

Strategic Planning Sheet

JAPAN Chapter of International Association of Clinical Research Nurses (IACRN)
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1. Background

In Japan, many research nurses have been involving in clinical research as Clinical Research Coordinators (CRCs). CRCs were established in 1998 that consist of various disciplines, such as nurses, pharmacists, lab technicians, and other medical professionals. In last two decades, since clinical research has been increased, complexed, and globalized, the great attention has been given to team approach.

The impact of the promoting clinical researches and the changing regulatory environment by Japanese government has been increasing the number of research participants in various hospitals and clinics. Therefore, these research participants increase demand Clinical Research Nurses (CRNs) who can provide expert nursing care for research participants. For safeguarding research participants and promoting research integrity by nursing contributions to the clinical research process, we need to clarify the role and practices of CRNs in various settings and to increase educational opportunities in Japan.

For “enhancing clinical research quality and safety through specialized nursing practice,” the Japan Chapter of IACRN assumes the following roles.

- Clinical Practice: To clarify and discuss the role and practices of CRN in Japan
- Education and Promotion: To provide educational and exchange opportunities, and to promote professional development
- Networking: To participate CRN activities domestically and internationally and discuss team approaches

2. The target area and the needs of potential clinical research nurses in Japan

As we mentioned above, there are increasing the number of hospitals and clinics which conduct clinical research, especially in national centers and university hospitals. The certified clinical research center and the hub of translational and early phase research center by Japanese government are around sixty hospitals all over Japan. The each hospital has 500-1000 clinical nurses as their average. Furthermore, we consider that the needs are increasing.

3. Planning of our activities for first 2years

At the beginning phase, the five senior CRNs will establish the Japan Chapter as officers. In the next phase, we will create steering committee which consists of CRNs and other research professionals. We consider having online meeting at least every six months.

The first meeting including educational seminar will be held in 2017 to inform about the establishment and sharing the mission and vision of Japan Chapter, and to provide educational opportunity about the clinical research nursing and networking. Furthermore, we will provide various resources regarding clinical research and clinical research nursing showing in the following figure 1.

4. Officers

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Practice

- To clarify and discuss the role and practices of CRN in Japan
- To share the definition, Mission, Vision, Scope of Standard of Practice and other resources of IACRN to disseminate clinical research nursing in Japan

Education and promote

- To translate the resources regarding clinical research and clinical research nursing into Japanese
- To inform and provide educational opportunities such as online and classroom sessions
- To held the conference and meetings
- To promote clinical research nursing to hospitals which conduct clinical trials, especially to the certified clinical research center and the hub of translational and early phase research center by Japanese government
- To promote CRN roles to societies and association regarding nursing and clinical research

Networking

- To participate CRN activities domestically and internationally
- To discuss team approaches
- To collaborate with societies and association regarding nursing and clinical research

Figure 1 : The roles and activities of Japan Chapter of IACRN

JAPAN Chapter of IACRN

Mission statement

Numerous clinical nurses have been involved with clinical researches. Especially, Clinical Research Nurses (CRNs) make an important contribution to the research by providing their specialized nursing practices such as safeguarding research participants and promoting research integrity as a research team member.

The mission of the Japan Chapter of IACRN is

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