Nursing Research Committee
Terms of Reference

Mandate

The mandate of the nursing research committee is to promote evidence based practice through fostering an inquisitive practice environment, facilitating research utilization, producing scientific knowledge and liaising with clinical areas throughout HHS and our academic partners in research activities.

Objectives

- Promote an organizational culture that values and supports nursing research
- Create and foster mechanisms to assist, celebrate and sustain research among nurses who provide direct patient care through mentoring and open communication using a variety of channels
- Establish and maintain academic and other internal and external linkages and nursing partnerships
- Develop strategies to provide the pursuit, application and dissemination of research / evidence-based nursing practice
- Support a continuum of research activities including defining, sharing and using research findings
- Act as an advisory forum for clinical program/services to consult on research issues and trends.

Membership

General members: (receive minutes, non voting, attendance welcome)
- All Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) and nurses who express interest in nursing research at HHS
- Chairs of Unit Base Research Councils or nursing delegates

Core members: (vote, attends meetings, receives/reviews minutes)
- Program representative (1-per clinical program)
- Vice President, Professional Affairs and Chief Nursing Executive (ex-officio)
- Chief of Nursing Practice (1)
- Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) (1-per clinical program)
- Clinical Manager representative (1)
- Nurse Clinician (1)
- Education Clinician (1)
- Faculty Representative (1)
- Coordinator, BPG (1)
- Clinical Leader (1)
- Library Services Representative (HHS) (1)
- Nurses who provide direct patient care (1)
- Chair, Evidence Based Nursing committee (1)
- Nursing student representative (1-Level 4 and 1- graduate)
- Research Advisory Council member (1)

Ad Hoc members:
- Library Services Representative (McMaster University)
- Research Office Coordinator

Meetings:
- Meetings will occur on the last Monday each month (with the exception of July, August, and December) from 0830 – 1000 hrs at the McMaster site. Ad Hoc meetings as called by Chair

Attendance:
- Core members will attend 75% of meetings as a minimum. If unable to attend, members are requested to notify the Chair and to identify a delegate.