



**IACRN Research Committee Minutes
December 12, 2018**

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Presiding: Carolynn Jones: Chair; meeting called to order 3:31 PM Eastern

1. Announcements:
 - a. Call for Abstracts opens probably Jan 7, 2019 for IACRN 11th Annual Conference
2. Discussion to set Committee meetings dates and times:
 - a. Committee decision made to hold meetings on **3rd Friday of every other month, 11am to 12pm via Zoom.**
 - i. Dates: January 18th; March 15th; May 17th; July 19th; September 20th; October – at conference; November 15th; December date optional.
 - ii. Decision for meeting times based on change of workflow within committee to allow more time to get the work done. General committee meetings will serve as a reporting mechanism for the individual subgroups.
3. **Review of projects:** The following list began at the Research Committee meeting at the October 2018 conference and was generated from the cards that committee members submitted to describe their interest. Keep in mind that *the mission of the Research Committee is to define and measure sensitive outcomes in the clinical research process and to demonstrate the impact of clinical research nursing practice. The Research Committee charge is to continue research to describe and validate the specialty practice of clinical research nursing.*
4. Considering the developing Research Committee Activity list (projects) we need to make sure that the approach we take with any of the projects, points back to the mission of the Research Committee within the IACRN. The overall goal is to develop dedicated teams across a spectrum of areas to work on demonstrating research and value around the CRN specialty.
5. The List is long: some topics will lend themselves to working papers, some lend themselves to actual research projects; some can be a pilot leading to larger projects. Our challenge will be to set priorities and establish project leaders, develop teams and timelines to work on projects. Participating as a Project Lead is an opportunity for leadership, for Individuals to self-identify and take charge to keep the project moving.
 - a. **Acuity Tool:** Additional research is needed on Acuity Tools. Old tools have been developed in the past but are there new things that have been developed that work better in the current research environment?
 - b. **Adverse Events:** Issues related to identification of adverse events and reporting

- c. **Anything Pediatrics: Aris:** related to current variability in practice used in obtaining consent and assent in the pediatric population - we need to explore this variability looking several aspects - what is required, what age to start assent process. **Hazel** has experience with an accreditation process for teaching how to gain consent and assent among pediatric patients.
- d. **CRN-Midwife lead studies**
- e. **CRN roles:** a specific project targeted to value and impact of CRNs.
- f. **Database of demographics of CRCs:** demographic profile of clinical research nurse coordinators of clinical research nurse coordinators. Need clarification on this topic.
- g. **Maternal and Child health**
- h. **Statistics:** Principal component factor analysis
- i. **Qualitative Research:** vignette study looking at CRN roles from qualitative research approach.
- j. **Research Education Series:** This topic is a continuation of an education series offered by the Research committee in the past; Targeted to CRNs to provide basics in research. developing research questions, how to match research design with research question; methods: qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods; data collection; data analysis, etc.
- k. **Scope and standard of mid-wives in European Union**
- l. **Scope and Standards:** extent to which CRNs follow our scopes and standards
- m. **Social epidemiology:** look at health inequities; example from Hazel – looking at tube (subway) maps in London with Downing Street at the center, with every tube stop moving north away from London, the life expectancy decreases, also looking at social, ethnic factors; more about equity rather than quality. Also involves matching the research tools to research participant population: if participants are deaf or blind, does consenting process use sign language or braille? Role of CRNs making impact on folks being able to participate in clinical research exploring social epidemiology (implications for accessibility, recruitment and retention).
- n. **Team Science:** demonstrating the value of CRNs as part of research team.
- o. **Using Yoga** as an intervention for stress reduction among CRNs
- p. **Other ideas?**

6. **Mechanics of how this will work:**

- a. Committee members' emails are attached to the agenda.
- b. Project leads can start to assemble their group.
- c. If IRB is required for project, Project Leader should work with group members to use their local IRB where possible.
- d. The larger Research Committee meetings will be used for reporting on activities and strategizing solutions to any challenges. At this meeting is where you find out about what is happening in the rest of the committee.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 16:40. Great meeting! and Happy Holidays everyone.

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