



International Network of
VENous Thromboembolism
Clinical Research Networks

INVENT Professional Membership

Terms of Reference

Professional Members – INVENT-VTE BYLAWS

Professional Members of INVENT, as stated in the organizational by-laws, are classified as the following:

Professional Members (Class B)

- a. *Professional membership shall be individuals involved or engaged or in support of clinical research associated with VTE and hold a membership in good standing with an academic national clinical research organization.*
- b. *Professional membership shall be available to persons who have applied and have been accepted for Professional membership in the Corporation.*
- c. *The term of membership of a Professional member shall be annual, subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Corporation.*
- d. *As set out in the articles, each Professional member is a non-voting member.*

Qualifications / Eligibility

In order to qualify to be an INVENT Professional Member, the individual:

- Must be a member of an [INVENT National VTE Network](#)
- Must have an interest in academic clinical research that can be applied to questions related to VTE

Becoming a Member – Process

1. **Proposal or Nomination:** Proposed new members can be recommended by an [INVENT National VTE Network](#), current members, or may be self-nominated through the online web form at <http://www.invent-vte.com> (Become a Member page) on a rolling basis (there is no deadline).
2. **Vetting:** New member requests will be vetted by the applicant's respective [INVENT National VTE Network's](#) Council Member(s). If the candidate still cannot be vetted, Network Administration will follow up with the candidate or his/her recommender for more information.
3. **Approval:** Membership approval will be granted by the [INVENT Board of Directors](#). Once a member is approved and their contact information is received, Network Administration will send a confirmation e-mail with the membership *Terms of Reference* and information on accessing network documents.



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Membership Responsibilities

All INVENT Professional Members are expected to be involved in one or more Network activities. Maintaining member status will be based on each member's individual contributions.

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Being a principal investigator, co-investigator, or team member of an [INVENT Endorsed Study](#)
- Being an active member of an INVENT working group or committee
- Attending the Dragons' Den Competition or other INVENT networking activities
- Responding to requests to participate in online surveys, feedback requests, or other collaborative activities

In addition, members are expected to stay abreast of network communications through e-mail and social media.

Membership Benefits

INVENT members will have access to the following benefits:

1. Ability to apply to INVENT for study endorsement and promotion
2. Ability to apply to INVENT funding opportunities
3. Access and downloading of shared resources
4. Use of INVENT platforms and tools – e.g., Web Adjudication platform, Teleconference platform, Email distribution for surveys, etc.
5. Ability to contribute to network development activities such as strategic planning
6. Invitation to participate in INVENT working group or committees
7. Invitation to INVENT's social or networking events

Membership Renewal

Membership years begin on August 1st and end July 31st. Current members will be asked to renew their membership in July of each year by completing a renewal form. Renewed members will receive a confirmation of renewal email.