



Purpose

The overall purpose of the EBP & Research Council is to promote quality improvement, evidence-based practice and research activities that are essential to the development of evidence-based practice, quality outcomes and cost effective patient care.

Accountability

The EBP & Research Council reports all analyses and actions to the Coordinating Council on a scheduled basis. EBP & Research Council is accountable to promote a spirit of inquiry and an environment where clinical nurses are encouraged and supported to improve lives by implementing best practices based on the evidence.

Goals

- Review and provide preliminary approval for quality improvement, evidence-based practice and research projects
- Educate and support nursing staff in the application of evidence-based practice
- Promote nursing research by providing assistance, support and resources to nurses conducting EBP / research activities
- Advocate for resources needed to support a spirit of inquiry
- Assist with promoting both internal and external dissemination of completed EBP and nursing research studies

Membership (delineate chairpersons)

EBP & Research Council is a mix of clinical nurses and nurse leaders and is chaired and co-chaired by a clinical nurse.

Membership is as follows:

- 51% Clinical Nurses (RNs that spend at least 50% of their time at the bedside)
- 49% Nurse Leaders (CNO, directors, Managers, Assistant Nurse Managers, Clinical Educators)

Member Responsibilities

- Active participation and attendance at meetings (80%)
- Bi-directional, consistent communication back and forth between the council and the unit staff
- Completion and maintenance of CITI training

Meeting Frequency

The council meets 10 times per year per shared governance bylaws.