Council on
Cardiovascular Nursing
Complex Cardiovascular Patient and Family Care

COMMISSION

Purpose:
To serve as the American Heart Association’s panel of experts on adults with complex cardiovascular conditions requiring advanced nursing knowledge, skills, and care. The areas of focus will span the continuum of care (critical care to home care) and include (but are not limited to): enhancing quality of life; promoting symptom management; integrating technologies into care; managing transitions across the aging and care continuums; and strengthening family caregiving.

Reports To: Council Chair and Leadership Committee.

Committee Membership: The Committee shall be made up of a Chair and 6-8 members selected from the Council with 1 liaison from the Council on Clinical Cardiology.

Method of Selection: The Council Chair, in consultation with the Vice Chair and the Committee Chair, shall appoint a Vice Chair and Committee members as terms expire.

Term of Service: Members shall serve two-year terms beginning July 1st and ending June 30th and shall be staggered for continuity.

Member Commitment: The Committee shall meet by teleconference a minimum of 2 times per year and face-to-face, in conjunction with AHA Scientific Sessions. The time commitment will vary, but should not exceed 1-3 hours per month.

Committee Responsibilities:
• Update AHA on complex cardiovascular conditions in adults requiring advanced nursing knowledge and skills and propose initiatives related to care;
• Propose related sessions for AHA Scientific Sessions and conferences;
• Propose, develop, and participate in scientific statements centered around complex cardiovascular conditions requiring advanced nursing knowledge and skills;
• Develop skill sets needed for nurses to facilitate high quality research and evidenced-based patient care related to complex cardiovascular conditions; and
• Review, revise and produce patient education and family care materials.

Committee Chair Responsibilities:
• Attend Leadership Committee meetings and present Committee report;
• Provide guidance and orientation to members;
• Preside over Committee meetings, working with AHA staff to schedule and prepare agendas;
• Lead discussions at meetings and monitor activities;
• Review minutes of Committee meetings;
Assign responsibilities as needed.

**Vice Chair’s Responsibilities:**
Assist Chair in developing and implementing activities of the Committee

**Eligibility:**

Presently practicing or participating in research and patient care of adults with complex cardiovascular conditions.

Record of professional activities (research, publications, lectures, participation in professional organizations, etc) in specialty area.

Able to attend yearly meeting and willing to actively participate in committee activities.