

Nursing Research Subcommittee Report June, 2012

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I have reviewed the short term/long term goals for the committee developed by the past chair, Dr. Mary Palmer. These were used for the framework for my report this year. Unfortunately, committee membership and participation has not been robust, with only one of the three individuals who indicated interest in the committee responding through the year. I would like to request a call go out to ICS nurse members to recruit 3-4 members for the committee so that we can make progress on both the short and long term goals in the coming year.

	2011-2012 Progress Report
Short term goals	
NEW Recruit research subcommittee members	A request to have a call for members interested in participating as members of the Nursing Research subcommittee will be discussed with the Nursing Committee chair in June/July 2012, with additional members identified by September 2012.
Compile a listing of ICS members currently conducting continence nursing research.	A list of nurses with information on the Society-wide research database launched in 2010 to be compiled.
Create a map of research types that ICS nurses are participating in.	Outstanding. Tied to above goal.
Encourage ICS nurse members to submit abstracts to the International Continence Society scientific meetings.	As reported last year, the number of submissions by nurses to the main scientific meeting is not tracked by the ICS office. The committee will need to explore alternate methods to promote abstract submission by nurses to the main meeting, and look at the feasibility of a voluntary method of tracking nursing submissions.
Identify issues in conjunction with the education and practice sub-committees relevant to a nursing research agenda.	No progress at this point. This will be our priority for 2012/13, and the research committee will ask this be added to the agenda for the July 2012 teleconference meeting and the possible face to face Nursing Committee meeting in 2012/13. One possible mechanism to gain input from a wide variety of members would be a survey to ICS nurse members.
Prioritize and agree upon international issues/projects for continence nursing research.	In follow-up to the committee survey reported in 2011 on international practices on leg bag practices, we will bring forward a proposition to develop a similar survey on nursing practices related to supra-pubic catheters in the next year, based on gaps in the literature identified in a recent scoping review.
Initiate international standardisation pilot project with international sites.	I propose moving this to a long term goal in the revised 3 year plan to be submitted in August 2012.
NEW Implement the	The guideline was submitted last year by past chair M. Palmer

<p>“Guideline for Collaborative Continence Nursing Research”</p>	<p>and addresses a mechanism to facilitate collaborate nursing research and to have the nursing subcommittee support this through peer review of the research proposal, content expertise as available and methodological advice (e.g. participant recruitment) and review of manuscripts of study findings. Recipients of the support would agree to present their findings an ICS Nursing Forum.</p> <p>Successful implementation will depend on recruitment of subcommittee members with skills and knowledge in research.</p>
<p>Long term goals</p>	
<p>Provide a forum for continence nursing research at annual scientific meetings.</p>	<p>ICS Nurse members were notified of a call for nursing abstracts after the decisions on abstracts for the main scientific meeting were announced (May 15, 2012) to allow an additional opportunity for nurses to present their work, particularly if they had not been accepted to the main meeting or if they had additional work to present that had not been submitted.</p> <p>This was the second year for this opportunity. Abstracts are due in by June 25, 2012, and decisions on successful abstracts will be determined by July 25, 2012. A research programme developed from the work of the successful authors will be presented at the Nurses Forum at the 2012 Beijing meeting.</p> <p>If this is to be an ongoing feature of the Nurses Forum, the Research subcommittee will propose an approach to abstract review/scoring to the Nursing Committee for future competitions.</p>
<p>Financial Scholarships for nurse scholars to attend meeting to present research.</p>	<p>No activity</p>
<p>Develop, implement, and evaluate an international continence research agenda with an evaluation plan regarding benchmarks.</p>	<p>Future work will be to be developed from short term goals above re: development of a research agenda and prioritization of projects.</p>

Respectfully submitted:
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