

## ECMC Research Nurse Network Group

### 2013/14 Activities

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.

#### Meetings and Workshops

- ⦿ **Introduction to early phase and translational research training day - May 2014.** To be piloted in order to agree the correct course content. This course could then be delivered locally via train the trainers
- ⦿ **Workshop at the ECMC Annual Network meeting - May 2014.** Topic to be confirmed
- ⦿ **Pathology/Biomarker workshop - Autumn 2014.** This course will cover both the how and why
- ⦿ **Imaging workshop - 2015.** An output of this workshop will be a document or e-learning package so that those who are unable to make the meeting can still access the content

#### Events

- ⦿ The ECMC is to have a stand at the Clinfield event: Building careers in clinical research - 3rd annual conference on 20 November 2013:  
[www.clinfield.com/research-nurse-conference/](http://www.clinfield.com/research-nurse-conference/)

#### Projects

- ⦿ **Out of hours survey follow-up** - In 2010 a survey went out to ECMC Research Nurse Network members to find out about the out-of-hours system in place for clinical trial patients, across the ECMC Network. The results were presented in a poster at the NCRI conference in 2010. Now is an appropriate time to revisit these questions and see if/how systems have changed
- ⦿ **Mapping of structure at ECMCs** - due to various ways that ECMCs run, the steering committee is going to map the different structures at ECMCs. This project could lead to further work on job satisfaction and appropriate workloads in relation to the different structures
- ⦿ **NIHR Research Nurse Strategy** - members of the ECMC Research Nurse Steering Committee are getting involved in the developmental theme areas of the NIHR's Research Nurse Strategy. Details about the strategy can be found on the NIHR website:  
[www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/ClinicalResearchNurses/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/ClinicalResearchNurses/Pages/default.aspx)

#### 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:  
[www.ecmcnetwork.org.uk/network-groups/nurse-group/](http://www.ecmcnetwork.org.uk/network-groups/nurse-group/)