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October 18-20, 2017

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President's Message

Greetings! We are in the midst of putting the finishing touches on this year's conference agenda. In preparation, I have begun reviewing IACRN's accomplishments for the year. As a small international organization, we are committed to ensuring an international presence in clinical research nursing. This often feels like a gigantic challenge; however, we have had wonderful successes this year! I joined a March meeting of the Scottish Research Nurse & Coordinators Network via video to talk about the Scope and Standards of Practice for CRNs. In May, President-Elect, MJ Williams attended an International Nurses Day celebration in London and networked with visiting and local CRNs. Xiaokun Liang, Shaunagh Browning and Nicole Hansen traveled to Beijing, China to engage in a three-day educational training for CRNs, then Shaunagh and Xiaokun continued to meet with stake holders in Shanghai, China. In July, I joined the UKCRF meeting in Glasgow and gave a presentation on IACRN then continued to London and South Hampton to network on behalf of IACRN. Our October conference will include presentations by nurses from Australia, England, China, Japan, Canada, Ireland and the US. The October conference will be a wonderful venue to continue our international collaboration. I am looking forward to seeing each of you in October so you can hear all the accomplishments of IACRN in 2017!

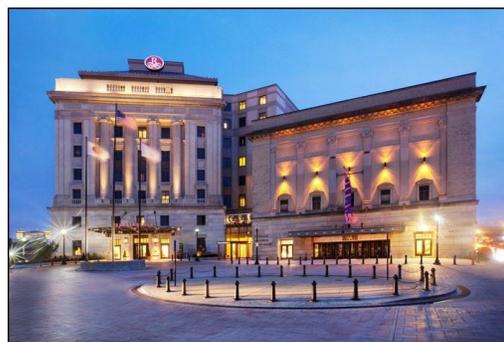


IACRN Conference

Registration is now open for the IACRN 9th Annual Conference!

October 18-20, 2017
Renaissance Providence Hotel
Providence, Rhode Island, USA

[Click here to register](#)
[Click here for the conference brochure](#)



****Register now to take advantage of the early registration discount, pay later! Additionally, you can make several payments up until October 13th until your balance is paid off.**

Pre-Conference Sessions - Wednesday, October 18, 2017

8am - 4pm

Track 1 - The CRN as Study Coordinator: Overview of Responsibilities

Elizabeth Ness, MS, BSN, RN, National Cancer Institute
Brian Beardslee, MSN, RN, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Deborah Grady, MS, RN, CCRC, National Cancer Institute

Clinical Research Nurses (CRNs) have many roles within the clinical research enterprise. One role is that of the study coordinator. The CRN study coordinator's (CRNSC) role is multi-faceted and may vary based on the clinical research setting. As a member of the research team, the CRNSC ensures: adherence to the ethical standards for clinical and research care, protocol compliance, integrity of the informed consent process, appropriate management of clinical research participants, management of source and essential documents, integrity of the research data, and appropriate financial stewardship. This all-day Pre-Conference workshop will provide an overview of these various responsibilities of a novice (<2 years CRNSC). The responsibilities of the CRN study coordinator will be woven throughout these important topics.

Track 2 - Ethical and Regulatory Considerations in the Genomic Era (8:00am - 11:30am)

Kathleen Calzone, PhD, RN, AGN-BC, FAAN, National Cancer Institute
Georgie Cusack, MS, RN, AOCNS, National Institutes of Health
Sharon Flynn, MS, RN, ANP-BC, AOCNS, BMTCN, National Institutes of Health

Elucidating the role of genomic variation in health, disease risk, illness, and treatment response has the potential to revolutionize the scope of information generated from clinical research. Genomic science and technologies influence the entire healthcare continuum and are fundamental components of research. This presentation explores the fundamentals of genomics impact on conducting research including the regulatory considerations.

Leadership Development: Are You Up for the Challenge? (12:30pm - 4:00pm)

Georgie Cusack, MS, RN, AOCNS, National Institutes of Health
Sharon Flynn, MS, RN, ANP-BC, AOCNS, BMTCN, National Institutes of Health

This Pre-Conference session will utilize several tools to describe leadership development concepts and competencies. Clinical Research Nurses (CRNs) will receive training on the creation of a mission and vision statement and an individual leadership development plan. Tools for self-assessment of leadership style and emotional intelligence will aid them in identifying their personal leadership strengths and limitations. CRNs will be provided information on the essential components of collaboration and teamwork including professional communication, problem-solving techniques, and the basics of leading a meeting. The ability to assess the professional climate and influence change will assist in strategic planning for future growth of the organization. Finally, CRNs will be taught how to develop an action plan and select a mentor. Leadership development and mentorship of CRNs at all levels within the specialty strengthen coalitions and support organizational goals.

Track 3 - The Art of Advocacy: Putting CRN Scope and Standards into Action in your Institution

Shaunagh Browning, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, Georgetown University
Alec J. Stone, MA, MPA, Oncology Nursing Society
Lauren Inouye, MPP, RN, American Association of Colleges of Nursing

The Scope and Standards of Practice for Clinical Research Nurses was approved by the ANA in August of 2016. The publication of the Scope and Standards was the first step in providing a tool for Clinical Research Nurses to "guide specialty nurses in the application of their professional knowledge, skills, and responsibilities (ANA, 2016)". The challenge now lies in application of this document in local settings where CRNs practice. Nurses have been ranked

the most trusted professional in the Nation for the 15th year in a row (ANA, 2016). Nurses work hard to advocate for patients, but it is not clear they have the necessary skills to advocate effectively for their own practice issues (Tomajan, 2012). This pre-conference will introduce CRNs to political competency and basic advocacy skills that can be applied to their practice settings to affect policy change. Empowering nurses to have critical conversations in an effective manner will help disseminate the important role of the CRN. Using the Scope and Standards as a foundation, talking points and tools will be developed for use in role play at the pre-conference and for use in the CRNs practice setting. Expanding on these advocacy concepts will also provide the skills to have similar conversations at the governmental level, both locally and nationally.

Informational Sessions

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:45pm - 5:45pm

*Each committee will have a representative available to answer questions during this time.

Chapter Governance Jonathan Roland, MS, BSN, RN The Ottawa Hospital Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Membership, Marketing & Communications Georgie Cusack, MS, RN, AOCNS National Institutes of Health Bethesda, Maryland, USA	How to Write a Position Statement Margaret McCabe, PhD, RN Boston Children's Hospital Boston, Massachusetts, USA
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Social Media Survey Results and New Website!

Please join us for the Membership, Marketing & Communications Informational Session at the Conference where we will present the Social Media Survey Results and solicit feedback for our new and improved IACRN website!

International Spotlight

Dr. Susan Hamer

Director of Nursing, Learning and Organizational Development
National Institute for Health Research

Becoming International

Thinking of your own professional development? Thinking of the coming year? Why not join an IACRN study visit hosted by the IACRN UK and Ireland Branch to take place in May 2018?

As the IACRN starts to develop and disseminate its essential work on the scopes and standards of clinical research nursing practice it is always interesting to see how colleagues elsewhere in the world are developing their own practice.

With this in mind, the IACRN UK and Ireland branch in conjunction with the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) are inviting colleagues to join them for a one week study visit next year. [Read more...](#)

Membership Update

Welcome New Members

Caryn Caparrotta – The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Carla Croft – UW Health
Lorraine Drapek – Massachusetts General Hospital
Kristin Maloney – Huntsman Cancer Institute/University of Utah
Socorro Pata – University of Florida
Kristie Quinn
Kathleen Roberge – KIDA Research
Lisa Tetreault – Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

Total Active Members to Date = 342

Upcoming Webinar

Participant Focused Care: Integrating Patient and Family Centered Care into Clinical Research

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

[**Register**](#)

Patient and family centered care is an important concept in healthcare. We are moving away from the paternalistic, disease focused approaches to a model where the needs, preferences, and values of the patient and family are incorporated into the care plan. There are many models of patient and family centered care. During this webinar, we will discuss the overarching concepts of patient and family centered care and how we can integrate the concepts into clinical research. We will also discuss how participant focused care fits into our practice, how we can better meet the needs, preferences, and values of those participating in clinical research, and the challenges and barriers to integrating participant focused care into our practice.

Presented by:



Tamara Kempken Mehring, MSN, BSN, RN
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Earn a Free IACRN Membership

IACRN has a program that enables members to earn a complimentary membership each year. Simply speak with your friends and colleagues and recruit them! If five people join IACRN between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, and list you as their referral source on their membership application, your membership for the following year will be free! You may never have to pay membership dues again. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity.

Publication Deadlines

Members are invited to submit content to be included in the *In the Loop!* Samples of information include: news about you or your program, committee initiatives, networking opportunities, and presentations or publications that promote and raise awareness of Clinical Research.

Please send submissions to Mary Jackson at jacksonmj@nhlbi.nih.gov or Cameron Sze at cameron_sze@dfci.harvard.edu by the deadlines listed below.

The "Deadline for Submission" is the last date material can be received to be included in the *In the Loop* issue identified in the "Publication Date" column.

Deadline for Submission	Publication Date
September 29, 2017	October 6, 2017
October 27, 2017	November 3, 2017
November 22, 2017	December 1, 2017
December 22, 2017	January 5, 2018



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