## Summer Student Research Program Project Description FACULTY SPONSOR'S NAME AND DEGREE: *Alice Chu, MD* PHONE: (973) 768 - 4802 DEPARTMENT AND INTERNAL MAILING ADDRESS: Orthopedics, E-MAIL: chual@njms.rutgers.edu PROJECT TITLE (200 Characters max):

Factors affecting compliance with scoliosis bracing

## **HYPOTHESIS:**

External and internal stressors affect compliance with scoliosis bracing: a qualitative study

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION** (Include design, methodology, data collection, techniques, data analysis to be employed and evaluation and interpretation methodology)

Scoliosis is a common condition affecting disproportionately female, adolescent patients. Bracing is a proven effective treatment, yet compliance with bracing is approximately 35%. Using a qualitative methodology, we aim to evaluate internal and external factors which will contribute to compliance with a bracing regimen.

SPONSOR'S MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS RELEVANT TO THIS RESEARCH:

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WHAT WILL THE STUDENT LEARN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE? The student will work closely with the PI to critically analyze the available literature, create hypotheses, test them, and evaluate data. Preexisting knowledge of analytical techniques is preferred.