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### **Key Points**

- Nurses are the largest workforce in healthcare (Bevans, et al., 2011)
  - Nurses need to be prepared to balance fidelity to protocol and patient care (Hastings et al., 2012).
  - Education can prepare entry level nurses with a foundation in Clinical research nursing and GCP (Garner, Spencer, & Beal, 2016)

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### Key Points

- Nurse scientists responding to the call for increase in pragmatic trials (Eckardt, et al, 2015).
- Nurses understand importance of research for scientific and evidence-based practice foundations (Eckardt & Rindskopf, 2015).
- Nurse educators appreciate need for student knowledge in research, and have integrated across all levels of nursing education (Henly, et al., 2015).

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### Migration of Clinical Research

- Ms. Nancy Ellicott 1910 beginnings of clinical research nursing
- Began in small specialized units
- Evolving changes in clinical research
  - Clinical research has moved into nontraditional settings (Cunningham, et al., 2007)
- NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS)
  - Clinical and Translational Science Award program
  - Why this shift?

# Nursing Research Course Objectives

- Current Focus
  - research as theoretical foundation and evidence-based practice (EBP) for undergraduate student (AACN,2008)
  - consumer of research for graduate student (AACN,2011)
  - application of research findings for population health management for clinical practice doctoral students (AACN,2006)
  - nurse scientist role as Principal Investigator in study design and analysis for research focused doctoral student (AACN,2010)
- The majority of these courses do not include clinical research or Good Clinical Practice (GCP) topics (Galassi et al.,2014).

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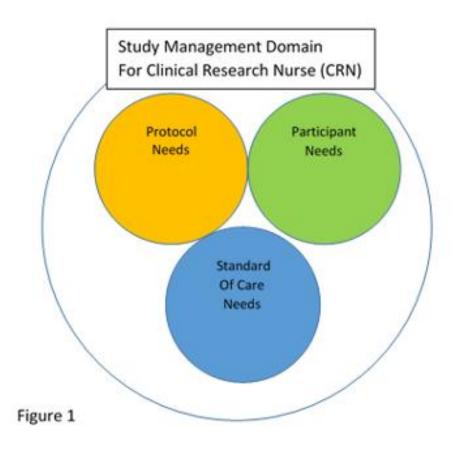
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# Clinical Research Nurse- Study Management and Participant-level care



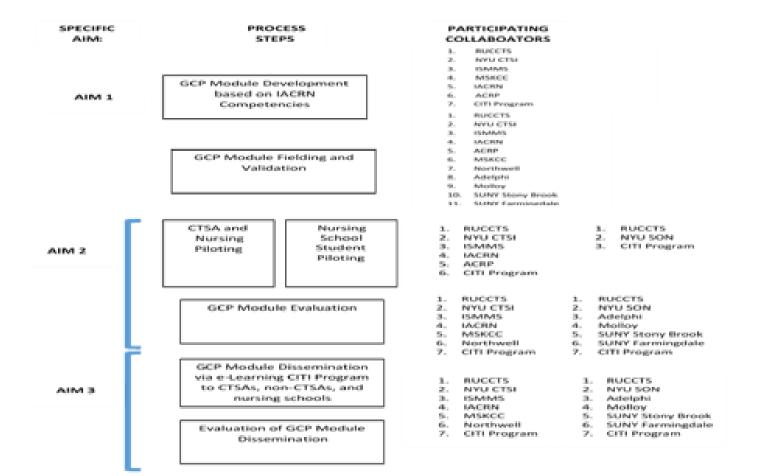
#### What was done

 A group of nurse scientists, educators, and leaders have developed a Clinical Research Nursing Education and Professional Development Program

Development of module based curriculum

 Included a comprehensive curriculum in clinical research nursing GCP for nurses and nursing students

# Nurse-specific GCP modular curriculum



# Where are we going with this?

 Undertaking to utilize module based curriculum in nursing schools

Focus on educating nursing students in clinical research and GCP

 Eliminates disparities in the field when faced with challenging clinical research trial patient

#### Conclusion

Movement of clinical research into the community through pragmatic trials

Requires specific and comprehensive preparation of all nurses in clinical research and GCP beginning preentry into practice

To help prepare nurses to care for patients participating in clinical research trials

As we as nurses are our patients advocates

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