

## **EULAR nurses study group Research and Strategy (REST)**

The EULAR nursing Task Force has formulated a research agenda and an educational agenda (1) that increasingly leads to European and global initiatives from rheumatology nurses.

The EULAR nurses study group REST aims to promote excellence in research by nurses, education for nurses and collaboration of nurses.

REST will initiate and facilitate projects that will contribute to increased evidence about the effectiveness of rheumatology nursing interventions and about the role of the rheumatology nurse in the multidisciplinary team.

Besides research, REST also aims to contribute to an educational program for rheumatology nurses and to promote collaborative work regarding research and education of rheumatology nurses.

From the study group, other groups focussing on specific themes for future projects will follow. The first steps have been taken. In July, the EULAR HP project for “Developing recommendations/points to consider for Patient Education” has started. We have written a proposal for defining nurse sensitive outcomes, which will be supported by a mentor from OMERACT and a working group intends to combine results from previous initiatives for high quality education for nurses.

The study group will provide:

- a structure for defining and coordinating initiatives;
- a network for people who would like to be involved in these activities;
- a platform for research and clinical expertise to support initiatives.

The study group will cooperate closely with the EULAR Clinical Nurses study group. We will fine-tune our activities with the EULAR organisation, the EULAR Health professionals, the American College of Rheumatology Allied Health Professionals, and the Rheumatology Nurses Society of America.

Founding members of the study group are members of the EULAR nursing Task Force and people currently involved in the new initiatives:

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The study group will be open for any new applicants. Currently we are globalising our network and collaboration.

1. van Eijk-Hustings Y, van Tubergen A, Boström C, Braychenko E, Buss B, Felix J, et al. EULAR recommendations for the role of the nurse in the management of chronic inflammatory arthritis. *Ann Rheum Dis.* 2012;71 (13-19).