

NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NAC) PROPOSAL

MEMBERSHIP

The NAC will be comprised of 7 members who have been elected by the nursing and coordinators group of the NAPRTCS and who are representative of the membership at large. Members of NAC will be comprised of nurses from varying geographical regions and different specialty areas of nephrology. Members will be nurses who have actively participated in the NAPRTCS registries or research, and have at least 1 year of pediatric nephrology experience.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The members of NAC are elected to serve for a 2-year term and may serve for a total of 2 consecutive terms. . The initial 7 members of the NAC will complete a full 2-year term. After this initial 2-year term, 3 positions will be up for re-election in 2005, and 4 will be up for re-election in 2006. This will allow for the committee to consist of 3 new and 4 returning members one year, and then 4 new and 3 returning members the next year. This group will meet in person once a year at the Annual NAPRTCS meeting, and will have monthly (or every other month) conference calls

The NAC members will elect a chairperson (or co-chairs) who will serve for a two-year term. The NAC chairperson will sit as a voting member of the NAPRTCS Participating Centers Committee (PCC). If a member is elected as the NAC chair in his/her first term, and is not re-elected to the NAC for a second term, he/she will sit on the NAC *ex officio* for one year following his/her first term. If a member is elected as the NAC chair in his/her first term, and is re-elected to the NAC for a second term, but is not re-elected as the NAC chair for a second term, he/she will remain as a voting member of the NAC for the second term. If a NAC member is elected as the NAC chair in his/her second term, he/she will sit on the NAC *ex officio* for one year following his/her second term.

The NAC will elect one of its members to sit as a voting member on the Forms Committee.

MISSION

The mission of the NAC is to:

- Make presentations and recommendations to the NAPRTCS Participating Centers Committee (PCC) regarding issues that may arise from the larger group of nurses and study coordinators.
- Foster and support research and educational opportunities for nursing and study coordinators within NAPRTCS.
- Promote excellence in communication within the NAPRTCS.
- Promote a high standard of data collection and reporting among nurses and study coordinators in the NAPRTCS.
- Serve as a resource to the full membership of NAPRTCS and to the Board of Directors.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Foster excellence in communication among nurses and study coordinators by developing a web based list serve communication system;
- Develop an advisory team focused on evaluating and instituting research studies;
- Review and make recommendations for changes to the study forms;
- Provide nursing support to other centers as they implement research studies, or to centers who need assistance with current research studies.