

Research Goals

Aligned with the mission and vision of the AAHFN, the Research Committee proposes that the organization support and facilitate the advancement of heart failure nursing science and scholarship fundamental to the transformation of nursing practice in various healthcare settings. These will be accomplished by the development, implementation, and dissemination of findings emerged from different research designs and methods as well as performance and/or quality improvement projects across HF populations and healthcare continuum.

Objective #1: Promote nursing research (basic, clinical, and translational) related to all aspects of heart failure to improve the outcomes and effectiveness of care.

- Facilitate funding both internally/externally to foster and support HF research.
 - Support comparative effectiveness research to develop innovative solutions to improve care transitions to reduce hospital readmissions among HF patients.
- Leverage new collaborative, multi-level partnerships among disciplines; industry, other professional organizations and the community, to promote opportunities for member research that will lead to better health outcomes for HF patients.

Objective #2: Support HF research related to improving a patient's Quality of Life (QoL), symptom management and self-management.

- Support comparative effectiveness research to develop innovative, economically-conscious solutions to improve care transitions that result in improved symptom management/QoL; along with a reduction in hospital readmissions among HF patients.
- Maintain Palliative Care and end-of-life care research network to facilitate implementation of the current evidence to enhance access to this care for more patients with HF.

Objective #4: Develop and test the use of technology and informatics-based solutions, to achieve optimal patient safety, assessment, management, and/or outcomes.

- Nursing randomized trials to test the effectiveness of new technology to impact HF care and patient QoL (Interdisciplinary NIH, NINR Grants)

Objective #5: Develop and expand HF nurse scientists and clinical scholars:

- Implement a formal mentor/mentee program at various stages of research development, implementation, and dissemination of research findings.
- Promote partnerships among members who are employed in academic (e.g., nurse scientists) and practice settings (e.g., clinical scholars and practitioners)
- Conduct research and scholarship workshops at the annual meeting (e.g., proposal writing, publishing, etc)