Guidelines for use of eChapter's Membership Database

Purpose: eChapter of AORN supports the conduct of nursing research. eChapter allows access to the membership database for identifying potential subjects for research studies, evidence-based practice projects or other scholarly endeavors. Approval is granted provided the following criteria are met:

Criteria for requests:

1. Cover letter

2. Contact information of requestor

3. Summary of study (abstract)

4. Discuss the significance of study to perioperative nurses and or perioperative nursing practice and how the study will generate new knowledge for nursing education, nursing practice, and research and or health/public policy.

5. Narrative literature review

6. Methods

    a. Appropriate to generate valid and reliable, unbiased results

    b. Justification for the sample size (e.g. power analysis)

    c. Research design

    d. Data collection methods

    e. Copy of all instruments

    f. Copy of all written communication inviting potential subjects

7. Data management methods

8. Data analysis

9. Limitations

10. Dissemination plan

11. Ethical considerations

    a. Is the content appropriate for perioperative nurses?

    b. Consider if members would be offended by the content of the survey

    c. Documentation of IRB approval

        i. This protects human subjects

ii. The IRB must be from a university or facility. If the applicant does not have access to an IRB in his/her facility, an IRB service (e.g. Western IRB) may be used.

iii. AORN does not require a national IRB for survey studies in which members are subjects.

12. Copy of requestor's CV

13. Faculty contact information and letter of support (if applicant is a student). Letter must state that the faculty member has reviewed the final application and believes that the methodology is sound.

14. Letter of support from facility if applicable.

Additional Information:

All requests must be submitted to cgkgmayes@gmail.com

Requests will not be considered until all documents have been submitted. Documents are due the first of the month. Decisions will be communicated to the requestor by the eChapter Research Committee Chair* within 4-6 weeks of submission.

Appeals to the decision will be considered by contacting the eChapter Research Committee Chair at cgkgmayes@gmail.com.

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