

## Is UnityPoint Health - Meriter part of the UW Health Care Component?

**No.**

The UW-Madison Health Care Component is included in the University of Wisconsin Affiliated Covered Entity (ACE)

An ACE consists of legally separate covered entities that are affiliated (under common ownership or control) and designate themselves as a single covered entity for purposes of complying with HIPAA.

### **UnityPoint Health – Meriter is not part of the UW ACE.**

Meriter is not owned by UW. Meriter is a separate legal entity from the UW ACE.

Sharing Protected Health Information (PHI) cannot occur as though Meriter is part of the ACE.

Meriter Medical Staff employed by UW Health or SMPH:

- are not considered members of the Meriter HIPAA Covered Entity for research purposes.
- need approval from Meriter Research Compliance for their research HIPAA compliance plan.

## How might this impact your research at Meriter?

Please return to the webpage. You will find links to the topics below for your review.

- [HIPAA and Record Review/Data Research](#)
- [HIPAA and Subject Recruitment](#)
- [HIPAA and Preparatory to Research Activities](#)