

## IFNA Research Survey 2013: Results – Part A

The Research Committee is working to expand research resources available on the IFNA website to IFNA members. In fall 2013, the committee distributed a survey via e-mail to 400 persons on the IFNA membership list or on the list serve, asking them to complete a survey that would guide our website development and webinar offerings. The survey was distributed twice, and 139 responded, yielding a 30% response rate. In this newsletter and future issues, we will highlight select findings from the survey.

### Question #8: Population of research interest based on family developmental phase

	Response Percent	Response Count
Family nursing in child and adolescent health	57%	75
Family nursing in childbearing and childrearing families	45%	59
Family nursing in young adult care	28%	37
Family nursing in adult care	39%	51
Family nursing in aging and geriatric care	30%	39
Family nursing in intergenerational research	30%	38
Other		15

Respondents could choose multiple populations of interest. The majority (57%) indicated that their population of interest was family nursing in child and adolescent health, whereas 45% indicated family nursing in childbearing and childrearing families. Of note, only 30% selected family nursing in aging and geriatric care. This area represents an opportunity for further development for IFNA members, given the growing number of aging persons in many countries globally.

### Question 9: Research focus in:

	Response Percent	Response count
Families experiencing acute illness	31%	39
Families experiencing chronic illness	81%	103
Families in critical care	17%	22
Families at end-of-life care	34%	44
Families in caregiving	58%	74
Families in mental health	28%	36
Family violence	12%	15

Families in community health care	33%	42
Families in health promotion/disease prevention	40%	51
Family nursing policy	11%	14
Use of technology with families	24%	31
Family research methodology	55%	70
Other		19

The vast majority of respondents (81%) reported a research focus in families experiencing chronic illness. The next most frequently reported research foci were families in caregiving (58%) and family research methodology (55%). Foci in family nursing policy and family violence were reported least frequently at 11% and 12% respectively/

Question #12: Would you be interested in participating in a webinar about a specific theory?

About 60% of respondents responded affirmatively to this question and identified specific theories of interest for a webinar. Although many different theories were suggested, the three most frequently requested for a webinar were the Family Management Style Framework, family resiliency theory, and the Calgary Family Assessment Model. More data from the survey will be shared in future newsletters. We welcome your ideas about the findings and possible implications for future IFNA goals and activities.