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# President's Message



Dear Esteemed Colleagues and SOHN Members,

I love this time of year when the environment comes alive with the blooming flowers, budding trees, and pollen abound. It reminds me that life is constantly changing, beautiful, and filled with new opportunities. Just like the seasons, SOHN continues to grow, change, and offer new opportunities for ORL nurses. So far this year, SOHN has offered opportunities for 8 free continuing credit hours through the specialty interest group and chapter meetings. These free CE events are value-added opportunities for

our members to continue to learn, grow, and provide evidence-based care to their patients. Additionally, the Congress Planning Committee is working on an exciting Congress agenda with many more chances for hands-on learning workshops.

The ORL Scope and Standards of Practice chairs have been meeting weekly to strategize and organize the new document using the American Nurses Association guidelines. I am grateful to the SOHN members who have volunteered to be on the committee to update this document. We plan to start meeting soon. SOHN continues to be dedicated to meeting member's professional development needs.

As a board, SOHN had to make the difficult decision to add credit card processing fees to conference and membership transactions. Every year, SOHN has been incurring credit card fees of approximately \$7,000 and this continues to increase yearly. To offset the cost to SOHN, the board has voted to incorporate a \$5 processing fee with membership and \$7 with educational offerings. We hope our members understand that the processing fees are going to the credit card companies. Ways to offset these charges would be to renew your membership for 2 years, which will save you an additional \$15 (\$10 off membership and \$5 processing fee the next year).

The Nomination Committee, led by Carol Maragos, has been working hard to secure a slate of candidates for President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Nomination Committee members (2), and Board of Directors (3). Please reach out to Carol Maragos [carolmaragos@yahoo.com](mailto:carolmaragos@yahoo.com) if you are interested in submitting your application to run for an open position. To serve as President-Elect, Vice-President, or Secretary, you would have to have served on the Board of Directors. To serve on the Board of Directors or on the Nominating Committee, you need to be a SOHN member for at least 2 years. We need members like you to continue to grow the organization for future generations of ORL nurses.

The Membership Enhancement Committee, led by Lisa Gagnon, has been working with Affinity Strategies to increase membership and decrease membership renewal lapses. In March, Affinity Strategies launched its SOHN's first texting campaign designated to reach out to lapsed members to renew their membership. This was not as successful as we would have liked so we are exploring other ways to reach out to lapsed members. In May, a letter will go out to members who have not renewed their membership asking if they plan to renew and if they don't, asking for feedback as to why they do not plan on renewing. The SOHN Board voted to temporarily offer free CEUs for non-members for specialty interest group meetings so they can see the potential benefits of joining SOHN. Chapter Presidents were also asked to reach out to their lapsed members to see if they plan on renewing. If you know a nurse (registered nurse or licensed practical nurse) or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who cares for ORL patients in any capacity, please encourage them to join a SIG event. If you have great ideas on increasing membership, please reach out to Lisa Gagnon at [lisa\\_gagnon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisa_gagnon@sbcglobal.net). Let's show potential new members how amazing SOHN is.

Lastly, I want to thank all the members for the high-level, compassionate care, they provide to their patients and for advancing ORL nursing. As we enter the month of May, we focus on celebrating nurses and the impact they have on society. Nurses Week is May 6th through 12th and ORL Nurses Day is May 9th. This is a time to highlight the contributions nurses and APRNs make to advocate and advance the profession. This year's theme is "You Make a Difference".

Below is an interesting timeline of how National Nurses Week was established.

- In 1953, Dorothy Sutherland of the US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare proposed a “Nurse Day” to President Eisenhower, but the proclamation was not made.
- In 1954, National Nurses Week was observed from October 11-16, to mark the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s mission to Crimea.
- In 1972, a resolution was presented to Richard Nixon, to proclaim National Registered Nurse Day, but it was not put forward.
- In 1974, the International Council of Nurses proclaimed May 12th as International Nurse Day, as it coincided with Florence Nightingale’s birthday.
- In 1981, the American Nurses Association, along with various other nursing organizations, supported a resolution to establish May 6th as National Nurses Day.
- In 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation declaring May 6th as National Recognition Day for Nurses.
- In 1990, the ANA expanded the recognition to a week-long celebration, from May 6th to May 12.
- In 1993, the ANA petitioned to permanently recognize the week between May 6th to May 12th as National Nurses Week, which was granted.

Nurses Week has been celebrated for the past 40 years. Thank you, ORL nurses and advanced practice nurses, for all you do to advance the profession and elevate care. Happy Nurses Month, Nurses Week, and ORL Nurses Day! I celebrate every one of you and the contributions you bring to the profession!

**Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRC SI**

President 2024–2025

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Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation



# May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

May is also Better Hearing and Speech Month, which was founded in 1927 by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. This is an opportunity to raise awareness about hearing and speech

problems and encourage people to acknowledge their hearing and potentially get screened for hearing loss. According to the World Health Organization, hearing loss affects about 430 million people, over 5% of

the population. They estimate that over 700 million people (1 in every 10 people) will have disabling hearing loss by 2050. Over 1 billion young adults are at risk of permanent hearing loss because of unsafe listening practices. The impact of unaddressed hearing loss affects us all. Those impacts include difficulty with communication, cognition, social isolation, and impacts on society and the economy with global costs estimated at \$980 billion US dollars.

ORL nurses can help decrease hearing loss by educating patients on safe listening practices, encouraging prenatal care in pregnant women, advocating for immunizations, advocating for the use of hearing protection around loud noise (shooting a firearm, concerts, heavy machinery) recognizing and preventing the use of ototoxic medications when possible.

Chart obtained at [What Noises Cause Hearing Loss? | NCEH | CDC](#)

[May is Better Hearing and Speech Month \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[Deafness and hearing loss \(who.int\)](#)

| Everyday Sounds and Noises                                                                                                                                                     | Average Sound Level (measured in decibels) | Typical Response (after routine or repeated exposure)               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Softest sound that can be heard                                                                                                                                                | 0                                          | Sounds at these dB levels typically don't cause any hearing damage. |
| Normal breathing                                                                                                                                                               | 10                                         |                                                                     |
| Ticking watch                                                                                                                                                                  | 20                                         |                                                                     |
| Soft whisper                                                                                                                                                                   | 30                                         |                                                                     |
| Refrigerator hum                                                                                                                                                               | 40                                         |                                                                     |
| Normal conversation, air conditioner                                                                                                                                           | 60                                         | You may feel annoyed by the noise                                   |
| Washing machine, dishwasher                                                                                                                                                    | 70                                         |                                                                     |
| City traffic (inside the car)                                                                                                                                                  | 80–85                                      | You may feel very annoyed                                           |
| Gas-powered lawnmowers and leaf blowers                                                                                                                                        | 80–85                                      | Damage to hearing possible after 2 hours of exposure                |
| Motorcycle                                                                                                                                                                     | 95                                         | Damage to hearing possible after about 50 minutes of exposure       |
| Approaching subway train, car horn at 16 feet (5 meters), and sporting events (such as hockey playoffs and football games)                                                     | 100                                        | Hearing loss possible after 15 minutes                              |
| The maximum volume level for personal listening devices; a very loud radio, stereo, or television; and loud entertainment venues (such as nightclubs, bars, and rock concerts) | 105–110                                    | Hearing loss possible in less than 5 minutes                        |
| Shouting or barking in the ear                                                                                                                                                 | 110                                        | Hearing loss possible in less than 2 minutes                        |
| Standing beside or near sirens                                                                                                                                                 | 120                                        | Pain and ear injury                                                 |
| Firecrackers                                                                                                                                                                   | 140–150                                    | Pain and ear injury                                                 |

## National Education Committee Update

**Karen Ulmer**

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." (Leo Tolstoy). Your National Education Committee has plenty of plans and projects that we are diligently working on to serve you, the SOHN membership!

Our next major national educational activity is our annual Spring Seminar Series. The SOHN 38th Annual Spring Seminar Series will be fully virtual, May 16 (Pediatric Day)

and May 17 (Adult Day). The SOHN co-chairs of the Spring Seminar are Julie Chiappa and Jana Bradley for pediatrics, and Marci Nilsen and Allison Paisley for the adult day. We have an amazing and educational agenda scheduled – [see the full agenda posted on the SOHN website](#). We hope that you will join us. You can [register on the SOHN website](#). As in past years, presentations will

be pre-recorded, and available to view for ~6 weeks after the "live" presentations. So don't worry if you can't get off work... content will be available to view at your convenience. You will have plenty of opportunities to take advantage of the outstanding speakers and content to advance your professional growth and development!

We are actively planning for the SOHN 48th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium. Unfortunately, we are not able to join the Academy and hold our Annual Congress in Miami this year. The cost associated with holding Congress in Miami (venue, IT, and hotel) turned out to be cost-prohibitive. But don't worry.... The Planning Committee and SOHN leadership were able to identify an alternative city/venue/date for our Annual Congress. The 2024 Annual Congress will be held October 18-21 in Baltimore, Maryland at the Johns Hopkins Turner Auditorium. Mark your calendars to join us as we **Navigate the Winds of Change** to present a slightly different Annual Congress that still provides the highest quality nursing continuing professional development the SOHN is known for. Highlights of Congress include the ever-popular Pharmacology Day and the hands-on Scoping Course. Keep your eye out for upcoming email blasts and social media posts regarding this exciting educational event.

Please remember to take advantage of the resources on the Nurse Planner resource page on the SOHN website! You will need to log in to the SOHN website as a member, and under the "Resources" tab, [select "Nurse Planner"](#). The current versions of the SOHN educational forms, as well as examples of completed forms that comply with ANCC criteria, are available. Also, there is a copy of the "Nurse Planner Tutorial" video. The content of this education video is a vital resource for all chapter nurse planners and SIG leaders to ensure that any chapter/virtual SIG NCPD activities meet ANCC criteria to ensure that your attendees can receive their continuing nursing education (CNE) credits. Reminder to all nurse planners and SIG leaders that final approval of any activity is not complete until the attendance list and Summary Evaluation (an example of the completed form is on the Nurse Planner page!) is submitted to Karen Ulmer. Only after a fully completed summary evaluation



is reviewed, can the attendance list be forwarded to Affinity to create and distribute certificates.

A new resource added to the Nurse Planner page is a chapter request form for selecting on-demand recordings from Congress which are available to chapters to use for chapter-level CNE through June 30, 2024. Please note that if a member obtained credit for the on-demand recording through attendance at Congress, they are not eligible to receive a second CNE certificate through the chapter activity! The completed chapter request form needs to be sent to Sharon Jamison (Education Coordinator), who will forward

the recording and a post-test which needs to be completed with a score of 80% or better for attendees to obtain the CNE certificate.

If you are interested in joining the National Education Committee, please let us know. You can be as involved as you like. We relish comments and suggestions from our SOHN membership to ensure that we are providing the NCPD activities, content, and format, that you, our membership, want and need to advance your professional growth and development.

We hope to "see" you soon at upcoming SIG meetings and the SOHN Spring Seminar!

# Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Update

## Earth Day Bryan Facione

The first Earth Day occurred on April 22, 1970. Inspired by 20 million Americans, which represented 10% of the total population of the United States at that time. They took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 years of industrial development which had left a growing legacy of serious human health impacts ([www.earthday.org/history/](http://www.earthday.org/history/)).

This led to a rare bipartisan political coalition that included Republicans and Democrats, and citizens of all backgrounds including the rich, the impoverished, city dwellers, rural farmers, businesses, and public and private advocacy groups. This set the stage and opened the rare political window to develop policy at the national level to decrease pollution. These efforts had many effects notably for the banning of Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) and the removal of lead from gasoline.

By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as well as the passage of other first-of-its-kind environmental laws, including the National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Clean Air Act. Two years later Congress passed the Clean Water Act.

Today, carbon dioxide emissions are speeding up climate change and are mainly the result of burning fossil fuels (i.e. coal, oil, and gas). These increased emissions since the industrial age (1850-1900) have increased the global average temperature by 2.45 degrees Fahrenheit. This has led to extreme weather events including heat waves, droughts, flooding, winter storms, hurricanes, and wildfires. These extreme weather events often affect the health of the disadvantaged and lower-income populations causing significant health inequities ([www.unep.org/facts-about-climate-emergency](http://www.unep.org/facts-about-climate-emergency)).

Healthcare carbon dioxide emissions constitute about 5% of global net emissions. To put this into context, emissions from all air travel are estimated at 3.5% of net global emissions (<https://ourworldindata.org/co2-emissions-from-aviation>). This has created a growing call for the healthcare industry to step up efforts to decrease emissions. Health systems, organizations, and clinicians

are being called on to help with this mission. The Choosing Wisely campaign was first launched in the United States in 2012 to help aid clinicians in decision-making to reduce waste and the carbon footprint. The campaigns are now present globally in over 30 countries. This campaign was initiated due to the result of sharply rising healthcare costs and estimates that a third of all healthcare offered no clinical value to patients (Levinson, et. al). A majority of health care's carbon emissions are indirectly related to the supply chain's production and delivery of medical goods, making up to 82% of healthcare admissions in the United States.

As an ENT nurse or provider, one way to assist in these efforts is to use medical supplies and surgical equipment judiciously and avoid ordering unnecessary diagnostic tests, procedures, medications, and referrals. One can also become involved at the service level and design improvement projects or policy that aim to reuse supplies and reduce waste. Quality improvement initiatives that include the domain of sustainability can enable a focus on reducing waste and emissions. These projects may include methods for directly measuring the emissions saved and demonstrate explicitly how the clinician's and nurse's actions can impact and reduce carbon emissions.

Laboratory tests are a commonly overused intervention. It is a pervasive problem with estimates suggesting that 16 to 56% of laboratory tests are unnecessary (Naugler, & Wyonch). This can have a significant downstream effect and drive further testing or procedures, referrals and treatments, which all have considerable waste and emissions. Thus, it is important to avoid low-value laboratory tests. The ENT provider can help avoid ordering unnecessary tests and procedures, and avoid the prescription of unproven medications by becoming knowledgeable and utilizing the different society guidelines when treating patients.

As nurses, we have a broad influence on advocating for our patients and the general population's health. One can start



this advocacy today by the decisions you make and the utilization of resources at your practice. As clinicians, you can raise awareness among trainees and colleagues by providing presentations or curricula on climate-relevant topics related to care delivery. Nurses who serve in administrative or leadership roles within their organizations can support quality improvement efforts that include sustainability with aims to reduce overuse as well as green procurement policies and strategies to reduce waste. Health systems leaders can also be an influential voice with government policymakers and lead by example. Through national organizations like the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Nursing, we can advocate for strategies in our workplace to cut waste, make judicious decisions when using resources, and address healthcare as a climate impact.

*"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children." – Native American Proverb*

The Health Care Policy and Advocacy Committee is looking for a vice-chair to serve on the committee. As vice-chair, you will receive mentorship from the current chairperson and help with some of the duties of the committee. The main goal of the vice-chair is to learn the committee chair's responsibilities and provide input on committee functions. The vice-chair could then be provided with an opportunity to chair or co-chair the committee in 2026. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Bryan Facione at [bryan.facione@gmail.com](mailto:bryan.facione@gmail.com).

The HCPA committee is also looking for SOHN members to contribute a 1-2 paragraph summary, or more if needed, outlining the current legislative bills being considered in your home state.

Your summary along with your name will be published in the ORL Journal. Please respond if interested and send email by May 13th to [bryan.facione@gmail.com](mailto:bryan.facione@gmail.com)

All SOHN members, please join us on Thursday, May 9th at 7 PM EST as we discuss updates on National trends in Health Care at the policy level and also a brief presentation on some of the current health inequities across the country and how they relate to determinates of health. The meeting is listed on the calendar on the main SOHN website or you can connect via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4956541039?omn=82302000975>

In Solidarity,  
Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN  
SOHN HCPA Chairperson

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# Practice and Research Committee Update

## Wendy Mackey

Spring is a time of new life and beauty- and on behalf of the Practice and Research Committee, we hope you have an opportunity to take in the freshness of the season. This update will serve as a synopsis of our most recent meeting and working initiatives. **Just a reminder, this committee is open to the entire membership.** We welcome all new members regardless of experience to take part in meetings and activities. We are looking for fresh minds and insights to be part of our community, it's an excellent way to meet colleagues who share our profession and network, share ideas and shape our profession. Please join us at our next meeting or drop me an email ([wendy.mackey@yale.edu](mailto:wendy.mackey@yale.edu)) and share your interest and ideas.

This committee represents SOHN at the AAO-HNS Guideline Taskforce. At the most recent Taskforce meeting in February, the taskforce approved the next guidelines in line for update,

Adult Sinusitis CPG Update, for which Maria Calandrea will represent SOHN. Approved at the meeting was the Bell's Palsy Update

for which we will be looking for a SOHN member to represent SOHN. Please let us know if you are interested in taking part in the guideline development. Additionally, check out the Immunotherapy for Inhalant Allergy Clinical Practice Guideline that was recently endorsed by SOHN. Participation is AAO Guidelines and Consensus Statements is a wonderful opportunity for our organization and offers our members and organization a voice in national guidelines. There are many ways for our members to be involved in this process. If this is something you are interested in learning more about, please let us know or attend the Guideline information session at Congress in October.

Our committee is diligently working on programs for Congress in Baltimore in October. One session will feature Rapid Fire presentations of quality improvement projects and initiative implemented in Otolaryngology. Another session will offer a panel discussion on how to actualize clinical ideas and projects, to mentor and support members in quality improvement and research projects, and dissemination of completed projects. Is there something

in your practice you would like to work on, improve, study, enhance? Bring your idea to Congress or join us at our next committee meeting. We provide mentorship for new ideas and help individuals or groups work through clinical initiatives and projects. Our group is also working of updating the Research Handbook and an application process for professional opportunities. These will be coming soon on our website.

Our committee would like to thank Jennifer Spellman, MSN, CRNP, CORLN for taking on the Poster Session Coordinator Role. The Congress Poster Session is a wonderful enriching event and another opportunity for our members to share and network with colleagues.

**Please join us at our next meeting at Congress.** We look forward to working with you in future meetings and opportunities.

Yours in ORL nursing,

Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN

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Nursing Practice and Research Committee  
Chair, Vice-President SOHN

# Specialty Interest Groups Update

*Regina Kahnert*



We have had a great first quarter with our SIG meetings given by the Allergy, Head and Neck, Federal/Military, Otolaryngology, and Perioperative leaders. I hope you have been able to attend. We are looking forward to the next few months when we will focus learning on the specialty groups from Advance Practice, Geriatrics, Office Based, Pediatrics, Perioperative, and Federal/Military.

Please make sure to check the SOHN website calendar for specific dates and register so you don't miss out. Our goal is to make sure

to have free education credit for you with each presentation.

Please share SIG meetings with your colleagues to get the word out that we have a peer group for all your Head and Neck Nursing needs – RIGHT HERE! Encourage them to join and participate and share their love of all we do.

## Welcome New SOHN Members!

**Amy Rancourt** ..... Zimmerman, MN  
**Annette Scarpino** .... Jackson, MI  
**Annette Torres**..... Orlando, FL  
**Ashley Medvetz** ..... Philadelphia, PA  
**Ashley Williams**..... Havertown, PA  
**Audrey Hauswirth** ... Chillicothe, OH  
**Breann Wise** ..... New Haven, CT  
**Bridgitte Ferris** ..... Stoddard, NH  
**Bryn Johnson** ..... Englewood, CO  
**Changhwan Kim** .... Elkridge, MD  
**Chelsea Ramirez** .... Powder Springs, GA  
**Cheryl Hubbard** ..... Palmyra, VA  
**Courtney Winn** ..... Hillsboro, OR  
**Deidra White** ..... Powder Springs, GA  
**Emilee Bergeron** ..... Monroe, LA  
**Erica Vargas** ..... Spring Valley, CA  
**Frances Price** ..... Foxfield, CO  
**Hailey Shepherd** ..... Aurora, CO  
**Helen Stegall**..... North Liberty, IA  
**Jade Rice**..... Plattsmouth, NE  
**James McCoy**..... Louisville, KY

**Joshua Holley**..... Wabash, IN  
**Julia Friend** ..... Boston, MA  
**Kathryn LaSenna**..... Tampa, FL  
**Kathy Stelling**..... Commerce City, CO  
**Kirsi Keener**..... Zimmerman, MN  
**Kofi Jnr Effah**  
**Frimpong** ..... Saskatoon, Canada  
**Lindsay Bublitz**..... Waukesha, WI  
**Manuela Castro**..... Princeton, NJ  
**Maria Valladares** ..... Missouri City, TX  
**Marilyn Phillips-Grossman** ..... Chatham, VA  
**Melissa Phillips** ..... Philadelphia, PA  
**Michael Schrage** ..... Omaha, NE  
**Michelle Brost** ..... Elva, WI  
**Mireya Flores**..... Palos Hills, IL  
**Nancy Marks**..... Little Rock, AR  
**Nicole Jimene** ..... Baltimore, MD  
**Patricia Kinney** ..... Grosse Pointe, MI  
**Preethy Kanneth** ..... Clarksville, MD  
**Rachael El Rami** ..... Fremont, CA

**Rebecca Adams** ..... Powder Springs, GA  
**Reese Baresky** ..... Denver, CO  
**Rhonda Anderson** ... Cedar Falls, IA  
**Robin Doucette** ..... Roswell, GA  
**Sabrina Hornak**..... Gary, IN  
**Samantha Hilt** ..... Plymouth, MI  
**Sarah Cross**..... Port St. Lucie, FL  
**Sarah Reynolds**..... Denver, CO  
**Scott Henderson** ..... Houston, TX  
**Shawn O'Brien**..... Folsom, PA  
**Shelley Mann** ..... Littleton, CO  
**Sherrie Rivera**..... Pompano Beach, FL  
**Simran Singh**..... Lanham, MD  
**Solande Louis xvi**.... San Jose, TX  
**Tammy Winchell** ..... Vancouver, WA  
**Tara Henson** ..... Fairfax, VA  
**Tiana Vandergriff** .... Parma, OH  
**Troy Wroe** ..... Sherman, TX  
**Vicki Stout**..... Ridgeland, MI  
**Williams Yolanda** .... Jefferson City, MI

# Social Media Committee Update

**Beth Baker**

Social Media has been very busy posting upcoming SOHN events and updates. For 2024, there have been 39 total posts. To increase SOHN's social media presence, please share posts, and become a follower of SOHN if you are not already a follower. The current social media platforms include:

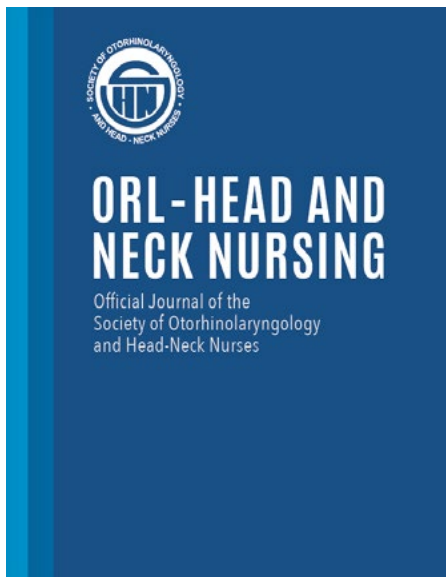
- Facebook with 3,000 Followers
- Instagram with 161 Followers
- Linked In with 172 Followers
- X (previously Twitter) with 201 Followers

Social media reach is essential to highlight the great things SOHN continues to do.



# Editorial Committee Update

**Wendy Mackey**



## Call for Manuscripts for the FOURTH issue of ORL – Head and Neck Nursing Journal in 2024

**Theme:** Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology

**Scope of the Call:** We invite authors to submit original research, reviews, case studies, quality improvement projects, and other perspectives impacting on or pertaining to the world of pediatric otolaryngology that delve into the impact of social determinants of health on otorhinolaryngology and head and neck nursing. "I have a great topic/project/case study/idea that I would like to share, but I have limited experience in writing and publishing." No worries, we are here to support you. Please connect with me ASAP so we can help you develop your paper with mentorship.

### Submission Guidelines:

- Manuscripts should adhere to the ORL – Head and Neck Nursing Journal and equator network guidelines for submission.
- Original research, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, case studies, and perspectives are welcome.
- Submissions should be submitted via the following [SUBMISSION LINK](#) by July 31st, 2024.

**Review Process:** All submissions will undergo a peer-review process conducted by experts in the field. We encourage high-quality contributions that advance our understanding of the social determinants affecting ear, nose, and throat, head and neck health.

**Publication:** Accepted manuscripts will be published in the fourth issue of the ORL – Head and Neck Nursing Journal in 2024, reaching a global audience of healthcare professionals, researchers, and educators.

**Submission Deadline:** July 31st, 2024

**Peer Review Period:** August 1st- September 30th, 2024

**Expected Publication Date:** November 2024

We look forward to receiving your submissions that contribute to the growing body of knowledge in otorhinolaryngology head and neck nursing. For inquiries and submissions, please contact Wendy Mackey at [wendy.mackey@yale.edu](mailto:wendy.mackey@yale.edu).

# ENT-NF Foundation



## ORL Nurses Day - May 9, 2024 Nurses Week - May 6-12, 2024

### Support the ENT-NF Fundraising Campaign

Don't miss the opportunity to honor an ORL nurse for the exceptional care they provide to patients, families, and the profession. Ask a family member, friend, or colleague to donate to the ENT-NF to recognize an ORL nurse today!

ENT-NF donations support ORL nursing scholarships, lectureships, research and evidence-based practice grants. With your help, we can meet our goal of \$10,000 to help advance ORL Nursing!

<https://www.sohnnurse.com/ent-nf-foundation>



The ENT-NF is a non-profit 501-(c)(3) organization



Maria Colandrea  
SOHN & ENT-NF President



In recognition of Nurses Month, the ENT-NF is promoting the **Honor a Nurse Campaign**.

Please consider donating to honor a special nurse. All money will support ORL Lectureships, Nursing Scholarships, and advancing ORL research and evidence-based practice grants. Please help the ENT-NF reach its goal of \$10,000. Spread the word and honor a nurse today!

<https://www.sohnnurse.com/ent-nf-foundation>

## Call for Poster Abstracts

### Jennifer Spellman

The Congress Planning Committee and Poster Coordinator cordially invite abstract proposals for poster presentations at the 48th Annual SOHN Congress. This year Congress' theme will be "Navigating the Winds of Change" and will be hosted by Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland from October 18-21, 2024. Poster categories include Research, Evidence-Based Practice, Quality Improvement, and Education. Please consider submitting a poster abstract to represent the valuable contributions in ORL nursing. If submitted

by May 1st, your poster will be considered for a \$100 award! For further clarification on poster submission criteria and poster submission forms, please go to the [SOHN Website under "Awards"](#). Email the completed form to [info@sohnnurse.com](mailto:info@sohnnurse.com). If you have specific questions related to your poster submission, please reach out to Jennifer Spellman, Poster Coordinator, at [spellman@chop.edu](mailto:spellman@chop.edu).

**Submission Deadline: May 1, 2024**



# NCBOHN News

## Sandy Schwartz and Cristie Rousch

The NCBOHN Board of Directors met on January 17, 2024.

In 2023, the National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses celebrated its 30th Anniversary! During that time over 630 ORL nurses have taken and passed the CORLN examination. Today, 231 Certified ORL Nurses (CORLNs) proudly wear the title. Backed by the Professional Testing Corporation in New York City, NCBOHN's psychometric foundation meets and exceeds industry standards. Thanks to strong leaders in the past and today NCBOHN is a strong, solid certification program.

During 2023 more than 30 nurses were certified and/or recertified.

Board Members:

- Cristie Roush, DNP, GNP-BC, CORLN - President, Ann Arbor, MI
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- Kris Estheimer, BSN, RN, CORLN - Board Member, Salt Lake City, UT
- Sandra Schwartz, MS, RN, CORLN - Executive Director, New Smyrna Beach, FL

The NCBOHN Board has developed a position statement regarding Magnet Certification and specialty nursing certification:

*Over the course of a distinguished 30-year history, the CORLN examination has garnered recognition and esteem. Sponsored by the NCBOHN board, this formal recognition has been a sought-after validation, attesting to the competence of nurses in the specialty of Otolaryngology/Head-Neck nursing. We recently learned that CORLN is one of over 350 certifications that Magnet status is no*

*longer recognized. Representatives of the NCBOHN Board met with the Professional Testing Corporation (our certifying agency) to discuss the pros and cons of seeking Magnet status. To do so would be an expensive and prolonged process with no guarantee of achieving recognition by Magnet officials. CORLN is currently recognized as a professional certification unrelated to Magnet status. Considering this the NCBOHN Board will not be pursuing Magnet status at this time as it would not be fiscally responsible and does not add to the existing professional recognition.*

We are Proud of Our CORLNs!

For additional information about NCBOHN call: 386-846-2790

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## SOHN Job Board

Post your job listing on the SOHN Job Board, now available to the public! All job listing information can now be submitted directly through the [SOHN Job Board page](#), and job listings are free for SOHN Members! Please allow 24 hours after submission for job listings to appear on the page. If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@sohnnurse.com](mailto:info@sohnnurse.com).

1 Month Listing – **\$150, Free for SOHN Members**

2 Month Listing – **\$250, Free for SOHN Members**

3 Month Listing – **\$300, Free for SOHN Members**

# SOHN / ENT NF Dates & Deadlines

|                                 |              |                                      |                   |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Poster Submission .....         | May 1, 2024  | Research and Practice Grants .....   | July 1, 2024      |
| Clinical Excellence Award ..... | July 1, 2024 | Midwinter Attendee Application ..... | November 1, 2024  |
| Honor Award .....               | July 1, 2024 | Friend of SOHN Award .....           | December 30, 2024 |
| Nursing Scholarships .....      | July 1, 2024 |                                      |                   |

## Mark Your Calendars For Important SOHN Dates!

### Spring and Congress Meetings

*Paid Event – All Members are Invited to Attend*

#### Spring Seminar Series

Pediatric ..... May 16th

Adult ..... May 17th

**48th SOHN / ENT-NF Annual Congress and Nursing Symposia**..... October 18th–21st

### SOHN Board Meetings

*Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only*

- July 9th
- October 21st

### ENT-NF Board Meetings

*Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only*

- July 23rd
- October 21st

### Chapter President's Meeting

*All Chapter Presidents are Invited to Attend*

- July 18th
- September 28th

### Awards Committee Meetings

*Committee Members Only*

- April 11th
- June 13th
- August 10th
- August 15th

### Congress Planning Committee Meetings

*Committee Members Only*

- May 14th
- August 6th
- September 3rd
- September 10th
- September 24th

### Editorial Board Meetings

*Board Members Only*

- May 30th
- August 8th
- November 12th

### Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Meetings

*All Members are Invited to Attend*

- May 9th
- August 22nd
- September 30th
- December 7th

### Membership Enhancement Committee Meetings

*All Members are Invited to Attend*

- June 20th
- August 29th
- September 27th
- November 7th

### National Education Committee Meetings

*All Nurse Planners are Invited to Attend*

- August 27th
- October 8th
- December 3rd

### Nominating Committee Meetings

*Committee Members Only*

- May 23rd
- July 25th

### Research and Practice Committee Meetings

*Committee Members Only*

- September 29th
- November 20th

### Special Interest Group Meetings

*All Members are Invited to Attend*

- Pediatrics – May 28th
- Perioperative – June 11th
- Federal/Military – June 25th
- Facial Plastics – July 16th
- Advanced Practice – July 30th
- Allergy – August 20th
- All SIGs (Congress) – October 18–21st
- Otolaryngology – October 22nd
- Office-Based Practice – November 19th
- Head and Neck – November 26th
- Facial Plastics – December 11th

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