Guidelines for use of AORN's Membership Database

AORN supports the conduct of nursing research regarding perioperative research gaps. AORN does allow access to up to 5,000 RNs in the membership database for identifying potential subjects for research studies, evidence-based practice projects or other scholarly endeavors. Approval (i.e., 2 emails under 15 minutes long) may be granted, provided the following criteria are met and email marketing space is available (social media will not be included).

Criteria for requests:

1. Cover letter
2. Contact information of requestor
3. Summary of study (abstract)
4. Discussion of 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 (prefer AORN Journal publication)
11. Ethical considerations
    a. Content relates to perioperative nursing and is unoffensive
    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.
12. Copy of requestor's CV
13. Faculty contact information and letter of support (if applicant is a student)
    a. Letter must state that the faculty member has reviewed the final application and believes that the methodology is sound.

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14. Letter of support from health care facilities, consultants, and industry partners, if applicable

All requests must be submitted to Dr. Lisa Spruce, Director of Evidence Based Perioperative Practice at AORN: lspruce@aorn.org

Additional Process Information:

Requests will not be considered until all documents have been submitted for review. Decisions or requests for more information will be communicated to the requestor by Dr. Spruce within 4-6 weeks of contact. Appeals can be made to Dr. Spruce.

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