Shared Governance

Professional practice model, founded on the cornerstone principles of partnership, equity, accountability and ownership that form a culturally sensitive and empowering framework, enabling sustainable and accountability-based decisions to support an interdisciplinary design for excellent patient care.”

Tim Porter O’Grady
The nursing research culture that began with Nightingale’s work in the mid-1850s and has evolved to the creation of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is promoted at the University Health System by the Nursing Research Council. The council’s goal is to facilitate the growth of the research culture in the Health System by advancing education and mentoring of the professional nurse in research, incorporation of theory, establishing the importance of a research-based practice, and providing avenues for development and dissemination of nursing research within the Health System.

**NURSING RESEARCH COUNCIL**

**UTHSCSA SCHOOL OF NURSING CONSULTANTS**

Research is a priority for the Health System nurses in all specialties. Whether they are formulating an appropriate strategy for care, auditing an aspect of care or carrying out a research project, research is an integral part of the nurse’s role. But novice nurse researchers need good support and guidance for carrying out this aspect of their role efficiently and effectively. This formidable challenge has been met by collaboration with the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing. Consultants from the School provide specific guidance in developing of a research protocols; creating networks and selecting consultants; preparing presentations and publications; and developing grantsmanship skills.

**SHARED GOVERNANCE**

The Nursing Research Council was established within the Shared Governance Structure in June 2004 to increase awareness and utilization of nursing research and evidence based practice.

Specific goals are:

1. Education of the professional nurse about research, research ethics, methodologies and evidence based practice

2. Development of the professional nurse to act as an advocate for patient in research study

3. Use of DISCOVERY Groups to facilitate development of the professional nurse to critically review a research article and apply to nursing practice.


Membership of this council is unique as we invite all nursing staff from the Health System and our partners the University of Texas Health Science Center with an interest in research to participate.