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# In the Loop...



## Call for Abstracts Coming Soon!

The Call for Abstracts for IACRN's 8th Annual Conference from October 24-26, 2016 will be out on April 1, running until May 1.

The theme of this year's conference is:

"Clinical Research Nursing: Embodying Team Science for Participant-Focused Care"

Check your inboxes for the official call or check out the website at [www.iacrn.org](http://www.iacrn.org).



## A Message from the President

Greetings IACRN Members!

During the first quarter of 2016, IACRN leadership has been busy working on conference planning, finalizing the Scope and Standards of Practice: Clinical Research Nursing, and planning for international educational initiatives. There is still time to become involved in the 2016 conference by submitting an abstract for a preconference session, a plenary, podium or poster presentation or volunteering to join the planning committee (contact Helaine at [hlabovitz@iacrn.org](mailto:hlabovitz@iacrn.org) if

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## *Save the Date!*



Our 2016 IACRN 8th Annual Conference is scheduled for October 24 - 26, 2016 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida (just outside of Orlando)!

You won't want to miss out!

interested). As we work to plan the best conference to date please take the time to get involved!

The Scope and Standards workgroup has revised the draft document according to comments from the open review period. This final draft has been approved by the IACRN Board and will be sent to the American Nurses Association (ANA) for review in early April. It is our hope that the ANA will recognize Clinical Research Nursing as a specialty practice before our October conference.

Additionally, IACRN will continue to partner with Global MD to provide CRN education to nurses, coordinators, physicians and pharmacists in Beijing, China. We are working to build our capacity to partner with other international groups who have requested a similar program focusing on CRN education while also continuing to provide superior webinars to our members.

IACRN thrives when our membership is involved. Please check out the volunteer form ([form](#)) on our website and make the important contribution of volunteer time to your professional nursing organization!

I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Respectfully, Meg McCabe  
President, IACRN

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## Hello from the Boston chapter!

by Andrea Hale

Hello from the Boston Chapter of IACRN! The chapter held its first meeting of 2016 on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Countway Library in Longwood, Massachusetts. A business meeting was held, followed by an excellent panel titled "They Don't Teach You This in Nursing

School: Developing Competency as Clinical Research Nurses."

After a brief business meeting, our volunteer panel introduced themselves and began a discussion of their training and experiences as new research nurses. The inspiration for this program was a twitter chat run by IACRN on this topic with input from nurses from around the world, including Boston, New York, Pennsylvania, California, England, and Ireland. Our panel was chosen specifically because they had a myriad of experiences, with some starting out as nurses and "falling into" research and others starting out in research and becoming nurses, as well as a wide variety in years of nursing practice, ranging from almost new graduates to, well, many, many years!

As the panelists shared their stories, a lively discussion of all the meeting attendees ensued. Oh, how things have changed over the years! We heard a lot of interesting tales of how we all got started in research nursing, a lot of us with very informal "on the job" training, and why we have stayed.

We'd like to thank our panelists, as well as Mary Larkin, Boston Chapter IACRN Past President, who gave us this awesome idea!

Our next chapter meeting will take place on June 2, 2016.

Questions about the Boston Chapter of IACRN can be directed to [bostoniacrn@gmail.com](mailto:bostoniacrn@gmail.com).

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## IACRN's next Twitter Chat scheduled

IACRN's next Twitter Chat is scheduled for April 21, 2016. The exact time will be announced soon. If you have any ideas for topics, please send them to Helaine at [hlabovitz@iacrn.org](mailto:hlabovitz@iacrn.org).

Please [click here](#) for easy to follow Twitter instructions and Frequently Asked Questions. Sign up now to start tweeting and so you don't miss out on this exciting experience to connect with your IACRN peers.

Members have told us that networking is the most important benefit. Twitter chats like this will allow us to network throughout the year and global participation is easy.

We look forward to tweeting and chatting with you!



## Welcome to our newest members!

The Membership, Marketing and Communications committee would like to cordially welcome the following members who joined IACRN since February, 2016:

Nalani Coleman -- City of Hope

Mary Eagan -- Memorial Sloan Kettering

Jean Farrell -- Northwell Health System

Barbara Mahar -- Womens Cancer Care Associates

Barbara Marusiak -- MEDNAX

Nanette Row -- Cardiovascular Institute

Dorothea Taylor -- Drexel University



## Current Job Postings

Posted March 21, 2016

Clinical Research Nurse  
City of Hope Medical Center  
Duarte, California, USA

Posted March 16, 2016

Research Nurse  
Dana Farber Cancer Institute  
Londonderry, New Hampshire, USA

Posted March 15, 2016

Research Nurse - Milford Regional Cancer Center  
Dana Farber Cancer Institute  
Milford, Massachusetts, USA

Posted March 9, 2016

Clinical Research Associate - RN II  
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital  
Memphis, Tennessee, USA

Posted March 9, 2016

Clinical Research Associate - RN III  
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital  
Memphis, Tennessee, USA

Posted February 29, 2016

Clinical Research Nurse 2  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut, USA

Posted February 15, 2016

Clinical Research Center Nurse Manager  
Benaroya Research Institute  
Seattle, Washington, USA

For details about these job postings, please go to  
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Only section - Job Opportunities.

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