

SGS RESEARCH COMMITTEE

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE GROUP (PDRG)

***Get experienced trustworthy help with your research projects.
Contact the PDRG at evarner@uabmc.edu.***

The members of the SGS Research Committee are offering a service to SGS members or candidate members with little to no prior research experience who desire to perform a research project which could be presented at an annual meeting and could subsequently be published. The process by which the project proposer (member or candidate member) proceeds will include two phases:

Phase 1: Brainstorming Phase

The project proposer should contact the office of the PDRG coordinator, Dr Ed Varner at evarner@uabmc.edu or 205-934-1704 (Donna Campbell) with a research topic and his/her address, phone number and/or e-mail address. A member of the Research Committee or other SGS volunteer will be selected and will contact the proposer to arrange a "brainstorming session." For example, the discussion might include: the importance of the research question, what type of study design might be used, and feasibility concerns including whether or not a power-analysis would be useful. The PDRG member might suggest to the proposer certain references on research design for their use and remind the proposer of the handbook, *A Survivor's Guide to Getting Started With Clinical Research in Gynecologic Surgery*.

Phase 2: The Review Phase

Three copies of the written research proposal will be submitted to the PDRG coordinator's office, evarner@uabmc.edu. The proposal should include: (1) a research question or purpose of the study, (2) a background section, (3) a methods section and (4) a feasibility section. The proposal will be sent to two anonymous members of the PDRG who will review it and complete review forms, both of which will be forwarded to the coordinator's office and then to the proposer for use as he or she sees fit. A copy will also be sent to the committee member involved in the brainstorming session and if the proposer desires, this member could be contacted again for further discussion.

PDRG GROUND-RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION

- (1) The PDRG will function separately from the SGS Program Committee who reviews abstracts or papers for the upcoming meetings. (In the evaluatory phase of this program, the reviewers who select papers for the meeting will be blinded as to whether the PDRG process has been used.)
- (2) After seeing a project title, if a consultant realizes that he or she has planned or is involved in similar research, the consultant will excuse himself or herself from that discussion or evaluation. A new consultant will be substituted. The proposer will be notified that there is a similar project in process, but will not be discouraged from continuing as planned.
- (3) The development of a similar project by a consultant who is involved in the discussion or review is strictly prohibited.
- (4) The proposer should realize that the comments and suggestions are merely opinions of individuals in the PDRG and that such opinions may be subject to some bias. There is no guarantee that even if the suggestions are followed precisely that the project will be accepted by the SGS Program Committee.