

UT Southwestern
Medical Center

UTS 142.1 Monitoring Plan Annual Review

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Executive Summary

Background

UTS 142.1 Policy on the Annual Financial Report requires each institution to develop and update a Monitoring Plan to ensure the existence of segregation of duties and performance of reconciliation for accounts by each designated ledger account owner. Each owner must certify annually to the adequacy of internal controls within their department. Through a documented risk assessment performed annually, the Offices of Accounting and Business Administrative Systems assist UT Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW) in its compliance requirements by assessing department owner representations on the existence of financial internal controls including validity of segregation of duties and ledger account review effectiveness.

Scope and Objectives

The UTSW Office of Internal Audit has completed its annual review of the UTSW *Monitoring Plan for Compliance with UTS 142.1* and certification by account owners (sub-certifications) for fiscal year 2018. The primary objective of this review was to assist UTSW management in assuring compliance with UT System Policy UTS 142.1 as required in Section 6, *Internal Audit of the Monitoring Plan*.

We conducted our examination according to guidelines set forth by the Institute of Internal Auditors' International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

Conclusion

The review determined that UTSW complies with UTS 142.1 and the Office of Accounting is carrying out their responsibilities related to the UTSW *Monitoring Plan for Compliance with UTS 142.1*. The department has an adequate risk assessment process and system for review, including follow up with departments on exceptions to validate assertions made within sub-certifications and to correct identified deficiencies. There were minor opportunities communicated to management for follow up.

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We appreciate the assistance and support received throughout the audit from The Office of Accounting, the Provost Office and Business Administrative Systems.

Sincerely,

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