

## Understanding Differences Between Clinical Campuses

CurrMIT can gauge the consistency of educational experience across multiple clinical campuses, as demonstrated by the **University of Oklahoma's College of Medicine**. CurrMIT's value became evident in this arena as the institution identified differences between two campuses in response to an educational comparison study.

### The Challenge

Curiosity about differences at two University of Oklahoma medical campuses, Tulsa and Oklahoma City, prompted the study. Education researchers wanted to answer two questions:

- How different are the two campuses in terms of providing clinical experiences to third- and fourth-year medical students?
- What is the proportion of inpatient to outpatient teaching hours across both campuses?

### The CurrMIT Solution

CurrMIT offered ease of data entry as well as sophisticated reporting for this study. Researchers entered information on medical students' inpatient and outpatient experiences at the two campuses. The Department of Educational Development and Research then fashioned custom queries designed to elicit comparisons both within and between the two campuses.

### The Benefits

CurrMIT reports created for this study offered both immediate and long-term benefits. Data from the two campuses helped illustrate the ways in which each campus supports the mission of the institution, and how course delivery on clinical rotations at each campus meets targeted outcome objectives. Further, statistical information on inpatient and outpatient hours at each campus in different areas of medicine offers a basis for further quantitative analysis and study, and the potential for applying results to continuous curriculum improvement.

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