

## **Research or Evidence-Based Practice Projects in the Member Community**

Members who serve as principal investigators (PI) on a study may, as members, utilize the Member Community to post information about their research or survey only after the following has occurred:

- The study has been reviewed by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) and either approved or determined to be exempt. The PI must provide official documentation of the IRB's decision regarding the protocol's approval or exempt status. Exempt status may not be solely determined by the PI.
- The PI has provided the Research Committee Staff Liaison with a copy of the IRB's approval/exempt status documentation, as well as the approved protocol and recruitment language for posting. These documents should be received **at least 2 weeks prior** to the Research Committee's next scheduled meeting. . These documents should be sent to [research@forensicnurses.org](mailto:research@forensicnurses.org)
- The Research Committee Staff Liaison will forward the documents to the Research Committee Chair.
- The Research Committee will review the documents at the next scheduled Research Committee meeting.
- The Research Committee will approve or decline posting for the membership.
- A standard format letter on IAFN letterhead, signed by the Committee Chair, will be sent electronically to the PI and staff liaison
- The IAFN Research Committee liaison will submit the posting in the Research Corner of the open community using the following language in bold at the top of the post:

**"The following post is approved by IAFN eliciting the opinions, perceptions, and experiences of active IAFN members. The member serving as PI on this project has provided a copy of the full protocol and IRB approval, both on file at IAFN. Members are not obligated to participate, and participant privacy is outlined in the project protocol. All questions related to this study should be directed to the PI conducting the study."**

- The same approved post may be repeated up to three times within a one-month period without a separate request. Any changes or modification to the post or protocol must be treated as a new request to the Research Committee, following the procedures outlined above.
- If the Research Committee does not approve the PI's protocol or needs more information, the Chair of the Research Committee will notify the PI of such via letter. It will be up to the PI to provide the needed information or revise the protocol in accordance with their IRB's procedures.
- In order to determine the value of member recruitment for future research, please provide response totals to [research@forensicnursing.org](mailto:research@forensicnursing.org). We appreciate your cooperation.

**Note: This is a member benefit and will not be accessible to non-members.**