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**SPECIALTY PRACTICE OF CLINICAL RESEARCH NURSING
RECOGNIZED
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Clinical research nursing is the specialized practice of professional nursing focused on maintaining equilibrium between care of the research participant and fidelity to the research protocol. This specialty practice incorporates human subjects protection; care coordination and continuity; contribution to clinical science; clinical practice; and study management throughout a variety of professional roles, practice settings, and clinical specialties. (IACRN, 2012).

The International Association of Clinical Research Nurses (IACRN) is proud to announce that the American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors now recognizes clinical research nursing as a specialty nursing practice. In addition, the scope of practice statement for clinical research nursing was approved and the standards of practice have been acknowledged for a five year period. The scope and standards for clinical research nursing will be co-published by the ANA and IACRN and will be available in the Fall of 2016. The publication will contain up-to-date information for nurse leaders, educators and registered nurses (RN) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) caring for patients participating in clinical research.

Through specialty practice, the clinical research nurse (CRN) makes important contributions to the clinical research process, quality of the research outcomes and most importantly the safe expert care of research participants. Members of the IACRN have recognized the special contributions and unique needs of clinical research participants along with the specialty training necessary for the CRN to deliver high quality safe care to all research participants.

CRNs practice globally, their unique body of knowledge consists of specialized training in nursing care, research regulations, scientific process, human subjects protection and data collection, analysis, and interpretation. CRNs care for a wide range of research participants throughout the life span and across states of wellness and disease, in all settings. CRNs are integral members of the research team contributing to high quality research outcomes and are essential to the safe expert care of research participants.

About the International Association of Clinical Research Nurses

IACRN organized in 2008 for the purpose of defining, validating, and advancing clinical research nursing as a specialty practice and to support the professional development of registered nurses who directly or indirectly impact the care of clinical research participants across all clinical specialties. Current membership represents 11 countries on 4 continents. IACRN holds an annual meeting each fall.

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