



RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHARTER

Overview

The GRAPPA Research/CRN committee is advisory with the overarching role of driving and supporting research within the GRAPPA organisation.

Group Name

How will this group be known?

GRAPPA Research Committee (RC)

Participants

The Research Committee (RC) should consist of approximately 10-12 members reflecting the main GRAPPA constituents. These constituents include the following: rheumatologists, dermatologists, basic scientists, Y-GRAPPA and patient research partners.

The RC will be needed on a continuing basis. Members of the RC will serve three-year terms – not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms. After a one-year hiatus, members may return to the RC. The CoChairs will serve a three-year term. Members will be selected by the CoChairs and approved by the Nominations Committee. After completion of a three-year term in good standing, Chairs will receive ongoing emeritus status as SAC members.

Declarations of interest in joining the Research/CRN committee will be sought from the full GRAPPA membership. The Nominations Committee will select candidates and RC CoChairs will vote on selected candidates.

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Purpose

What are the key questions, projects, and activities this group will address?

- Organising the Trainee Symposium/Abstract selection at the Annual Meeting. This specific task is currently being led by Dr Lihi Eder, Dr April Armstrong and Dr Elaine Husni (see assoc job descriptions). Together with other members of the abstract review group, they will review the abstracts and decide on whether oral vs poster. Dr Armstrong and either Dr Eder or Dr Husni (to be agreed between them) will chair the Trainee Oral Abstract symposium. Either Dr Eder or Dr Husni will chair the poster sessions and organise the poster tours. Drs Armstrong/Eder/Husni will report to the Research/CRN committee and will seek extra support from members of the committee or from the extended GRAPPA community as is required.
- Organising/reviewing the GRAPPA Pilot Grant awards. This specific task is currently being led by Dr Vinod Chandran together with the Pilot Grant review group. Depending on the number of available grants to be confirmed each year by the GRAPPA Executive Committee, Dr Chandran will make recommendations for awarding of the Pilot Grants and will provide a report to the Research/CRN committee.
- GRAPPA Collaborative Research Network (CRN). This specific task has been led by Drs Ritchlin and FitzGerald and they intend to step down from the leadership role at the end of 2021. Their successors as chairperson(s) of the Research/CRN committee, ideally a Rheumatologist and a Dermatologist, will direct the CRN leadership team, assist in driving the development of collaborative research within GRAPPA and organise the annual GRAPPA CRN meeting, held adjacent to the annual meeting. CRN leadership team meetings should take place at least quarterly.

Scope

- The GRAPPA Research Committee is identified as a scientific advisory committee. The objective of the RC is to provide independent advice and peer review to the GRAPPA Board and GRAPPA membership on the scientific, clinical and financial aspects of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis research. The RC will inform on recent research and research-related policy, advise on industry trends and emerging research projects, disseminate information about GRAPPA-sponsored research and programs, and provide input on which research projects to fund.
- The major objectives and purpose of the committee are as follows:
 - a. The committee will include key leaders in a variety of scientific disciplines including genetics, immunology, clinical research and others as appropriate;
 - b. The committee may include PhDs, PharmDs and MDs who are knowledgeable about current PsA and PsO research;
 - c. The committee will be responsible for developing the research plan in conjunction with the GRAPPA Board and Education Committee.
 - d. The committee will have an advisory role for research programs including the grant programs, professional education, patient-centered research, and other GRAPPA research initiatives;
 - e. The committee will meet quarterly and as needed via teleconference throughout the year.

Outputs

What are the expected outcomes and outputs of the group and its work? What does the group need to produce?

- The Research/CRN committee should provide quarterly reports to the GRAPPA Executive committee.

Timeframe(s)

How often will the group meet?

- Frequency / Date / Time (e.g. quarterly on the third Thursday at 7AM PT)
 - Placeholder text

When are the outputs to be produced? When will the group complete its work?

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Operating Procedures and Ground Rules

Norms for Individuals: What are the expectations for individual members of this group?

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Clarifying committee and work group expectations keeps them focused on task(s) and minimizes micromanagement of coaches, staff, and volunteers.