The Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine seeks investigators with expertise in surgical health services research. Desired areas of research emphasis include making surgical care safe, effective, efficient, and equitable, using both patient and population-level data.

Each successful candidate will be an MD or PhD at the associate professor or professor level who has an established independent research program in health services research. Active federal funding is essential, with emphasis on NIH funding. The investigator’s research program should show a strong history of interdisciplinary collaboration, and the investigator should have a track record of mentoring students and post-doctoral fellows. Prior relevant academic training in public health, bioinformatics, implementation science, database studies, or qualitative techniques is a plus. Protected research time will be offered. A faculty appointment at the Associate Professor or Professor level will be given based on experience and fit with appointment guidelines. The applicant will be expected to contribute to the research areas of one of three focus areas:

The surgical investigator will join a robust center for health services research at IQuEST, the Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness, and Safety. IQuEST is a VA Center of Excellence, affiliated also with Baylor College of Medicine. Currently IQuEST is the largest center for health services research in the Southwest and houses over 200 faculty, postdoctoral fellows, trainees and research staff. Investigators are supported by programming personnel, administrative personnel, and a full range of research support staff. IQuEST faculty represent seven BCM departments: Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Ophthalmology, and Neurology. Center investigators collaborate with faculty at Rice University, The University of Texas School of Health Information Sciences and School of Public Health, University of Houston, and Texas A&M University. IQuEST and the Department of Surgery are linked through a joint training program, the Surgical Health Services Academy for Research and Education (SHARE).

Interested candidates should submit a personal statement and a curriculum vitae to the search committee at trautner@bcm.edu.

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