

Power of the Chair-side Nurse: Idea to IRB

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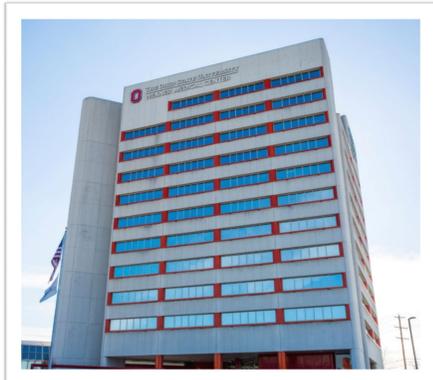


Significance & Background

- In 2016, four infusion clinic nurses presented with the opportunity to develop and participate in a chair-side nursing supportive care research protocol.
- Research is dependent on time and resources as capacity allows.
- Nursing research is typically considered above and beyond a chair-side nurse's role.
- Participation in research provides opportunities for professional growth, confidence, networking, and education.
- Professional development opportunities increased the nurses' sense of purpose and passion for the project.

Purpose

To share the experience of chair-side nurses developing an idea into an Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved research trial.



Results

Participation:

- An early team vacancy was quickly filled by another nurse.
- Four nurses started on this approach to developing a research project which is now actively enrolling participants.

Presentations:

- The literature review developed into a three session journal club that was presented for two different infusion units.
- Presentations of the project were provided at four staff meetings, one shared governance council, and one patient symposium.

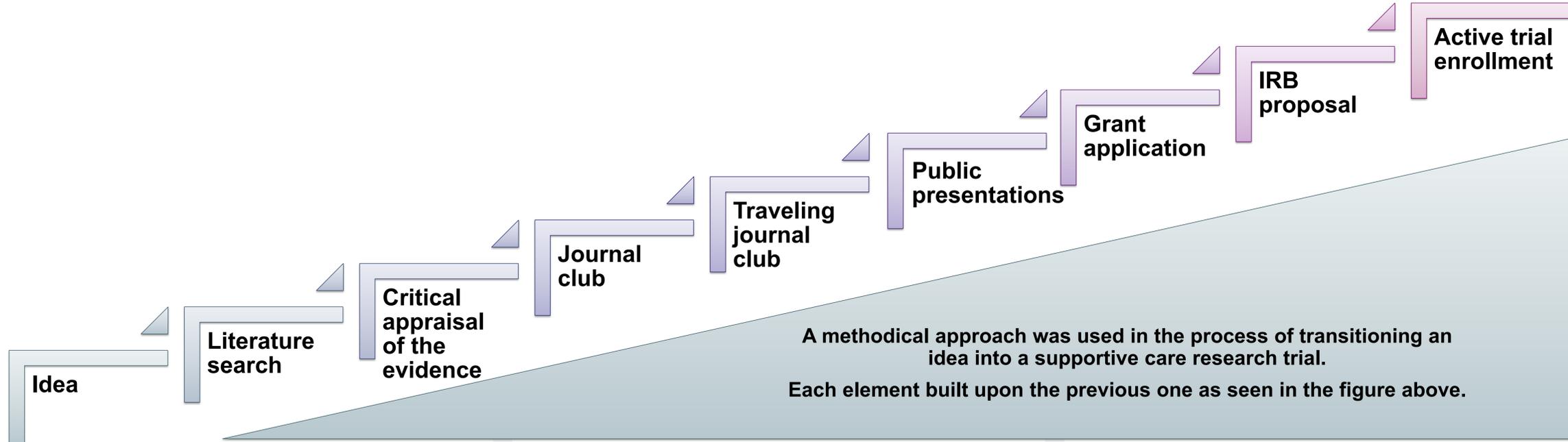
Professional development:

- One nurse obtained an advanced degree and was promoted as a Nurse Educator
- Two nurses were promoted to the highest level of clinical ladder advancement

Achievements:

- Developed a computer-based learning module for the healthcare system
- Awarded a local research grant
- Navigated and achieved approval from the Clinical Science Review Committee and the Cancer Institutional Review Board.

Intervention



Discussion

- The project increased nursing knowledge of research processes and promoted professional development.
- The four chair-side nurses supported the unit by providing education and updates throughout the research process.
- They became experts in a new field of patient care, and gained confidence in their new knowledge.

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