procedures, and guidelines will productively address the community's goals for legal, private, safe and effective storing and sharing of question-lists, audio-recordings, and notes from medical visits?

We have convened a team of community members and academic partners to guide our research and help answer these questions. Our study has a participatory approach with both academic and community partners providing input during each phase of the research process.

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