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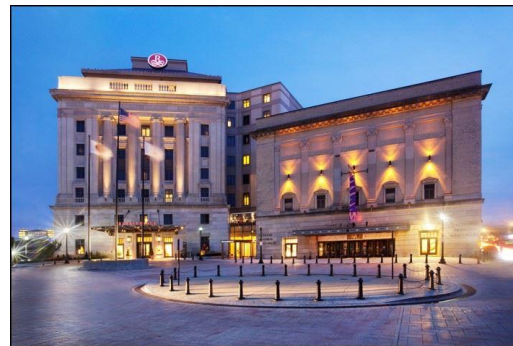
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## IACRN Conference

Registration is now open for the IACRN 9th Annual Conference!  
October 18-20, 2017  
Renaissance Providence Hotel  
Providence, Rhode Island, USA

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## 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.

<b>Chapter Governance</b> Jonathan Roland, MS, BSN, RN The Ottawa Hospital Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	<b>Membership, Marketing &amp; Communications</b> Georgie Cusack, MS, RN, AOCNS National Institutes of Health Bethesda, Maryland, USA	<b>How to Write a Position Statement</b> 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!

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## **International Spotlight**

Our international spotlight this month will focus on two of our colleagues from the United Kingdom who collaborated on an article titled "[The Evolving Professional Identity of the Clinical Research Nurse: A Qualitative Exploration](#)". Swapna Kunhunny, MRes, BSN, RN, is a Clinical Research Nurse Specialist at the Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Essex, UK. Debra Salmon, PhD, MSc, BA Hons, is a Professor of Community Health and Head of Centre at the School of Health Sciences City, University of London, London, UK. I asked Swapna two key questions regarding the article: Why did you choose this topic for your dissertation, and where do you go from here with your CRN research?

[Click here to read the full interview with Swapna Kunhunny](#)

[Click here to read the full interview with Debra Salmon](#)

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## **Membership Update**

### **Welcome New Members**

Sharon Balcom-University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Nicholas Berte-Stanford Health Care  
Beth Boseski-Regional Cancer Care Associates  
Sawn Drevers-Dana Farber Cancer Institute  
Victoria Germon-Dana Farber Cancer Institute  
Mallory Hillard-Massachusetts General Hospital  
Maeve Kelsey-Clinical Research Facility Cork  
Andra Lahner-University of Kansas  
Cindy Lipner-UPCI CTCR  
Allison Messuri-Swan-Boston Children's Hospital  
Kelli O'Brien-Brigham & Women's Hospital  
Luke Schwartz-Northwell Health  
Donna Trenz  
Sarah Wickham-Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

**Total Active Members to Date = 342**

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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.

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## **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](mailto:jacksonmj@nhlbi.nih.gov) or Cameron Sze at [cameron\\_sze@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto: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.

<b>Deadline for Submission</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>
October 27, 2017	November 3, 2017
November 22, 2017	December 1, 2017
December 22, 2017	January 5, 2018



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