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Focus Edition Guest Editors

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The aim of this focused edition of *JRN* is to give voice to clinical research nurses and midwives (CRN/Ms) in order to advance international understanding and debate of the scope, context and impact of this nursing and midwifery specialism.

As the number of CRN/Ms increase around the world, a deeper understanding of their contribution to multidisciplinary clinical research is required to ensure their potential is understood and realised. Traditionally CRN/Ms are often portrayed simply as the providers of clinical skills and research expertise to enable the completion of safe and effective clinical trials. However, there is emerging evidence that this is a somewhat simplistic view that doesn't capture the full scope of the role and contribution of CRN/Ms as equal partners in multi-disciplinary clinical research.

We are particularly interested in work which describes the centrality of the CRN/M practitioner, both in terms of the successful conduct of research and /or how clinical nursing and midwifery research practitioners contribute to the development of nursing/midwifery practice. Papers may be research studies of any design, case-studies, evaluations or practice development initiatives

Examples could include (but are not limited to):

- Perspectives on research workforce planning, including the impact of non-nursing/midwifery personnel taking on some of the CRN/M responsibilities;
- Identification of, and potential solutions to, ethical issues related to clinical research practice;
- The contribution of CRN/Ms to the rapid response to deliver Covid-19 clinical research;
- The impact that CRN/Ms have on the informed consent process (including its international applicability);
- The practice education role of the CRN/M in the clinical setting (e.g. how CRNs influence and support the implementation of evidence in practice); and
- The role of the CRN/M in developing research awareness in undergraduate education programmes.

The contribution of the paper to, or implications for, both nursing practice and health and social care policy must be made explicit.

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