#ResearchOnResearch—A Research Training Initiative for Clinical Research Professionals

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BACKGROUND

• Opportunities for independent research by non-physician clinical research professionals (CRPs) from the 12 cancer research teams of the Abramson Cancer Center Clinical Research Unit (ACC CRU) have been limited, to non-existent, until the launching of the #ResearchOnResearch initiative in April 2022.

• #ResearchOnResearch leverages the clinical research expertise of ACC CRU CRPs, empowers ACC CRU CRPs to pursue and to develop research projects derived from their clinical research experiences and academic interests, and provides research training and career development opportunities for ACC CRU CRPs.

GOALS

• Discuss research ideas and mentor ACC CRU CRPs in developing research projects.

• Provide training sessions to ACC CRU CRPs on activities supportive of research, e.g., formulating research questions, designing research projects, writing research, abstracts, creating research posters, formulating podium presentations, and publishing research.

• Identify prospective research conferences for submission of abstracts for poster, podium, and round-table presentations.

• Provide a forum for research collaboration among ACC CRU Staff.

SOLUTIONS/ METHODS

• The 14th Annual Conference of the International Association of Clinical Research Nurses (IACRN) in October 2022 stimulated the development of #ResearchOnResearch and the submission of four abstracts.

• On-going performance/improvement projects developed by ACC CRU CRPs were identified. Two research groups were contacted, and CRP authors/co-authors were provided intensive training on abstract writing over a two-week period, as well as two-month intensive training in poster development/writing after acceptance of their abstracts.

OUTCOMES

• All four abstracts submitted to the IACRN were accepted.

• “Use of Pre-screening Demographic Data to Target Recruitment Resources for Underrepresented Populations” won third place in the IACRN 14th Annual Conference Poster Contest.

• The first #ResearchOnResearch training session, entitled “What is Research,” occurred on November 4, 2022. Subsequent training sessions have included: “Quantitative Research” and “Five Phases of Quantitative Research.”

LESSONS LEARNED / FUTURE DIRECTIONS

• #ResearchOnResearch’s success has resulted in the more rapid identification of on-going quality/performance improvement projects.

• The projects underlying the IACRN abstracts have continued data collection and have plans for publication of their results.