

## Evidence-based Practice and Nursing Research Committee Charter

### Purpose

- The primary purpose of the Evidence-based Practice and Nursing Research Committee (NRC) is to improve patient outcomes through improved patient care driven by evidence-based practice.
- The secondary purpose is to facilitate research activities that generate nursing knowledge.

### Definition of Evidence-based Nursing Practice

- *Evidence-based practice (EBP) is a problem-solving approach to the delivery of health care that integrates the best evidence from studies and patient care data with clinician expertise and patient preferences and values. When delivered in a context of caring and in a supportive organizational culture, the highest quality of care and best patient outcomes can be achieved.* (Melnyk; Fineout-Overholt; Stillwell; Williamson 2010)

### Agenda Setting Process:

- All NRC members will provide input for the agenda planning, and the co-chairs will create the agenda
- Agenda is distributed 2 weeks prior and again two days prior to each meeting
- Agenda requests will be submitted via email to the co-chairs

### Desired Outcomes

- Enhance nurses' skills in using research to improve practice
- Improved patient care
- Support leadership decisions that result in improved outcomes

### Decision Making Process

- Decisions will be made by consensus
- NRC members are expected to provide input

### NRC Membership

- All members of the NRC
  - 1 staff nurse from each entity (VUH, VCH, VMG, VPH)
  - 1 nurse in leadership position for each entity (VUH, VCH, VMG, VPH)
  - Representative from Nursing Education and Professional Development Department
  - Representative from the Clinical Practice Committee
  - Representative from the Evidence-based Medicine group
  - 2 Vanderbilt School of Nursing faculty members
  - Representative from the Nursing Education Council
  - Representative from the Clinical/Translational Research Staff Council
  - Representative from the Advanced Practice Council
  - Representative from the Nursing Administrative Board
  - Representative from the Vanderbilt Human Research Protection Program
  - Representative from the Transition Management Department
  - Director, Nursing Research

*Note: Other members will be added as needed*

- Ad hoc members
  - Representative from Center for Clinical Improvement
  - Representative from Eskin Biomedical Library consultation service

*Note: Other ad hoc members as needed*

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### Roles and Responsibilities

- All members of the NRC
  - Identify and help to resolve barriers to evidence-based practice
  - Plan activities that enhance factors that facilitate evidence-based practice
  - Actively participate in scheduled committee meetings and related activities
  - Provide ongoing feedback about work progress
  - Consult with/coach staff across the clinical enterprise related to research and evidence-based practice
  - Committee members are asked to serve a minimum of two years
- Co-chairs
  - Lead committee to accomplish expected outcomes
  - Develop and plan agenda with input from the committee members
  - Facilitate committee meetings
  - Engage all key stakeholders to insure involvement and follow-up on action items and activities
  - Support and promote the work of the committee
  - Coordinate with administrative support to assure assignments are being completed
  - Co-chairs are elected annually by the members of the NRC and will serve three years

*Note: Serve one year in co-chair role, one year in chair role, and one year in past chair role*

### Ground Rules

- Respectful to other committee member's ideas
- Active listening
- Participate in a manner that reflects good CREDO behaviors

### Meeting Schedule

- The NRC meets monthly for 2 hours