**UPenn Emergency Department Academic Associates (AA) Program**

**What is the AA Program?**
- Emergency Department based program that supports ED research
- Appoints volunteer students to consent and collect patient data
- Primarily supports ED faculty and resident research projects
- External departments will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Funded projects may be subjected to a cost assessment discussion with the Medical Director

**Who are the AA’s?**
- Student volunteers primarily pooled from the Penn Post-Bacc Program
- Students pursuing Medical School
- Interested in research and/or Emergency Medicine
- Seeking exposure to clinical environments

**Program Capabilities**
- Screen patients for research projects in the ED at HUP and PPMC
- Notify study teams when eligible patients are present in the ED
- Obtain informed consent from ED patients eligible for research
- Enroll patients in minimal risk studies (e.g. patient surveys, biomarker studies)

**Program Hours**
- HUP: Monday-Sunday 7am-12am
- PPMC: Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm

**Program Snapshot**
- Support research in the Emergency Departments at HUP and PPMC
- 15 clinical studies actively enrolling through the program
- Partnering with 7 hospital departments outside Emergency Medicine for research projects

**Requesting AA Services**
- All requests for services submitted through the Program Coordinator
- Request will be approved by the Medical Director
- Requests should include a summary of the proposed project, details of data collection, and preliminary consent form

**Program Contacts**
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