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**

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)

Chief RAs help their hospital’s RA Programs to conduct their Department of Emergency Medicine research and to enroll participants in NARAP's national, multi-center studies
- This year's study is colon-rectal cancer screening study among ED patients and their visitors

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).