

Bi-annual report

Study Groups

Title of the study group: Nurses Study Group for Research and Strategy (REST)

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Summary of last year's activities

REST aims to stimulate international collaboration in starting research. Several initiatives followed from REST. Currently different groups work on various topics.

1. A working group (leader Jette Primdahl, Dk, members PT, ES, UK, NL) published a review on Nurses' role in cardiovascular risk assessment and management in people with inflammatory arthritis: A European perspective. Primdahl et al. Musculoskeletal Care 2015. DOI: 10.1002/msc.1121. A research agenda has been formulated.

2. A second working group (leader Bente Hamnes, NO, members DK, NL) has submitted a paper on readability of informed consent documents (which is currently under review).

3. A third working group (leader Kristien van der Elst, BE, members NO, SE, NL), is going to start a qualitative study on patient-preferred outcomes in early rheumatoid arthritis (study protocol to be published in 2016).

4. The working group RNOT (rheumatology nurse sensitive outcomes tasforce) (leader Yvonne van Eijk-Hustings, NL, Patricia Minnock IE, members USA, JP, UK, NL) aims to define a core set of outcomes, to be measured when conducting research about the contribution of rheumatology nurses to care. A systematic review of the literature is about to be submitted. Focus groups with patients and health professionals are currently in preparation.

5. A working group (lead Mie Fusama, JP, members NL, UK), has evaluated the EULAR recommendations for the role of the nurse in Japan. The paper has been submitted and is part of a starting collaboration with nurses in Japan.

In Rome we discussed future research topics: mentioned were ethnicity (dr. Kumar, UK) and work (on the EULAR nursing task force research agenda). We also discussed the need for a clearer distinction from the nurses study group Clinical.

Participants agreed upon a survey among all nurses on priorities for the research agenda, interest in starting and leading a working group, and suggestions for the content of the meetings of REST and Clinical. The survey is ready and the link will be sent out half March. Results will be discussed at EULAR London.

Current number of attendees: Approximately 25 in Rome

Current country representation: UK, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal, Spain, Netherlands, France, Canada, USA