

ECMC Research Nurse Network Group

2014/15 Activities - October 2014 Update

ECMC Network Groups provide access, support and training by leading experts in many areas of clinical cancer research to improve outcome and survival rates for cancer patients. The ECMC Research Nurse Network Group promotes quality care for patients taking part in early phase research through peer support, training and guidance for any research nurses working in early phase and translational cancer research.

Introduction to early phase cancer trials training day - March 2015

- ⦿ A successful pilot of the introduction to early phase cancer trials training day took place in July 2014
- ⦿ Agenda topics included: Protocol interpretation; screening & recruitment; what is translational research; giving novel agents and links to palliative care
- ⦿ Due to the success of this day and the positive feedback received from delegates the steering committee is planning on repeating this training day in March 2015. The agenda will be revised based on feedback
- ⦿ Following this training day the steering committee will look at the best way to take the training package forward in order to make it available to any new research nurses working on early phase cancer trials

Research Nurse Study Day - September 2015

- ⦿ The steering committee is looking to run a Research Nurse Study Day in September 2015
- ⦿ This study day will be open to all Research Nurses who work in the ECMC Network
- ⦿ At the research nurse workshop at this year's Annual Network meeting delegates shared their likes and dislikes about their roles and this feedback will help to inform agenda items at the study day
- ⦿ Suggested topics for this day include: pathology; biomarkers; the nurse practitioner role and leadership, assertiveness and communication skills
- ⦿ Look out for further details next year

Out of hours survey - follow-up

- ⦿ A poster displaying the results from the Out of hours survey will be at the NCRI Conference on 3 November and the Clinfield: building careers in clinical research conference on 19 November
- ⦿ Steering committee members are planning to write an article for a nursing journal to share the results from the survey. It is important to share the practice changing learning from this survey with the wider community

Patient Satisfaction Survey

- ⦿ The steering committee is discussing carrying out a patient satisfaction survey within the ECMC Network
- ⦿ This survey would be an audit of the patient experience during the research process and would collect feedback on the research nursing and caring that patients receive
- ⦿ It is hoped that results from this survey would be of interest to the whole ECMC Network

Get Involved

If you'd like to get involved in any of these projects please contact Hannah Brown at the ECMC Secretariat:
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For further information on the network group or to join the network group please visit the ECMC website:
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