



Research Participant Rights

Rights of ACNM Members as Research Participants

ACNM frequently receives requests from researchers to survey or interview its members as part of a research protocol. The ACNM National Office and the Division of Research have established guidelines for approving such requests. The guidelines are intended to ensure that:

- i. ACNM members are appropriate participants for the research topic.
- ii. There is adequate evidence of appropriate measures to protect the privacy of CNMs/CMs who respond, and to maintain the confidentiality of those responses.

ACNM requires evidence of Human Subjects/Institutional Review Board approval of the project from the investigator's home institution, and copies of all materials to be sent to the members. ACNM and the Division of Research do not ensure or approve the appropriateness of the design and methodology of the study; this is the responsibility of the investigator. Responsibility for student projects must be assumed by a faculty member. ACNM maintains all application materials and decisions. ACNM will place reasonable limits on the numbers and timing of surveys to avoid undue burden on members.

These guidelines apply to all avenues for contacting ACNM members for the purpose of research, including, but not limited to:

- i. Use of the ACNM mailing list
- ii. Internet access to members via ACNM email or use of members' email
- iii. Distribution of surveys at official ACNM meetings, including affiliate meetings
- iv. Postings to discussion lists and listservs

Once a request is approved, materials sent to members are required to contain the notice that **“Solicitation of members for this research survey has been approved by ACNM.”**

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