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ANA Recognizes Clinical Research Nursing

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Dear Members,

One hundred and six years ago Nancy Poultney Ellicott of Rockefeller University began to conceptualize and write about the practice of clinical research nursing. Today, we celebrate ANA's recognition of clinical research nursing as a specialty practice! As we take a moment to celebrate it is important to recognize the many friends of IACRN who have contributed to specialty practice recognition and the development of the scope and standards for clinical research nursing, due to be published this fall. Their vision and persistence will have a lasting effect on the profession of nursing and the quality of care research participants receive. The final push to ANA recognition came from a small workgroup, MJ Williams, Shaunagh Browning, Tamara Kempken-Mehring and myself. The next steps on our journey move us toward specialty certification. This process will also require the efforts of many to achieve success. Together, we have a bright future as we continue to establish clinical research nursing as a global specialty practice. I hope each of you is planning to join us in Lake Buena Vista as we celebrate this very important achievement for clinical research nursing!

Meg McCabe, PhD, RN, PNP
President, IACRN

IACRN's 8th Annual Conference!

IACRN's 8th Annual Conference Final Agenda

Pre-conference sessions, keynote speaker, endnote speaker, and all podium presentations have been populated into the Conference Agenda. [Click here](#) for the

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Final Agenda to see all that you have to look forward to in October!

Early bird deadline to register for the IACRN 8th Annual Conference is August 31st!

Registration for IACRN's 8th Annual Conference is OPEN!



"Clinical Research Nursing: Embodying Team Science for Participant-Focused Care"

October 24-26, 2016

Wyndham Lake Buena Vista
Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA

[Click here for the final agenda.](#)

[Register NOW!](#)

So What is Team Science anyway?

The theme for the 8th Annual IACRN Conference is '**Clinical Research Nursing: Embodying Team Science for Participant-Focused Care**'. So what is Team Science anyway?

Team Science is an approach that brings together groups of individuals to address complex scientific concepts¹. The thought process behind team science is that if you combine specialized expertise, theoretical approaches and research methods you can produce higher impact science¹.

The Science of Team Science (SciTS) is a type of research that looks at what processes help or hinder collaborative research¹. Bomer et al proposes using a multi-level mixed methods framework using macro, meso and micro level research. Macro level looks at organization change and cultural norms. Meso level examines group dynamics and teamwork. Micro level looks at individual training acquisition, communication and conflict resolution¹.

The National Cancer Institute developed a Team Science toolkit with resources for facilitating team science (www.teamsciencetoolkit.cancer.gov)². Resources include tools to facilitate and evaluate team science, a self-assessment tool for facilitating team processes, and publications using team science.

Our keynote speaker [Steven Fiore, PhD](#) will be discussing the concept of team science and team dynamics at our

conference in October. We hope you will have the opportunity to join us as we move forward in our quest to enhance the specialty practice of Clinical Research Nursing.

1 Börner, K, Contractor, N, Falk-Krzesinski, HJ, Fiore, SM, Hall, KL, Keyton, J, Spring, B, Stokols, D, Trochim, W, and Uzzi, B. (2010). A Multi-Level Systems Perspective for the Science of Team Science. *Sci Transl Med* 2(49): 49cm24. doi:10.1126/scitranslmed.3001399.

2 Vogel, AL, Hall, KL, Fiore, SM, Klein, JT, Bennett, LM, Gadlin, H, Stokols, D., Nebeling, LC, Wuchty, S., Patrick, K., Spotts, EL, Pohl, C., Riley, WT, Falk-Krzesinski, HJ. (2013). The Team Science Toolkit: Enhancing Research Collaboration Through Online Knowledge Sharing. *AM J Prev Med* 45 (6)L 787-789.

Georgie Cusack, MS, RN, AOCNS
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Call for Board Nominations

The Nominations Committee is delighted to announce that there is a Call for Nominations out for the forthcoming vacancies on the IACRN Board of Directors (BOD).

The positions are:

[President-Elect](#)

[Secretary](#)

[Member-at-Large](#)

[Global Member-at-Large](#)

This is a special opportunity for you to consider applying for one of these exciting and influential roles within the IACRN. Each position has a fixed term in office and specific role responsibilities. All incoming Board terms will commence on January 1, 2017.

In addition to this, the current post-holders would gladly share their experiences with you so please feel free to contact them. If you would like to be considered for any of the above positions, **please complete and submit an application form by Monday, August 29.**

[Click here](#) for the application form.

If you would like more information on the nominations process please contact Lisa Berry, Chair of Nominations Committee lisa.berry@uhs.nhs.uk.

The Nominations Committee looks forward to receiving your application!

Up Close and Personal: Shaunagh Browning



It is a great pleasure to write this piece about my colleague and friend Shaunagh Browning. You won't want to miss her receiving the Distinguished Clinical Research Nurse Award this October at our IACRN conference in Lake Buena Vista.

This is a just reward and recognition of her years of dedication to IACRN as Founding Member, President, Scope and Standards guru, cheerleader and all around good egg. As the first international member I found her tireless support and encouragement key to my continued, active participation. She was always at the end of an email or phone whenever I needed her. And that was not always easy given the 5 hour time difference. But she accommodated my schedule when I was a Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors - even taking a call from me at home one Saturday morning!

But Shaunagh's support did not end there. A midyear Board meeting in Danville PA was going to be challenging for me to attend. But always the trouble shooter, she suggested I fly into DC and we could have a road trip. What a great idea! So off we went, like Thelma and Louise, (but with a happy ending and without Brad Pitt). I was terribly jetlagged but my chauffeur ensured I was sustained with a steady supply of snacks and good banter.

However that was not the first time we traveled together. She attended two of our UK Clinical Research Facility Network conferences. First in Dublin then in Birmingham. I will spare you the photos of our Bhangra dancing in Birmingham and Dublin pub crawl. But her integration and collaborative work ethic has helped us create and develop great links between the UK research infrastructure and IACRN.

Shaunagh is the consummate professional, a wonderful role model and steadfast friend. I can't wait to see her bestowed with this fantastic award and hear her lecture. I've just registered for the conference and urge you to attend this year as well.

Jennifer Allison
DCRNA Recipient 2011

Welcome to our New Members!

The Membership, Marketing and Communications committee would like to cordially welcome the following members who joined IACRN in July, 2016:

Julie Cayler, University of Iowa

Nicole Kressin, University of Iowa

Kimberly Martin, Massachusetts General Hospital

Krysten Soldan, Memorial Sloan Kettering

Vanessa Young, Boston Children's Hospital

Allison Zibulewsky, Hope Clinic

Current Job Postings

Clinical Research Trial Site Consultant

Recruitment Partners LLC

Columbia, Maryland, USA

[Posted August 3](#)

Clinical Research Nurse

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Chicago, Illinois, USA

[Posted July 25](#)

Research Associate, RN

Oregon Health and Science University

Portland, Oregon, USA

[Posted July 25](#)

Research Nurse Coordinator

Swedish Cancer Institute

Seattle, Washington, USA

[Posted July 11](#)

For details about these job postings, please go to www.iacr.org, log in as a member and go to the Members Only section - Job Opportunities.