Key questions defining research program:

1) We are looking to assess patient characteristics and aspects of care including LOS, complications, readmissions, ICU transfers, and other outcomes of interest.

2) A recent audit of 11 frequent fallers at Heritage Nursing facility demonstrated that falls occur around change of shift, variable documentation of the cause of the fall, and limited interdisciplinary communication about care planning. The fellow would work with DON and Heritage Medical Director to develop/implement an interdisciplinary fall prevention program.

Key words describing research program

1) Consult service, geriatrics
2) Fall prevention, nursing facility falls

Titles for shovel-ready research projects

1) Trauma service assessment
2) Fall Prevention at Heritage Nursing facility (co-precepted by Beth Porter, MD)

Data sources for shovel-ready research projects

1) Data are being collected via the trauma registry to assess patient characteristics and aspects of care including LOS, complications, readmissions, ICU transfers, and other outcomes of interest.

2) The fellow would work with DON and Heritage Medical Director to develop/implement an interdisciplinary fall prevention program. Current fall prevention involves daily reporting at standup, care planning, and monthly reporting to the QA committee and data exists around these efforts.