WHAT IS THE EARLY CAREER NETWORKING GROUP (ECNG)?

The mission of the Early Career Networking Group (ECNG) is to foster the development and advancement of early career professionals in the field of rehabilitation. Our supportive network of peers strives to provide the necessary resources and networking opportunities that will help promote successful career growth. Members work together to share relevant announcements, resources, professional contacts, mentorship support, and informative discussions.

WHO CAN JOIN THE ECNG?

Any rehabilitation professional can join the Early Career Networking Group regardless of career stage. The ECNG seeks members who are passionate about early career development! This includes professionals new to the field, as well as more senior professionals willing to assist young colleagues by sharing their knowledge and experience. ACRM welcomes and encourages all rehabilitation professionals, members and nonmembers alike, to participate.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING?

- Receive guidance for job interviews, negotiating faculty positions, and preparing for promotion and tenure
- Access resources and tips for improving your grant writing skills
- Learn about grant mechanisms for new investigators
- Discover collaborative opportunities within a variety of rehabilitation disciplines
- Networking with peers and renowned leaders in the field
- Learn about the work of ACRM and additional ways you might get involved and gain recognition.
- Active membership with an ACRM networking group will boost your curriculum vitae
GET INVOLVED TODAY!

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

❖ Become a peer member and gain access to all announcements and resources the ECNG has to offer.
❖ Serve on the ECNG Steering Committee and help shape the growth of this important networking group
❖ Join a task force and make connections, get involved, and make a difference.

COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE
Help recruit new members; and gather and disseminate important announcements and information through social media, eblasts, ACRM newsletters, and the website. This may include topics such as grant resources and grant writing, job interviewing tips, work/life balance, tips for promotion and tenure, getting started with research, initiating collaborations and finding good mentors.

COURSE PLANNING TASK FORCE
Help plan the full-day Early Career Development Course held each fall at the ACRM Annual Conference. Last year, the course focused on grantsmanship, with particular emphasis on career development and pilot/small project funding mechanisms.

EARLY CAREER PHYSICIAN TASK FORCE
Help cultivate interdisciplinary collaboration among multiple rehabilitation medicine disciplines with a focus on improving the implementation of research, knowledge translation, and program development.

HOW DO I JOIN OTHER ACRM GROUPS?

ACRM members are encouraged to participate in any/all ACRM community forums, including: ACRM Interdisciplinary Special Interest Groups (ISIG):
❖ Brain Injury-ISIG
❖ Spinal Cord Injury-ISIG
❖ Stroke-ISIG

ACRM Networking Groups (NG):
❖ Outcomes Measurement-NG
❖ Early Career-NG
❖ International-NG
❖ Health Policy-NG

And Groups still forming for:
❖ Neurodegenerative Diseases
❖ Pediatric Rehabilitation
❖ Geriatric Rehabilitation
❖ Pain

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