

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

# MULTISITE RESEARCH STUDY



The American Nurses Credentialing Center invites Magnet® organizations to submit expressions of interest to participate in a two-year multisite research study beginning in 2010. The quasi-experimental study, Improving Heart Failure Outcomes (IHO), will test nursing interventions with a direct effect on improved heart failure patient outcomes.

## STUDY INFORMATION

### Study aims:

- Evaluate the effect of standardized education on heart failure (HF) patient care
- Identify hospital and nursing characteristics associated with improvements in HF patient care
- Evaluate cost effectiveness of nursing interventions to improve HF patient care

### Criteria for potential participants include acute care Magnet® organizations that:

- care for acute adult patients with heart failure
- currently report HF core measures
- are not participating in another HF study that could confound results

### Obligations from participating healthcare organizations:

- designating an RN study coordinator for about 0.1 FTE (2-5 hours per week on study procedures for 8 months; attendance at one two-day coordinating session annually)
- time of nurses supporting study in selected unit (3 hours training and 40 hours over 8 months)
- travel costs of study coordinator to attend two meetings (\$800-\$1,500 annually)
- purchase of web-cams (approximately \$50 each) and computer technology for web-based meetings

### Healthcare site RN study coordinator responsibilities:

- complete the organization's IRB approval process (template provided)
- assemble and provide leadership to study team
- obtain secondary data from multiple departments



### ADVISORY PANEL FEE TO PARTICIPATE

ANCC Research Council  
\$10,000 per year for  
2 years

### RESEARCHERS

University of Maryland  
and Johns Hopkins  
interdisciplinary team  
Robin Newhouse,  
Principal Investigator

### HOW TO EXPRESS INTEREST

If your organization would be interested in participating in this multisite study, please notify ANCC by November 16, 2009, by e-mailing Linda Ingram at [Linda.Ingram@ana.org](mailto:Linda.Ingram@ana.org) or calling (301) 628-5259. Please use "Multisite study participation" as the subject heading and include the following information:

- Name of Magnet Organization
- Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
- Bed Size
- Name of Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) or Designated Contact (if not the CNO)
- E-mail and phone for CNO or Designated Contact