



**COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL NEONATAL
NURSES, Inc. (COINN)**

Position Statement

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PS – Research	Research	PS –0500
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COINN Position

- COINN supports the Declaration of Helsinki agreement that states neonates belong to a vulnerable group and encourage research to be done only if it cannot be carried out on a non-vulnerable group.
- COINN supports research that is built on trust and openness.
- COINN supports research that has been approved by RECs/IRBs for the protection of the neonate and family

Background

The Vision is to promote and facilitate international collaborative research to improve healthcare outcomes and safe practices for neonates and their families.

Our aim is to support high quality research that informs clinical practice, education, and policy development and improves health outcomes of neonates that:

1. respects the unique needs of the neonate.
2. recognizes the role of the parents or care giver.
3. takes into consideration the immediate and long-term welfare of the neonate.

Recommendations/Key Principles

1. To perform research in an ethical and morally appropriate manner.
2. To lead, support, and promote high quality research that is of strategic importance to both COINN and neonatal nursing worldwide.
3. To lead, support and promote world-class nursing and multidisciplinary research programs that support effective models of evidence-based healthcare and development of a highly skilled health workforce.
4. To strengthen the integration of research findings into clinical practice, education programs and health care policy by effective knowledge implementation strategies.

5. To increase research capacity by offering expert research guidance, mentoring, identifying, and supporting emerging research leaders.
6. To expand collaborations with National and International partners from academic, industry, consumer and government sectors.
7. To disseminate quality neonatal research and resultant change of practice to enhance the care of neonates and families worldwide.

Ancillary conditions:

1. In almost all circumstances the researchers should try to identify all ancillary conditions prior to commencing with the research.
2. Identified ancillary conditions should have a plan of care developed before the research is begun.
3. Possess the expertise sufficient to meet the need identified in a safe and effective manner.
4. Possess the ability to apply that expertise without incurring inordinate costs.
5. In the absence of other individuals or organizations that are able to meet the need, such as the local health system the researcher will attempt to address the issue.

COINN member participation

- Member participation in research is voluntary.
- Should a member NOT wish to be sent information or invitations to participate in research, please notify the secretary of COINN at ceo@coinnurses.org

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

- When the COINN board receives a request from researchers to access COINN members to participate in research, the board assesses each research project individually.
- Should COINN agree to a research request, COINN will either distribute the information and invitation to members or formalize an agreement with the researcher regarding the privacy and use of member details for the purpose of distributing research invitations.
- Confidentiality of member's details is maintained at all times.
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