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October 18-20, 2021

### News & Events

#### Don't Miss Webinars!

#### ANA On-Demand Webinars

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### Welcome New Members

As a member of IACRN, you are part of the first organization founded to meet the professional needs of clinical research nurses. By belonging to IACRN, you have gained access to a wealth of benefits to support you in your practice and profession.

[Click here](#) for more member benefit information

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# Pearls of Wisdom

... from the Education Committee



### Using Patient Surveys in Clinical Research Studies

Here are five steps to follow to ensure you can use a patient survey:

1. Determine if permission is needed.
  - a. Many surveys (e.g., quality of life or other patient report outcomes) are under copyright protection and you may need to obtain permission prior to use. This permission is called licensing.
  - b. There are different levels of permission to use a survey: [Read More](#)

## News & Events

### CRN Certification

We are excited to announce details of CRN Certification! "Certification in a Nursing Specialty demonstrates a commitment to advancing one's knowledge and skillset. It is official recognition of achievement, expertise, and clinical judgment from the profession and requires continued learning and skill development to maintain" (ANCC, 2010). CRN-BC credential represents the only nursing specific certification that recognizes expertise as a clinical research nurse. Certification will be earned through completion of a professional portfolio that validates the applicants expert performance in clinical research nursing. More information, documents, and forms are being added to the IACRN website weekly.

Submission deadlines:  
**April 1 and October 1.**

If you are interested in obtaining this certification visit

<https://iacrn.org/CRN-Certification-by-Portfolio>  
for more details.

Check the IACRN website for application and activity documentation forms

## Education Committee Update

Happy New Year! The Education Committee is rolling out a new initiative aimed at utilizing a variety of synchronous and asynchronous educational strategies to engage our membership on a clinical research topic once per quarter. The **four prong approach** includes:

1. A webinar on a selected quarterly topic. The webinar will provide the educational foundation for the upcoming discussions. Information regarding the time and date of the webinar will be posted on the IACRN homepage and will be FREE to IACRN members.
2. In the Loop will publish 3-5 key take-away points from the webinar to fresh your memory on the topic and provide resources if you wish to seek additional information.
3. Discussion board postings on the IACRN website will stimulate an asynchronous discussion on the quarterly topic. We hope this will prompt members to share resources and ideas with each other.
4. And finally once per quarter, the Education Committee will host an informal Zoom discussion on the topic. The live quarterly forum is open to all IACRN members and provides a chance to meet other members, share experiences on the topic, ask questions, and discuss strategies utilized at your institution. A moderator will be present to kick off the discussion for the power hour. Please note, the time of the session will rotate each quarter to accommodate as many members from around the world as possible.

First quarter topic: Performing Clinical Research During a Pandemic

Take Away Points from the Webinar:

1. **What are Essential Research Protocols?** – Essential research that is critical to the clinical care and safety of patients and participant including access to treatment or clinical research for COVID-19+ patients and Health Care Workers
2. **Determining Question** - Is the research "essential to the health and/or wellbeing of a participant?"
  - a. Is there a need to perform procedures or conduct direct assessments for safety reasons and to administer or dispense medications?
  - b. Visits solely for the purpose of collecting data that are not safety related or directly informing the primary end points should be reviewed and may be considered non-essential, even in context of clinical trials.
  - c. Assess what research activities can be conducted over the phone and can specimen collections be able to be collected at home and dropped off/mailed if appropriate collection receptacles are sent out.

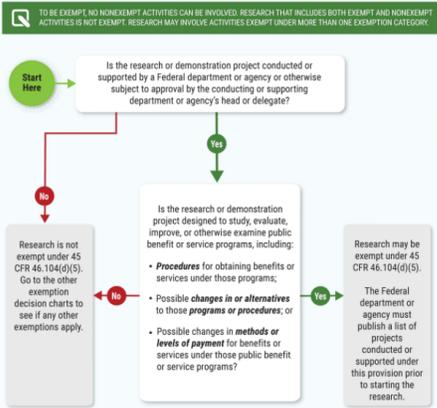
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#### REGULATORY CORNER

Chart 07: Does Exemption 45 CFR 46.104(d)(5) for Public Benefit or Service Programs Apply?



Decision charts can be accessed at:

<https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/decision-charts-2018/index.html>

### IACRN TOOLKIT

We are looking for materials to add to our member toolkit. Items include, but are not limited to:

Online resources: websites you use frequently

- Templates and documents:
- Orientation materials
- PK sheets
- Helpful hints to prepare for an audit or an audit Worksheet
- Job descriptions
- Templates
- Checklists
- How you incorporated the IACRN Scope and Standards into your institution

Members can go to the toolkit page to submit their content:

<https://iacrn.org/Templates-documents>

### Education Committee Update (continued)

#### 3. Strategies Utilized at One Institution

- a. Practice modifications allowed for continued new enrollment and treatment for existing participants.
- b. Making clinical trials more accessible and less stressful for potential patients allowed for broader participation.
- c. This had immediate and future benefits for cancer patients and can potentially help to streamline the development of effective cancer therapies.

Resources:

1. Food and Drug Administration (FDA):- COVID-19 Related Guidance Documents for Industry, FDA Staff, and other Stakeholders: [COVID-19-Related Guidance Documents for Industry, FDA Staff, and Other Stakeholders | FDA](#)
2. National Cancer Institute: COVID-19 Information for Cancer Researchers: [COVID-19 Information for Cancer Researchers - National Cancer Institute](#)
3. FDA Guidance on Conduct of Clinical Trials of Medical Products during COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: [FDA Guidance on Conduct of Clinical Trials of Medical Products during COVID-19 Public Health Emergency | FDA](#)

### Identifying Essential Research Protocols during the COVID 19 Pandemic

What are Essential Research Protocols? – Essential research that is critical to the clinical care and safety of patients and participant including access to treatment or clinical research for COVID-19+ patients and Health Care Workers

Determining Question - Is the research "essential to the health and/or wellbeing of a participant?"

- Is there a need to perform procedures or conduct direct assessments for safety reasons and to administer or dispense medications?
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<https://cctsi.cuanschutz.edu/resources/ctrc/return-to-research>

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#### CAREER CORNER



#### CURRENT JOB POSTINGS:

Looking for a new CRN position or career opportunity? View our open positions below.

#### Clinical Research Specialist

Sanford Health  
Sioux Falls, SD

#### Clinic Research RN

Sanford Health  
Sioux Falls, SD

#### Clinical Research RN

Georgetown University  
Washington, DC

#### Professor

Lambton College  
Sarnia, Ontario



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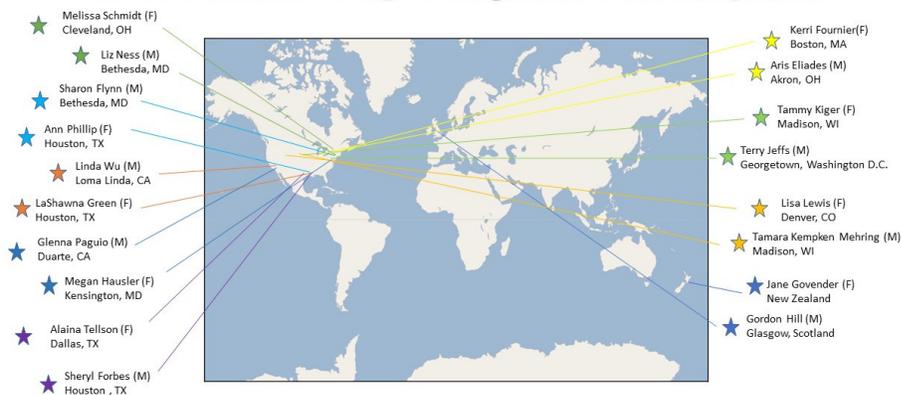
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of \$100 per posting, so be sure to  
log in as a member before  
purchasing.



The IACRN Japan Chapter hosted the "1st Japan Research Nurse Forum" on 19th Dec. 2020. Over 90 nurses attended the online forum to learn about research nursing. Five officers of the Japan chapter delivered their presentations about following topics. Fundamentals of research, collaborating with team members including research participants, the role and importance of research nurses, and researches on research nursing. The lectures were followed by a discussion on the patient care by research nurses. After the forum, many nurses (participants) gave their positive feedback to the forum and expressed their learning motivation about research nursing.

### Congratulations and Welcome 2021 Leadership Program Participants



The Leadership Program provides a framework to engage IACRN members, nurture leadership within the organization, and builds a viable foundation for future leadership of IACRN and beyond.

- The 10 month program offers unique networking experiences and educational content focused on CRNs interested in developing their leadership skills.
- Leadership fellows are paired with engaged IACRN members to champion mentoring partnerships and ignite a passion for leadership.
- The program nurtures a culture of collaboration and professional growth, strengthening the future for IACRN by developing leadership potential of participants.

For more info click [here](#)