Conduct of NURSING RESEARCH – Premier Health

Purposes

1. To facilitate successful research by nurse investigators regarding practice, education, and administration research in nursing.

2. To provide guidance for the Nursing Research Program for Premier Health.

Key Elements

1. Premier Heath employs a ***Nurse Researcher*** that oversees the nursing research program of Premier Health.

2. Each hospital in the Premier Health System has a ***Research Nurse*** that works with the Nurse Researcher to provide local assistance, direction, mentoring and/or referral in preparation for proposal review and approval.

3. Nurses preparing proposals for submission, must meet with the Nurse Researcher or Site Research Nurse before applying for proposal review to prepare the applications and obtain any clinical approvals necessary; e.g., quality improvement, nurse manager, etc.

4. Two committee approvals are required for human subjects' research. They are **Human Research Investigation Committee (HIRC**) for local hospital approval and a review by Institutional **Review Board Review (IRB)** at Wright State University. All human subjects' research within Premier Health require local HIRC review as well as IRB review for the protection of human subjects.

5. All materials needed to submit a proposal to the IRB can be found on the IRB web site at: http://www.wright.edu/research/compliance/human-subjects.

NK II Council of Premier Health

Functions

1. **Support** the development of research, evidence base practice and quality improvement skills in nursing staff that drives favorable patient outcomes and nursing satisfaction.

2. Serve as **mentor/facilitator** for novice and expert investigators within system.

3. **Identify** opportunities for research, EBP and quality innovations in practice.

4. **Disseminate** research, EBP and quality findings.

Research/EBP/Quality Projects

1. The researcher is required to obtain all necessary approvals before IRB submission.

2. The Nurse Researcher or Research can approve a protocol for IRB submission if the appropriate permissions have been obtained and documents are complete and in order. All IRB submissions require a HIRC review.

3. Nurse Researcher, Research Nurse and members of NKII council can serve as mentor for faculty and nursing staff desiring to conduct research/EBP or quality projects.

Mentoring activities can include:

1. *Identifying & focusing the research problem.*

2. Finding & evaluating evidence to support methodology & design choices.

3. Providing resources for proposal development.

4. Providing editorial assistance in proposal preparation.

5. Providing direction for the protection of human subjects (informed consent, confidentiality, risk & benefits.

6. Providing assistance in poster design & preparation.

7. Assistance in preparation & editing of publications for nursing journals.

8. *Education of NRC members and nursing staff regarding current literature related to nursing research and evidence based practice through classes, presentations, new letters, email, literature reviews and committee activities.*

10. *Facilitation of Nursing Research Seminars or Webinars. (An event which shares with the entire nursing staff research accomplished & provides resources to find evidence and opportunities to meet or consult with NKII members).*

11. *Collaboration with community and regional research groups which encourage nursing research (Sigma Theta Tau- Zeta Phi Chapter, Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky Research Group (SONK) and Greater Dayton Area Nurse Researchers*

Human Investigation and Research Committee (HIRC)
REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE APPROVAL

- The Study has IRB approval by an IRB that is recognized and approved by MVH.
- The institution has sufficient support capabilities (personnel, equipment, space, finances, etc.) to conduct the study through completion.
- Investigator-Initiated and sponsored Clinical trials have Clinical Trial Research Alliance (CTRA) review and approval.
- The study meets ethical standards and does not conflict with Premier Health institutional principles.
- Patient handouts or brochures utilized for any investigator-initiated studies, have legal and marketing review and approval prior to being utilized in any study.
- Protocols that are presented as "Continuous Quality Improvement" (CQI), have been reviewed by either the IRB or Premier Quality Management and have Quality Management approval.
- A subject population can only participate in one study.
- Conduct of the study does not place the Institution at risk of loss of financial resources or at risk of negative public opinion.
- Conduct of the study does not place physicians or staff at risk for financial loss or loss of reputation.
- Prospective studies do not utilize the same patient population as another study that is currently being conducted.
- Prospective studies include an IRB-approved Informed Consent Form (ICF).
- Retrospective studies include provisions for storage of data that includes Protected Health Information (PHI) in accordance with Premier Health Information Security guidelines.
- All studies include provisions for Electronic Medical Records Access (EMRA), if applicable, in accordance with Premier Health EMRA guidelines.
- There are no Conflicts of Interest (COI) involving the conduct of this study and the investigators or staff involved in review and conduct of this study **OR** there is a mitigation plan in place to address any COI.
- Prospective studies includes provisions to prevent billing insurance or CMS for study-related tests and procedures that are not "Standard of Care".
- There are no other HIRC concerns with conduct of this study