



ANMF (Vic Branch) Policy

Nursing/midwifery research assistance provided by The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victorian Branch)

Preamble

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victorian Branch) [ANMF (Vic Branch)] represents the industrial and professional interests of registered nurses and midwives and across all areas of healthcare in Victoria and, as such is a major stakeholder in nursing, midwifery and the broader healthcare environment.

Research is a fundamental element in the guidance of contemporary nursing and midwifery practice. The ANMF (Vic Branch) strongly supports registered nurses and midwives undertaking professional research that contributes to professional evidence based nursing and midwifery practice.

Policy

It is the policy of the ANMF (Vic Branch) that:

1. The ANMF (Vic Branch) has a responsibility to encourage and support research that will enhance patient/resident/client outcomes and benefit the nursing and midwifery profession.
2. The ANMF (Vic Branch) will consider requests for research assistance, which will be cost-neutral to Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victorian Branch).
3. Written requests for research assistance must be directed to the ANMF (Vic Branch) Secretary. Requests must include:
 - i. evidence of ethics approval by the university, hospital or institution, or relevant ethics committee;
 - ii. the title and brief summary of the research project;
 - iii. the name/s and contact details of all researchers involved;
 - iv. the aim/s of the research;
 - v. the research methodology;
 - vi. the anticipated benefit/s the research will offer to the participant/ nursing and midwifery profession or have on patient/resident/client outcomes;
 - vii. an outline of the particulars of the assistance being requested; and
 - viii. willingness to share research findings with the ANMF (Vic Branch).
4. Subsequent to consideration, the Branch Secretary will provide a recommendation to ANMF (Vic Branch) Council.
5. The ANMF (Vic Branch) Council will consider the Branch Secretary's recommendation, together with the applicant's membership standing when considering the approval or the rejection of the application.

6. The ANMF (Vic Branch) Secretary will provide written notification to applicants as to the outcome to their request.
7. If there is a request by researchers to have access to the ANMF (Vic Branch) membership data base the ANMF (Vic Branch) will ensure members' anonymity; for example the ANMF (Vic Branch) will mail out a questionnaire on behalf of the researchers such that contact details are never provided.
8. The ANMF (Vic Branch) is to be included in any correspondence regarding the research to its members.
9. The ANMF (Vic Branch) will have direct involvement with researchers for any approved research results by way of handling dissemination of those findings.
10. The ANMF (Vic Branch) will be privy to all material, such as questionnaires and surveys, before any mail outs or distributions take place. Only material approved by the ANMF (Vic Branch) Secretary (or their nominee) will be mailed or distributed.
11. The ANMF (Vic Branch) Council will consider requests by non-members' for research assistance. Approval of requests for assistance will be subject to the above conditions (1-10). No costs will be incurred by the ANMF (Vic Branch).