Policy on FIT data use with PSO guardrails

To maintain consistency with current PSO restrictions and AHRQ guidelines, we (PSO) have adopted the following policy:

The ideal scenario for mentor/mentee matching will be for both individuals to come from the same institution. We believe that direct oversight and the need/ability to review identifiable data will be key to initiating successful Quality Improvement projects. We do, however, envision scenarios where the mentor and mentee may be from different institutions. In this case, we will have to limit access to data, based both on Patient Safety and RAC regulations. AHRQ Patient Safety Regulations will prohibit the viewing of identifiable information from another institution, so work will be limited to research using deidentified Blinded Data Sets.

For the research project, the topic will need to be based on a registry that is subscribed to by both the Mentor’s Institution, as well as the Mentee’s Institution. The proposal will need to be submitted to the RAC, which will teach the Trainee how to create and submit a research proposal and receive feedback from the RAC. Upon acceptance, both the Mentor and Mentee will have to sign the data use agreement, which is part of the standard RAC process.