

Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) and Research Council 2023

Purpose

The Evidence-Based Practice and Research Council (EBPR) creates the foundation of evidence-based nursing practice (EBP) and is the organizing body for all nursing research conducted at Texas Children's Hospital. Members of the EBPR Council are available to mentor nurses to integrate evidence-based practice and research into clinical and operational processes.

Responsibilities

1. Guide and support the process to promote the use of evidence to support clinical practice, patient-family education, and nursing research.
2. Build organizational capacity for EBP by accelerating routine use of EBP design to improve care delivery to patient outcomes.
3. Foster interprofessional ongoing learning led by nursing research teams.
4. Review and provide consultation to all nursing research studies prior to submission to an IRB for ethics review.
5. Assist in identifying and disseminating clinical research findings that are sufficient and appropriate to apply to nursing practice.
6. Provide professional development related to Research, Innovation, and Quality concepts to translate nursing knowledge of EBP into practice.
7. Facilitate Nursing Grand Rounds, internal Grand Rounds, and visiting scholar Grand Rounds to foster communication and professional development.
8. Maintain a list of approved nursing research studies conducted at TCH for Magnet documentation & tracking.

Membership

Members will serve a minimum of two years to allow for the professional development of a cohesive scientific nursing group. Appointments will be staggered to ensure optimal EBPR Council operations while mentoring new members.

The EBPR Council will include the following disciplines but is not limited to:

- Clinical Specialists/Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Assistant Directors of Clinical Practice
- Clinical nurses representing all hospital campuses and TCH care settings (Excludes TCHP and TCP)
- TCH Nurse Scientist(s)
- Nurse Scholars (DNP and Ph.D.)
- Advanced Practice Nurses (NP, CNS, CRNA, or Nurse Midwife)
- Director Advisor(s)
- Executive Sponsor

- Chief Nursing Officer
- Nursing Administrative Specialist
- Representative from:
 - Family Advisory Committee
 - Research Administration
 - Nursing Professional Development
 - Nursing Quality and Safety Specialist
 - Statistician Consultant (ad hoc)
 - Representative from EBOC
 - Medical staff
 - Interprofessional liaison's as appropriate

Essential Standards

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Standards of Conducting Ethical Human Research
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program
- Evidence-Based Practice Competencies for Practicing Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurses in Real-World Clinical Settings: Proficiencies to Improve Healthcare Quality, Reliability, Patient Outcomes, and Costs (Melnyk et al, 2014)

Meetings

As needed to review nursing research proposals and progress toward the goal of continuing to build organizational capacity for EBP and ongoing research.

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