

Nursing Research Subcommittee Report July 2013

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A three year plan, based on the subcommittee goals, will be submitted separately.

2012-13 Progress Report	
Short term goals	
Recruit research subcommittee members	<p>In the past year, three new members were added to the committee. Sandra Engberg and Putu Syasa were new nurse members, and Lesley Hanson agreed to be on the practice as well as research subcommittees to support the work between the two subcommittees. Diao Rizk agreed to stay on as the non-nursing representative and Mary Palmer as past subcommittee chair.</p> <p>A plan to recruit new members for ongoing continuity is to be established.</p>
Compile a listing of ICS members currently conducting continence nursing research.	List being developed from ICS member list.
Create a map of research types that ICS nurses are participating in.	To be developed. Researchers identified on the list above will be contacted for further information on their research interests and projects.
Encourage ICS nurse members to submit abstracts to the International Continence Society scientific meetings.	<p>Outstanding. As the ICS office does not specifically track submissions by nurses to the main scientific meeting, the feasibility of a voluntary method of tracking nursing submissions needs to be explored.</p> <p>Reminders to submit to the main meeting in the nursing section of the ICS newsletter.</p>
Identify issues in conjunction with the education and practice sub-committees relevant to a nursing research agenda.	Teleconference with Practice Subcommittee Chair in December 2012, followed by a call involving subcommittee members in April 2013 to discuss a member survey. Member survey of priorities conducted under the leadership of Jennifer Skelly, results to be presented in Barcelona 2013.
Prioritize and agree upon international issues/projects for continence nursing research.	Discussion to occur with Practice and Research Subcommittee members in Barcelona
Implement the "Guideline for Collaborative Continence Nursing Research"	Outstanding. As part of the practice/research priorities discussions in Barcelona, the subcommittee will explore the feasibility of a pilot to reviewing research proposals, and

	providing content expertise as available and methodological advice (e.g. participant recruitment) and review of manuscripts of study findings. Recruitment of researchers willing to devote time to these activities will be important.
Long term goals	
Provide a forum for continence nursing research at annual scientific meetings.	<p>The Nursing Committee Chair, and Nursing Research Subcommittee chair worked with members of the Education and Scientific review committees to clarify the call for abstracts to ensure nurse members understood that an abstract accepted to the Forum was not to be represented as an acceptance to the main scientific meeting.</p> <p>ICS Nurse members were notified of the Nursing Forum call for nursing abstracts after the decisions on abstracts for the main scientific meeting were announced in May 2013. The abstracts were to be submitted June 14, but an extension to June 21 was provided. Eleven abstracts were received and are being reviewed. Evaluation criteria and scoring system is being trialled.</p> <p>We will review criteria and parameters of the call, including abstracts sent in after the deadline for next year.</p>
Financial Scholarships for nurse scholars to attend meeting to present research.	To be discussed with the Scholarship Committee.
Develop, implement, and evaluate an international continence research agenda with an evaluation plan regarding benchmarks.	Development of a research agenda and prioritization of projects will be developed from the prioritization of practice/research topics identified in the 2013 survey (see above).

Respectfully submitted:
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