



Policy on Student Use of Social Media and Class Listservs

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Summary

This policy establishes guidelines for student use of College of Medicine – Tucson social media platforms and listservs, requiring compliance with existing college policies and professional standards and outlining expectations for appropriate use of these communication tools.

Applicability & Scope

This policy applies to all medical students at the College of Medicine – Tucson, effective beginning Academic Year 2025–26.

Definitions

None

Policy Statement

I. Student Use of Social Media and Class Listservs

A. Purpose and Compliance Requirements

- 1) The College of Medicine – Tucson (COM-T) social media platforms and listservs are intended to serve as a useful forum for the exchange of information that is relevant to the operations of the COM-T.
- 2) Postings must adhere to professionalism standards expected of medical students and be consistent with all applicable policies, including the University of Arizona [Electronic Mail Policy](#) and [Acceptable Use of Computers and Networks Policy](#), the COM-T [Professional Conduct Policy](#), and the ABOR [Student Code of Conduct](#).
- 3) Students must follow any additional guidelines set by clinical sites for social media use and comply with health information confidentiality laws, including HIPAA.

B. Terms of Use

- 1) COM-T platforms are not considered public forums and are subject to moderation and usage restrictions.
- 2) Use of COM-T-administered platforms and listservs is a privilege.
- 3) The COM-T reserves the right to limit content and restrict or suspend the access of any student who misuses or abuses the platform, including but not limited to:
 - a) posts that violate policy or are otherwise irrelevant to the business of the COM-T;
 - b) posts that use inappropriate, disrespectful, or unprofessional language or tone; and
 - c) excessive and/or repetitive posts.

C. Reporting

- 1) Students should not use social media platforms or listservs to report concerns about mistreatment, discrimination, or violations of policy. Instead, they should utilize the reporting channels outlined on the [COM-T Professionalism Website](#).

Procedures

None

Related Information

Policies

- [UA Policy Fin-300: Electronic Mail Policy](#)
- [UA Policy ISO-700: Acceptable Use of Computers and Networks Policy](#)
- [COM-T Policy 4-102: Policy Regarding Professionalism and Reporting Misconduct for Faculty and Learners \(Professional Conduct Policy\)](#)
- [ABOR Policy 5-308: Student Code of Conduct](#)

Online Resources

- [COM-T Professionalism Website](#)

Revision History

2025/06/25: Vice Dean for Medical Education approved the policy.