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President's Message



Dear SOHN Colleagues,

I hope you are managing to stay cool amidst the unprecedented heat sweeping across the nation. The news from SOHN is heating up as well!

The ORL Journal continues to thrive thanks to our members' commitment to high-quality manuscript submissions. We are eagerly anticipating the release of our third edition in August 2024, which will focus on the social determinants of health within the ORL field. Our fourth

edition will highlight pediatrics. A special thank you to our guest editors and the editorial board for their dedication to the journal's success.

SOHN remains devoted to our members' professional growth and development. I am thrilled to announce the 48th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium, scheduled for October 19-21, 2024, in Baltimore, Maryland. Known as the birthplace of the national anthem, home of the Ravens and Orioles, and famous for its crab cakes, Baltimore offers a vibrant backdrop for this year's event.

The theme for this Congress, "Navigating the Winds of Change," reflects our commitment to pushing the boundaries of our practice and enhancing the exceptional care we deliver. Registration is now OPEN!

During the Congress, you'll have the chance to attend educational sessions, hands-on workshops, and an inspiring keynote presentation by Kevin Sowers, CEO and nurse leader. This is a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in the latest advancements, exchange ideas with fellow nurses and nurse practitioners, and gain insights to elevate your practice. Additionally, it will be a prime opportunity for networking, allowing you to connect with colleagues from around the world, build relationships, and forge collaborations.

I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our SOHN members. Sustaining an organization like ours requires a collective effort, and your enthusiasm for our profession energizes me to lead. Thank you for all that you do!

Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCISI

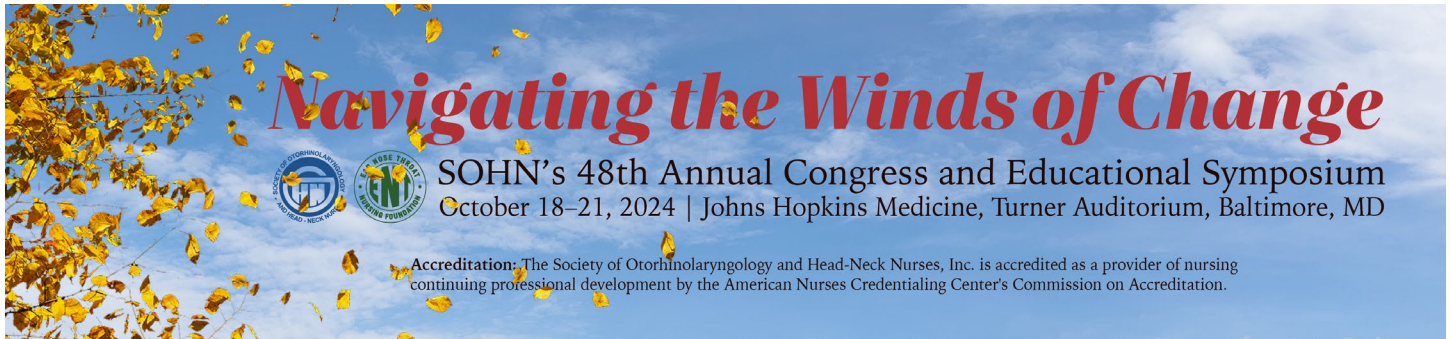
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SOHN's 48th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium

Friday, October 18th – Monday, October 21st

Baltimore, MD | Johns Hopkins Medicine Turner Auditorium



October 18th – Pharmacology Day, Comprehensive Head-Neck Nursing and Pediatric Courses, and Otolaryngology Skills Lab

October 19th – Trach Skills Lab

October 20th – Scoping Course and Epistaxis Skills Lab

Please join us for the 48th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium. Every year SOHN brings ORL nurses and advanced practice nurses from around the country who are dedicated to advancing patient care in otolaryngology. This year we are providing cutting-edge research, clinical innovations, and best practices in the ORL field. Whether exploring the latest techniques, advancements in patient care, or strategies for improving healthcare outcomes, participants find themselves immersed in a collaborative environment that fosters learning and professional growth. The symposium also provides invaluable networking opportunities, connecting nurses, advanced practice nurses, and healthcare leaders from around the country who share a passion for excellence in otorhinolaryngology.

October 19th – 21st – General Sessions

October 19th – Presidents Reception

October 20th – Poster Reception and ENT-NF Raffle



Keynote Speaker

Kevin W. Sowers, MSN, RN, FAAN

President of the Johns Hopkins Health System;
Executive Vice President of Johns Hopkins
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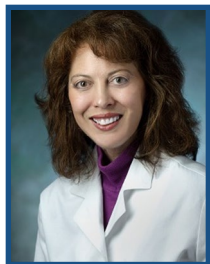
[Register for the SOHN 48th Annual Congress](#)

SOHN Committee Reports

"A learning organization is an organization that is continually expanding its capacity to create its future" – Peter Senge

We have the best board members, committee chairs, clinical experts, and specialty interest group (SIG) leaders who are at the heart and soul of leading this great organization. Thank you for your countless hours of work and support to make SOHN great for our members!

Educational Committee



Karen Ulmer
Accreditation
Provider Program
Director

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

– Nelson Mandela

Your NEC is working hard to provide you with the tools necessary to create impactful change in your nursing practice through

our SOHN nursing continuing professional development activities. Please take advantage of the varied education opportunities through our SIGs, local chapter, and national meetings.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the SOHN 38th Annual Spring Seminar on May 16 (Pediatric Day) and May 17 (Adult Day). Thank you to our co-chairs, Julie Chiappa and Jana Bradley for the pediatric day, and Marci Nilsen and Allison Paisley for the adult day. They worked tirelessly to put together an outstanding agenda of topics and speakers.

Special thanks, as always, to Sharon Jamison, our recording artist extraordinaire who recorded all the speakers.

Thank you for submitting your evaluations. Once the evaluations are reviewed, we will use your comments and suggestions to begin planning next year's Spring Seminar.

We are actively planning for the SOHN 48th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium. In case you missed the email blasts, the 2024 Annual Congress will be held October 18-21 in Baltimore, Maryland at the Johns Hopkins Medicine 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 that SOHN is known for. Highlights of Congress include the ever-popular Pharmacology Day and the hands-on Scoping Course. Additional hands-on courses are planned- watch social media posts and email blasts for more information. Wendy Mackey is leading the Comprehensive Course which is highlighted in the Research and Practice Committee section.

For Nurse Planners, 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, and the attendance list be forwarded to Affinity to create and distribute certificates.

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. Our next meeting is August 27 via Zoom; all are welcome to attend.

We hope to "see" you soon at upcoming SIG meetings and the SOHN Annual Congress!

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee



Brian Facione
*Health Policy and
Advocacy Committee
Chair*

The healthcare policy and advocacy committee continues to offer national updates on healthcare policy that affects the nursing profession and the public. The committee meets every 2-3 months and meetings are open to all SOHN members. Please see the SOHN calendar for meeting

dates and times. The committee continues to publish 'Highlights from the Hill' in the quarterly ORL journal. If you are enthusiastic about a particular healthcare issue and would like an opportunity to educate your colleagues, writing and publishing an educational piece in 'Highlights from the Hill' is a great avenue for advocacy. Currently, the committee is looking for state updates from SOHN members. The committee chair sent out email requests earlier this month to chapter presidents and other members asking for short written updates of 1-2 paragraphs, highlighting the current legislative issues affecting

nurses at the state levels. If you have received one of these emails, I encourage you to submit a summary to the Committee Chair, Bryan Facione, at bryan.facione@va.gov. The committee hopes to publish the "Health Policy: State Updates" article in the fourth issue of the ORL journal. Lastly, the committee is looking for a co-chair to serve this year or at the beginning of 2025 to help run the committee and then take over as chair in January 2026. This is a fantastic opportunity for professional and personal development. If you are interested, please contact Bryan Facione at bryan.facione@va.gov.

Membership Enhancement Committee



Lisa Gagnon
*Membership
Enhancement
Committee Chair*

The Membership Enhancement Committee's goal is to ensure our current members are engaged and happy, as well as to develop strategies to grow our existing membership to strengthen our organization. We are continuing to look at the growth of SOHN and expand

outreach efforts by inviting non-members to attend SIG and chapter educational offerings for free but for a limited time. We are also planning to reach out to nurse administrators to increase awareness of SOHN in the hospital setting. We know there are so many nurses and nurse practitioners

who are employed in Otolaryngology settings, however, have not joined because they have not heard of SOHN. In addition, we have updated our home page to highlight the advanced practice nurse membership within SOHN. We are open to expanding our current membership committee as well if you are interested in participating. Please reach out to me directly to join our committee: lisa_gagnon@sbcglobal.net.

New Members

Our new members are welcomed with a letter with a wealth of information about the organization and the resources that are available to them. This is sent out by Affinity Strategies after the member joins. The monthly list of new members is forwarded to our membership committee chair. The Chapter Presidents are receiving a copy as well to help with outreach to our new

members. Members do have an option of being connected to a mentor if they would like. We have so many great people in SOHN and thought this was another fantastic way to welcome our members and give them direct contact. Please reach out to me, Lisa Gagnon, via email at lisa_gagnon@sbcglobal.net if you would like to be a mentor for a new member. You can write specifics like – I would mentor a Pediatric ENT Nurse/APRN or Perioperative Nurse/APRN.

Renewals

Life is busy! We are in the process of reaching out to lapsed members to renew their membership. We value all our members and would like you to continue to be part of this great organization! If you have not had the chance to renew your membership, please go to MemberClicks to renew: [Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck](#)

[Nurses Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses \(memberclicks.net\)](https://memberclicks.net)

Remember, you have the option to select a 2-year membership, which will save you some money because there is a \$10 savings, plus the cost of credit card fees. Also, this could be a great way to optimize your employer's financial reimbursement, as

funding in work organizations can change from year to year.

Social Media

We have collaborated with the social media committee to leverage the power of platforms like Facebook and Instagram for membership recruitment. These channels

reach a broader audience and attract new members to our community. We are always looking for new members to be a part of our social media committee. Please reach out if you would like to join or have any ideas about outreach and recruitment to keep SOHN strong!

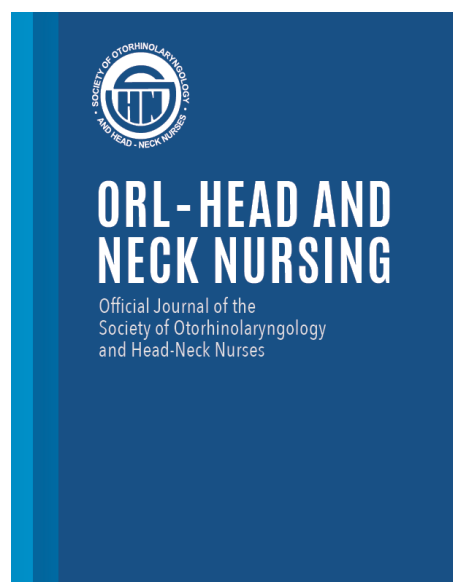
Welcome New SOHN Members!

Amy Rowell Georgia
Amye Litherland Missouri
Brooke Vomund Missouri
Carla Gay Georgia
Dr. Carmen Rodriguez Florida
Dr. Danielle Cohen New Jersey
David Henderson Texas
Dominique Chesteen Georgia
Elizabeth Ecker New Hampshire
Haley Ann Burgess Pennsylvania
Ellen Smith New Jersey
Francesca DeCarli Connecticut
Jennifer Washburn Wyoming

Jessica Holly Missouri
Jocelyn Silcox Kentucky
Dr. Karen Wilson New York
Kathleen Murray Florida
Kathryn Clements Arkansas
Kelli Willingham Virginia
Kristin Catbagan Colorado
Lauren Riggs Virginia
Lena Ngo Pennsylvania
Dr. Lorrie Jones Arizona
Maria Pineda-Gutierrez ... Nebraska
Mary Wiesen Wisconsin
Megan Englehart Pennsylvania

Megan Sweet Georgia
Misty Vogt Missouri
Nefeli Karapta Greece
Nicollette McKinnon Georgia
Ruth Rogerson Colorado
Dr. Ryan Sterling Texas
Sarah Reynolds Colorado
Sharon Schroeder Wisconsin
Solana Stratford Pennsylvania
Stephanie Jeffrey Virginia
Wendy Vaughan Virginia
William Fader Delaware

Editorial Board



The ORL Head and Neck Nursing Journal is SOHN's official peer-reviewed journal specific to ORL nursing. Many of the manuscripts highlight the great contributions of our ORL nursing members. With guest editor support, the ORL Journal has published 2 journals in 2024. The third journal highlighting social disparities, led by our guest editor Marci Lee Nilsen, will be coming out soon. The fourth edition will be led by our special editor, Wendy Mackey. To continue to provide our members with relevant, evidence-based information we need peer reviewers and high-quality manuscript submissions. Please email sohnpresident2024-2025@sohnnurse.com if you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer. The journal is looking for manuscripts for the 2025 issues. [For Authors | ORL - Head and Neck Nursing](#)

A special thank you to our editorial team:
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Kris Estheimer, BSN, RN, CORLN
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Wendy Lord Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN
Laurie Newton, DNP, CNP-PC/AC
Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN
Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRCIS
Erin Sarsfield, MSN, RN

Nominating Committee



Carol Maragos
*Nominating
Committee Chair*

The nominating committee has met several times this year to produce a solid ballot of candidates for the positions below. Please watch your emails for notifications of when you can view the candidate's bios and videos. Voting begins 8/18/24. The polls will close 30 days before Congress starts, which is 9/18/24.

Please remember to vote this year as
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Practice and Research Committee



Wendy Mackey
*Nursing Practice and
Research Committee
Chair*

On behalf of the Practice and Research Committee, we are thankful for the opportunity to share our committee updates and progress. First and foremost, we are excited to see you all at Congress this year in Baltimore.

Congress Session Update

The Practice and Research Committee will be offering multiple sessions during this year's Congress meeting, all available in person or as recorded sessions. Please join us at any or all of these sessions:

- **Research and Practice Committee Meeting** – (Saturday, October 19th, 8:45-9:45 EST): This will be a one-hour networking session to share news and initiatives about Research and Practice. This meeting and committee are open to the entire membership. We welcome and encourage all new members regardless of experience to take part in our meetings and activities. It is an excellent way to meet colleagues who share our profession, network, share ideas, and shape our profession. If you are not able to attend but are interested in participating, please reach out and we will work to accommodate a virtual option or connect by other means.
- **Clinical Guidelines - Development, Implementation, and Impact** – (Saturday, October 19th, 9:50-10:50 EST): This session will highlight the rigorous development process of evidence-based guidelines and consensus statements shared within our profession to treat

common otorhinolaryngology diseases. The session will additionally address SOHN's impact on the guideline process. The session will offer a panel of speakers addressing various aspects of Clinical guidelines.

- **Innovative Ideas for Improving Practice but Stuck on What to Do Next-Let us Help!!** – (Sunday, October 20th, 3:40-4:40 EST): This panel presentation will discuss ideas 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, or enhance? This session will offer you help in developing your ideas and bridge you with mentors to help execute your projects. Not sure where to begin? We will offer an overview to help with idea development. Do you have an amazing initiative that you would like to share but not sure how? We will help with that too. This session promises to cater to the audience in helping to innovate, support, and disseminate your ideas.
- We will also be offering two sessions featuring clinical initiatives and projects in otolaryngology that our members have developed and implemented – **Innovations in Pediatric Otolaryngology - A Showcase of Clinical Projects** – (Saturday, October 19th, 3:05-4:05 pm EST) and **Improvements in Clinical Practice Initiatives** – (Sunday, October 20th, 4:45-5:45 EST). This session will share the work of completed clinical projects with a focus on quality improvement.
- **Poster Session** – (Sunday, October 20th at 6:30pm EST): Thanks to Jennifer Spellman, who

is serving as the Poster Session Coordinator. We look forward to viewing the amazing work of our poster contributors. Thank you to all poster presentation contributors--- and to Jennifer and all reviewers for the poster awards.

Update for the AAO-HNS Guideline Taskforce

The Research and Practice Committee represents SOHN on the AAO-HNS Guideline Taskforce. SOHN has selected Sarah Holdsworth and Ashlynn Capace to represent SOHN in the formal external review of the AAO-HNSF Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) on Surgical Management of Rhinosinusitis. Maria Colandrea was selected to represent SOHN in the update and publication of the Adult Sinusitis CPG. Thank you all for representing SOHN and sharing your knowledge and time. Participation in AAO Guidelines and Consensus Statements is a wonderful opportunity for our organization and offers our members and the nursing profession a voice in national guidelines. If this is something you are interested in learning more about, please let us know or attend the Guideline information session at the upcoming Congress in October.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at Congress (Saturday, October 19th at 8:45 am EST). Reminder, this committee is open to the entire membership. If you are unable to attend Congress but are interested in this work, we welcome you virtually. Please let us know and we will share a Zoom link with you. We are looking for fresh minds and insights to be part of our community; it's an excellent way to meet professional colleagues who share our passion, network, share ideas, and shape our profession. Please join us at our next meeting or drop me an email (wendy.mackey@yale.edu) and share your interests and ideas.

ENT-NF Foundation



During the month of May, we ran an "Honor a Nurse" campaign to raise money for the ENT-NF. We raised approximately \$3,000.00. Thank you to all our donors and to all the amazing nurses who were honored.

- Hope Andresen
- Linda Calandra

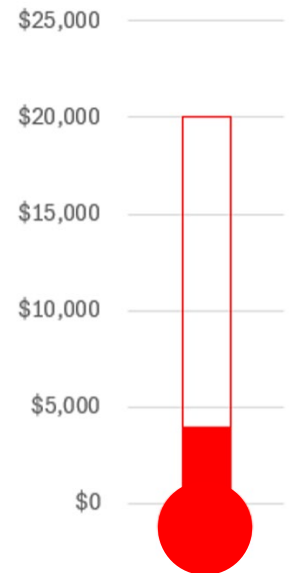
- George Donaldson honored Maria Colandrea
- John Jamison honored Sharon Jamison
- Kari McConnell honored Maria Colandrea
- Vinciya Pandian honored Maria Colandrea
- Kim Pollock honored Maria Colandrea
- Patricia Portales honored Victoria Brokovich
- Martha Ryan
- Jocelyn Silcox
- Marisa Snell honored Maria Colandrea
- Ryan Snell

We are still striving to meet our 2024 goal of \$20,000. All proceeds go towards nursing scholarships, lectureships, and grants to advance ORL nurses and the care they provide. We need your support to help meet our goal. Here is what you can do:

- Donate to the ENT-NF at any time. No donation is too small.
- Ask your employer if they make match donations to non-profits. The ENT-NF is a 501c3.
- Donate to the ENT-NF Raffle that is hosted during Congress. This year the raffle will be held during our poster session on Sunday evening 10/20/2024. Items that are great to donate:
 - Gift cards
 - Electronics
 - Jewelry
 - Fashion purses
 - Vacation rentals
 - Anything small enough to take home on a plane

If you would like to donate to the ENT-NF raffle, please reach out to Hope Andresen at hopenma79@aol.com.

ENT-NF Progress



National Certification Board Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses (NCBOHN)

In January 2024, we welcomed Kris Estheimer to the NCBOHN Board. She has been a great addition to our board, bringing a wealth of knowledge with an Otology focus and years of experience.

Our next meeting is planned for August 14, 2024, at 7 pm EST. If you have any concerns about NCBOHN or certification testing, please reach out to one of our board members.

Application Deadlines*	Testing Windows
April 10, 2024	May 11-May 25, 2024
September 4, 2024	October 5-October 19, 2024

**Applications will not be accepted after this deadline*

Cristie Roush, DNP, GNP-BC, CORLN - President, Ann Arbor, MI
 Betsey Kim, MSN, CRNP, CORLN- Vice-President, Philadelphia, PA
 Deena Hollingsworth, MSN, FNP-BC, CORLN- Secretary, Springfield, VA
 Cheryl Brandt, MSN, RN, CNS, CORLN - Board Member, Maple Heights, OH
 Kris Estheimer, BSN, RN, CORLN - Board Member, Salt Lake City, UT
 Sandra Schwartz, MS, RN, CORLN - Executive Director, New Smyrna Beach, FL

SOHN / ENT NF Dates & Deadlines

Clinical Excellence Award..... Extended to August 15, 2024
 Honor Award..... Extended to August 15, 2024
 Nursing Scholarships..... Extended to August 15, 2024

Research and Practice Grants Extended to August 15, 2024
 Midwinter Attendee Application.....November 1, 2024
 Friend of SOHN Award December 30, 2024

Mark Your Calendars For Important SOHN Dates!

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

SOHN Board Meetings

Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only

- October 17th

ENT-NF Board Meetings

Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only

- October 17th

Chapter President's Meeting

All Chapter Presidents are Invited to Attend

- October 19th

Special Interest Group Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- Allergy – August 20th
- All SIGs at Congress – October 18–21st
- Office-Based Practice – November 19th
- Head and Neck – November 26th
- Facial Plastics – December 11th

Awards Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- August 15th

Congress Planning Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

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

Editorial Board Meetings

Board Members Only

- August 8th
- November 12th

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- August 22nd
- October 19th
- December 7th

Membership Enhancement Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- August 29th
- October 19th
- 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

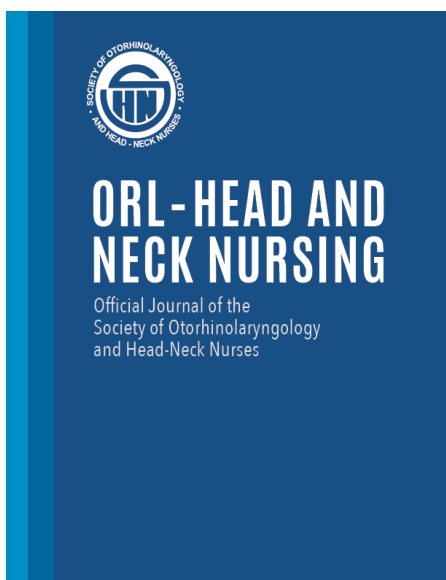
- July 25th

Research and Practice Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- October 19th
- November 20th

Core Curriculum for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing – 3rd Edition



This text is designed to be used by ORL-HN nurses. The book provides an overview of all aspects of nursing practice for the patient with an otolaryngologic problem or abnormality. It provides a foundation of knowledge for generalist and advanced practice nurses working in every ORL-HN practice setting. In addition, it serves as a basic text for students, nurses, administrators and nurse educators.

The newest edition includes updated content, new chapters, and is accessible by electronic download only. That means minimal wait times to receive your electronic copy, easier accessibility, the ability to search for key terms and phrases, and the ability for purchasers to print out as needed.

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