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International Association of Clinical Research Nurses (IACRN)

Board of Directors

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Cheryl A. Fisher – IACRN Member-at-Large (MAL)

Dear Members of the IACRN Board of Directors,

It is with great enthusiasm and highest regard that I write in support of Dr. Cheryl Fisher for the position of Member-at-Large (MAL) on the International Association of Clinical Research Nurses (IACRN) Board of Directors. Dr. Fisher brings a remarkable breadth of experience, deep commitment to clinical research nursing, and a legacy of contributions that align seamlessly with the expectations and responsibilities of the MAL role.

Dr. Fisher's professional career spans over two decades at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center, where she held key leadership positions including Senior Nurse Consultant for Extramural Collaborations and Program Director for Professional Development. Her tenure at NIH was distinguished by a visionary approach to nursing education, informatics, and the integration of evidence-based practice systems to support clinical research nurses (CRN). She also led large-scale initiatives such as the Evidence-Based Practice Fellowship (launched in 2021) and helped redesign national training programs on clinical research fundamentals that impacted over 400 CRN's at the NIH Clinical Center.

Dr. Fisher has been a member of IACRN since 2012, and her dedication to the organization's mission is unwavering. She served as Research Committee Chair in 2016 and continues as an active Research Committee member to this day. Her leadership has helped shape research priorities and support emerging issues in clinical research nursing. Her contributions to numerous IACRN annual meetings, webinars, and research projects—such as extending the description of the clinical research nursing workforce—are a testament to her thought leadership.

Dr. Fisher's scholarly work is commendable, with numerous peer-reviewed publications that reflect both rigor and relevance. Particularly notable is her authorship of chapters in the Fundamentals of Clinical Research Nursing IACRN Core Curriculum (2021) and Principles and Practice of Clinical Research (2017). Additional IACRN-related publications examine workforce development, protocol coordination, and the role of CRNs in clinical trials. She has also been invited to speak at conferences on informatics competencies for the CRN and the role of AI in clinical research nursing.

The MAL position requires an engaged leader who can represent the voice of the membership, participate in board and committee work, and help raise awareness of the organization's mission. Dr. Fisher is exceptionally well suited for these tasks, having:

- Served on and led numerous professional committees at national levels
- Acted as Co-PI or PI on multi-year, grant-funded research initiatives, such as the AIM High Program (2025–2028) and the Faculty AI Champion Program (2024–2025)
- Actively mentored doctoral students and faculty in research and teaching
- Participated in numerous invited and peer-reviewed presentations for IACRN and partner institutions, most recently AI for Clinical Research Nurses (2025)

In summary, Dr. Fisher is an extraordinary nurse leader whose passion for clinical research, deep institutional knowledge, and extensive service to IACRN make her an outstanding candidate for the Member-at-Large role. She brings strategic vision, a collaborative spirit, and an ability to execute meaningful initiatives, all core to the responsibilities outlined in the MAL role. I endorse her nomination with the highest level of confidence. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Respectfully,

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