



RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Vision

To foster a robust research culture that promotes ethical, innovative, and evidence-based nursing research contributing to excellence in education, healthcare practice, and community well-being.

Mission

- To encourage faculty and students to undertake quality research aligned with national health priorities and institutional goals.
- To ensure ethical conduct, scientific rigor, and integrity in all research activities.
- To facilitate interdisciplinary and collaborative research that advances nursing science and practice.
- To support capacity building through training, mentorship, and research facilitation.

Objectives

1. To promote and coordinate research activities among faculty and students of Indirani College of Nursing.
2. To review, guide, and monitor research proposals for scientific quality and feasibility.
3. To ensure compliance with ethical guidelines and regulatory requirements in research.
4. To enhance research output in terms of publications, presentations, projects, and grants.
5. To encourage innovation, evidence-based practice, and translation of research into clinical and community settings.
6. To build research competencies through workshops, seminars, and training programs.
7. To establish collaborations with academic, healthcare, and research institutions.



Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

1. Constitution of the Committee

- The Internal Research Committee (IRC) shall be constituted by the Head of the Institution.
- The committee shall include:
 - Chairperson (Principal/Dean)
 - Member Secretary (Senior Faculty/Research Coordinator)
 - Faculty members representing various nursing specialties
 - External expert(s) as required
- The tenure of members is for three years.

2. Composition of the Committee (Members)

The Internal Research Committee (IRC) shall consist of the following members:

S. No.	Designation	Position in IRC
1.	Principal	Chairperson
2.	Vice-Principal	Co-Chairperson
3.	Senior Faculty with Research Experience	Member Secretary
4.	Professor / Associate Professor (Medical–Surgical Nursing)	Member
5.	Professor / Associate Professor (Community Health Nursing)	Member
6.	Professor / Associate Professor (Obstetrics & Gynecological Nursing)	Member
7.	Professor / Associate Professor (Child Health Nursing)	Member
8.	Professor / Associate Professor (Mental Health Nursing)	Member
9.	Biostatistician / Research Methodology Expert	Member



The committee members shall be nominated by the Head of the Institution. The tenure of the committee shall normally be three years or as per institutional policy.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Chairperson:** Provides overall leadership, approves recommendations, and ensures alignment with institutional vision.
- **Member Secretary:** Coordinates meetings, maintains records, communicates decisions, and monitors progress of research activities.
- **Members:** Review proposals, mentor researchers, and contribute to research planning and evaluation.

3. Meetings

- The IRC shall meet at least twice a year or as required.
- Notice of meetings and agenda shall be circulated in advance.
- Quorum shall be as per institutional policy.
- Minutes of meetings shall be recorded and maintained.

4. Research Proposal Review Process

- Faculty and students shall submit research proposals in the prescribed format to the IRC.
- Proposals shall be reviewed for relevance, scientific merit, feasibility, and ethical considerations.
- Suggestions and approvals shall be communicated in writing.
- Approved proposals requiring ethical clearance shall be forwarded to the Institutional Ethics Committee.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Periodic progress reports shall be submitted by investigators.
- The IRC shall review progress and provide guidance for timely completion.



- Any deviations or issues shall be addressed promptly.

6. Research Ethics and Compliance

- All research shall adhere to national and international ethical guidelines.
- Mandatory ethical clearance shall be obtained prior to initiation of research involving human subjects.
- Confidentiality, informed consent, and data protection shall be ensured.

7. Research Output and Dissemination

- The IRC shall encourage publication of research findings in peer-reviewed journals.
- Support shall be provided for conference presentations, seminars, and workshops.
- Research outcomes shall be documented and showcased on institutional platforms.

8. Capacity Building and Support

- The IRC shall organize training programs on research methodology, biostatistics, ethics, and scientific writing.
- Faculty mentorship shall be facilitated for student research projects.

9. Record Maintenance

- All records related to proposals, approvals, progress reports, and publications shall be maintained by the IRC.
- Documentation shall be available for audit and accreditation purposes.

10. Review and Amendments

- The SOP shall be reviewed periodically and updated as per regulatory requirements and institutional needs.



MEMBERS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

S. No.	Designation	Position in IRC
1.	Dr. Prof.Malliga. M, Principal	Chairperson
2.	Dr. R. Rajeswari.R, Vice-Principal	Co-Chairperson
3.	Dr.S. RathiDevi, Professor	Member Secretary
4.	Dr.K. Chandralekha, , Professor	Member
5.	Dr.G. Jamunarani, , Professor	Member
6.	Dr. E. Chandraleka, Professor	Member
7.	Dr.K. Jayanthi, professor	Member
8.	Dr. Janani, Statistician, SVMCH&RC	Member