

## Topic Ideas for the 2022 IACRN Conference

- **Research Ethics & Protection of Research Participants**
  - Ethical dilemmas: Research vs clinical care
  - Health disparities in clinical research
  - Single IRB review and challenges for compliance monitoring
  - Ethical considerations/impact on subjects (e.g., Computer-based trials, Artificial Intelligence, COVID-19, Research site employees)
- **Informed Consent**
  - Health literacy and impact on informed consent process
  - Decisional capacity assessment and implications for the CRN
  - Consent and e-consent development, implementation, and documentation (e.g., remote signatures, e-consents, e-signatures)
  - Assent process for children and adults
- **Protocol Development, Review and Approval**
  - Trial design and impact on implementation (decentralized clinical trials, Artificial Intelligence, Basket/umbrella clinical trials)
  - Eligibility criteria: Diversity/inclusivity
  - Technology application
  - Feasibility and planning, low accrual and closure
  - Mobile health/Advancements in data collection technologies (use of mobile devices, use of wearable device)
- **Financial: Study Feasibility and Billing Compliance**
  - Protocol feasibility (e.g., processes, what is involved, who is involved) and CRN role in protocol feasibility assessment and operationalization
  - Developing budgets/contracts for clinical research/clinical trials
  - Research billing compliance: concerns and traps/pitfalls to avoid
  - Budget negotiation: achieving adequate returns for the work that is put into a study.
- **Recruitment and Retention**
  - Subject recruitment and retention strategies
  - Preparing recruitment materials
  - Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- **Roles and Responsibilities of the Clinical Research Nurse and Research Team**
  - Models of care
  - Exploring the scope/roles of CRN specialty (e.g, advocate, study coordinator, project manager, dire care nurse, advanced practice nurse)
  - Delineation of role between CRN and other licensed and non-licensed staff
  - Collaborative role of nurse navigator and CRN
- **Study Conduct and Participant Care**
  - Feasibility assessment
  - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) development
  - Tips for success in conducting clinical research in a community or home setting
  - Challenges and strategies for operationalizing a study

- Strategies for study start-up
  - Strategies for participant protocol adherence
  - Use of virtual methods
  - Working with challenging PIs, participants, and families
  - Impact of COVID of research processes
- **Data and Safety Monitoring and Reportable Events**
  - Quality management activities for research sites
  - Impact of virtual monitoring and auditing/Remote monitoring visits
  - FDA inspection preparation
- **Research Site Management**
  - Protocol acuity tools
  - Managing a remote workforce
  - Staffing models (e.g., use of licensed and unlicensed personnel)
  - Quality improvement projects
- **Professional Development**
  - Leadership role of the CRN
    - Working with challenging PIs, other team members, participants and families
  - Professional Practice
    - Ways to advance in the field of clinical research close to home in our own community
    - Scope of practice, how to function to the highest level with a nursing license in research
    - CRN scope of practice and tips on role independence
    - Career paths including member of pharmaceutical sponsors for a research nurse
  - CRN Training/Education: Specifics examples of what has worked and what hasn't worked
  - Importance of certification
  - How to develop, write and submit a manuscript
  - Exemplars on the use of the IACRN Core Curriculum
  - Career paths in the specialty practice
  - How to initiate and maintain an IACRN Local Chapter