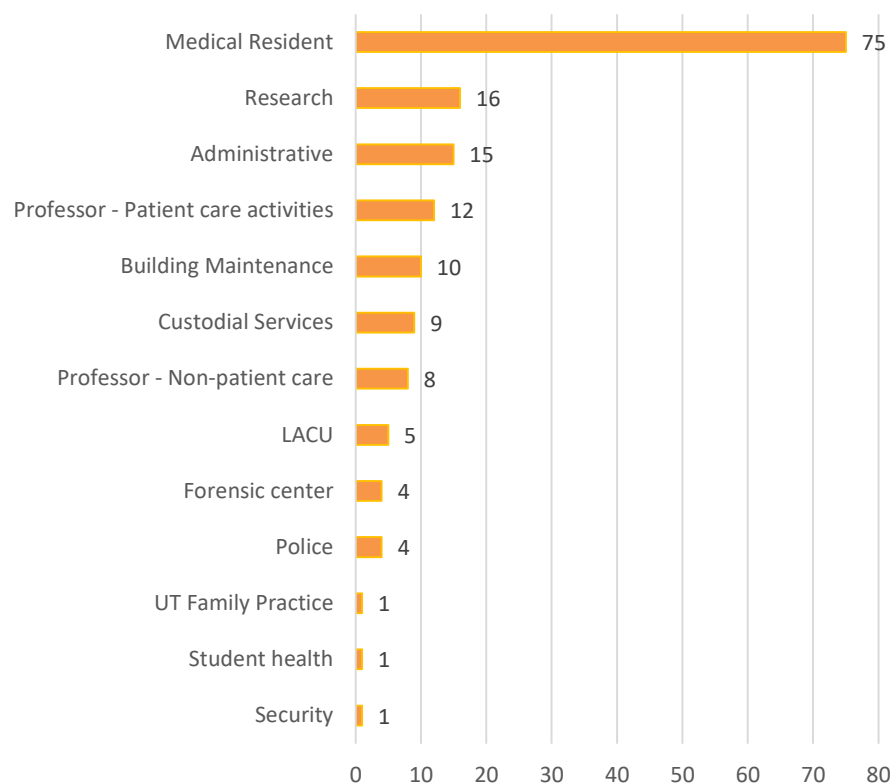


## UTHSC Employee Injury and Illness, 2019

### Medical Residents

In 2019 there were a total of 161 total incidents reported by UTHSC employees. Medical residents accounted for 47% of all incidents. Efforts to raise awareness of workplace hazards and safety practices such as sharps handling and the selection and use of appropriate PPE could significantly decrease the total number of injuries and reduce the risk of exposures. Data on injuries and illnesses were self-reported by employees using the CorVel 24/7 nurse line.

UTHSC Injuries by Campus Division, 2019



The most common injuries among residents were needlesticks/sharps handling (82%) and infectious exposures through splashes (13%).

Common needlestick/sharps injuries involved suturing (22), scalpel handling (10), central line placement (4) and sticks while numbing (4).

Many reported splash exposures could have been prevented by using a faceshield.

Respiratory exposure to infectious disease decreased from seven incidents in 2018 to one incident in 2019. Such exposures may be addressed through proper use of N95 respirators.

UTHSC Medical Resident Injuries, 2019

