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**Northern Ireland  
Research &  
Quality Group  
(NIRAQ)**

Helping nurses to promote  
excellence in care  
Through Research, Practice  
Development and  
Quality improvement:  
The Northern Ireland approach.

improving the quality of care through evidence based practice.

## What is NIRAQ?

NIRAQ is an RCN regional network which was established in 1999 through the amalgamation of the Northern Ireland Dynamic Quality Improvement Network & RCN Research Group. NIRAQ promotes excellence in care and provides a network to enable nurses and midwives integrate the best evidence from research with clinical expertise, patient preferences, and existing resources into decision making about the quality and health care of individual patients.

NIRAQ has a membership, which includes nurses and midwives working in all areas of practice, education, management and research.

Throughout the Group's existence, members have played an important role in helping nurses keep up-to-date with research, quality & practice development issues.

## Aims of NIRAQ

1. To facilitate networking & communication on issues relating to research, quality & practice development improvement in healthcare.
2. To provide a framework of support, information & education to nurses & other health care professionals interested in

3. To act as an interface between practice & policy development at local, national & international level.

## What are the benefits of joining & how will members access information?

The members will be able to network with colleagues across Northern Ireland who all share an interest in research, quality & practice development. Regular emails from the Chair of the NIRAQ Group help to keep members informed of any new developments. The workshops and seminars provide information, which can add to individuals' knowledge base on research, quality & practice development as well as the opportunity to discuss issues around these topics.

## How often does NIRAQ meet?

The NIRAQ Group meets 2 - 4 times a year (in various locations) and all members are invited to the Annual General Meeting in December.

## Application form to join NIRAQ.

Please print clearly in black ink.

### I wish to join the NIRAQ Group

Full Name & Title: (i.e. Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

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Correspondence Address:  
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----- Postcode: -----

Name & Address of Organisation/Trust:  
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----- Postcode: -----

Position in Employment: -----

Tel No (Home): -----

Tel No (Work): -----

Email: -----

Area of Interest: -----

Signed: ----- Date: -----

