Pharmacy Practice Summer Research Fellowship

Health Screenings and Participants’ Knowledge, Behaviors, and Chronic Disease Risk
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At all COP student organization health screenings, participants sign consent forms before they are screened. In this form, the participants are asked to provide demographic and health information. In addition, they are asked to provide contact information if they would like to be made aware of future screening or research opportunities. Dr. Franks maintains a database to house all of the screening information including: screening location, contact information, demographics, and screening results (blood pressure, height, weight, BMI, cholesterol profile, glucose, bone density scores). We would like to use these data to help us understand how to better serve the community through health screenings and/or educational programs. The summer research student will be invited to share his/her interests to help determine the specific research project for the summer. Possible studies include: knowledge or behavior changes following screenings, variations in knowledge/behavior/screening results based on demographics or screening location, usefulness of educational materials, etc. The summer research student would help in maintaining the database, obtaining UAMS Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, creating web/print educational materials, creating questionnaires, and data entry. The student would be a co-author on any presentations or publications that originate from the project.