Research Associates (RAs) at Affiliate programs of the National Alliance of Research Associates Programs (NARAP) around the country volunteer a minimum of one, 4-hour shift per week in the emergency department as data collectors for clinical studies. Under the rigors and controls of research, they will mirror a health professional's patient interactions as they enroll participants in NARAP's national, multi-center study on cervical and breast cancer screening and the other studies conducted at their Affiliate hospital.

Graduates doing one or more "gap" years before health professional school may want to get even more involved in clinical research.

Chief RAs serve as the middle managers of RA programs at NARAP Affiliates. They volunteer about 20 hours per week, becoming involved in all aspects of clinical research in their emergency departments as they supervise the activities of the Line RAs. Work as a Chief RA can serve as a major jump start to a health professional career.

The attached documents provide details on these positions.

In 2012, NARAP completed its first national, multi-center study, Tobacco Cessation Effort among Emergency Department Patients and Their Visitors. This was the the fourth largest prospective, interventional study ever done in the U.S.

With your help by referring students, NARAP can continue this work for the benefit of clinical research, large numbers of patients and our future health professionals.
Looking for a **clinical** research opportunity?

**Research Associates (RAs) Programs**

- **Minimum:** one, 4-hour shift per week in the emergency department
  - depending on # of RAs, serving additional shifts possible
- **Enroll participants in studies on primary health care issues**
  - national, multi-center cervical and breast cancer screening
  - other research and/or clinical opportunities available
- **Structured, clinical interactions within the research model**
  - routinely work w/ 100-150 ED patients and visitors / semester
- **Performance assessments → end of semester evaluation**

Information at [www.thenarap.org](http://www.thenarap.org)

**Departments of Emergency Medicine**

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“What Am I Going to Do For My Gap Year?”

Chief Research Associate
in a
National Alliance of Research Associate Program (NARAP) Affiliate Hospital

Clinical Experience + Clinical Research + Leadership

Jump Starting a Career in the Health Professions

• Undergraduate degree and pre-requisite courses completed
• RA Program Director’s assistants for the academic year

• Involved in all aspects of an emergency department’s clinical research → potential for authorship

• Leadership role on NARAP national, multi-center studies on
  o cervical and breast cancer screening
  o continuing tobacco cessation screening as a result of NARP’s first study
    ▪ = 4th largest prospective, interventional study ever done in U.S.

• Volunteer about 20 hours per week ...
  o career advancement
  o time for a full-time job

Details and application materials: www.theNARAP.org
Looking for a significant clinical research experience for your gap year(s) between college and health professional school? Want to “jump start” your career in ways those going directly from college to health professional school can’t possibly do?

Consider becoming a NARAP Chief Research Associate

Line Research Associates (RAs) are college students considering a career in the health professions who do one 4-hour shift per week in the emergency department enrolling participants in clinical research.

The Research Associates (RA) Programs at Affiliate hospitals of the National Alliance of Research Associates Programs (NARAP) are looking for college graduates and graduating seniors doing a year or more before matriculating to health professional school to serve as Chief RAs, the leadership cadre for these programs.

Chief RAs are volunteers who serve about twenty (20) hours per week on average in their hospital’s RA Program.

- undergraduate degree and pre-requisite courses completed
- applying to medical school, or other health professional school
- complete an on-line training course through St.Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, CT
- serve as their RA Program Director's assistants for the academic year until health professional school matriculation
- develop their RA Program’s recruiting, personnel management, scheduling, website, database management
- “first port of call” for Line RAs’ on-shift issues
- involved in all aspects of clinical research from concept initiation to publication
- attend didactic sessions and research meetings of their department of emergency medicine
- depending on their level of involvement, may be the principal or associate investigators on study(ies)

NARAP Chief RAs help their hospital’s RA Programs to conduct their Department of Emergency Medicine research and to enroll participants in the national, multi-center studies
1. Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening
2. Tobacco Cessation
   - service based on the results of NARAP's first study, 4th largest prospective, interventional study in U.S.

Think these might provide some interesting things to talk about at health profession school interviews?

The current NARAP RA Programs are in the Departments of Emergency Medicine at:

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Regardless if you live or go to school in proximity to a RA Program, or you are thinking about moving to a new locale for your post-bac year, consider the opportunities offered from service as a Chief RA.

Interested?
Please check out the details and find the application materials at [www.theNARAP.org](http://www.theNARAP.org).