

### **Research or Evidence-Based Practice Projects in the Member Community**

Members who serve as principal investigators (PI) on a study that has been approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) may, as members, utilize the Member Community to post a link to their research/study survey only after the following has occurred:

- The PI has provided the Research Committee Staff Liaison with a copy of their approved protocol and IRB approval.
- The Research Committee Staff Liaison will forward the protocol and IRB to the Research Committee Chair.
- The Research Committee will review the protocol and IRB at the next scheduled Research Committee meeting.
- The Research Committee will approve or decline the research protocol being posted for the membership.
- A standard format letter on IAFN letterhead, signed by the Committee Chair, will be sent electronically to the PI, staff liaison and Membership and Marketing Manager.
- IAFN's Membership and Marketing Manager will post the research survey in the Research Corner of the open community using the following language in bold at the top of the post:

**“The following post is approved by IAFN eliciting the opinions, perceptions, and experiences of active IAFN members. The member serving as PI on this program has provided a copy of the full protocol and IRB approval, both on file at IAFN. Members are not obligated to participate and the privacy of their responses is according to the protocol on file. All questions related to this study should be directed to the PI conducting the study.”**

- All posts are treated as a separate request, according to the approved protocol, and additional solicitations for information to be used in the study must follow the approved protocol.
- If the Research Committee does not approve the PI's protocol or needs more information the Chair of the Research Committee will notify the PI of such via the form letter mentioned above. It will be up to the PI to provide the needed information or revise the protocol and /or IRB.

Note: This is a member benefit and will not be accessible to non-members.