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President's Message



Dear SOHN Members,

One of the things I look forward to most each quarter is the opportunity to share this update with you. It provides a glimpse into the incredible work being done throughout our organization and highlights the many ways SOHN continues to support the professional growth, leadership development, and educational needs of our members.

This issue is filled with valuable information about upcoming programs, advocacy initiatives, research opportunities, scholarships, networking events, certification resources, and continuing education offerings. As you read through these pages, I encourage you to explore what is new, what is coming, and how SOHN can help you achieve your professional and scholarly goals.

Education remains at the heart of our mission. Our Spring Virtual Seminar was a tremendous success, featuring outstanding evidence-based presentations and meaningful learning opportunities for attendees across pediatric and adult otolaryngology practice. My sincere thanks to our presenters, organizers, and planning team for their dedication and hard work in delivering another exceptional educational program.

I am beyond excited about our upcoming ***Annual Congress in Boston, October 8–11***, as we celebrate SOHN's 50th Anniversary. This milestone event promises to be one of the most dynamic and memorable Congresses in our history, bringing together education, innovation, networking, and celebration while honoring our past and shaping our future. In addition to an outstanding educational lineup, attendees can choose from six hands-on skills courses, a comprehensive pharmacology day, and an exceptional poster presentation forum. We are honored to welcome nationally recognized keynote speakers, including Chief Lynn Malerba, DNP, former Treasurer of the United States, and Katie Murphy, President of the Massachusetts Nurses Association and practicing ICU nurse, who will share their perspectives on leadership, healthcare, and policy.

Learning is only part of the experience. Congress will also feature a complimentary welcome reception, luncheon programs, networking opportunities with our SIGs, an industry-sponsored exhibits, a breakfast honoring our CORLN-certified nurses, and a celebratory 50th Anniversary Reception. Cherished traditions, including the Foundation Walk and our popular auction, will once again support the ENT Nursing Foundation and its important work.

Most importantly, Congress provides an opportunity to connect with colleagues and friends, exchange ideas, celebrate accomplishments, and inspire one another as we continue advancing the specialty we all care so deeply about. I hope you will join us in Boston for this special celebration.

I am pleased to welcome **32 new members this quarter, representing 19 states across the country**. We look forward to supporting your professional growth and connecting you with colleagues across the specialty.

Welcome to Alexandria Morton, Alexandria Mason, Amelia Kuhns, Amy Sharp, Ashley Carpenter, Catherine Harrigan, Christina Fellner, Christine Flutur, Christine Odufuye, Emily Brown, Jessica Cipolla, Jill Chaika, Julie Ketrick, Karen Hammond, Katrina Neis, Kaylin Coffman, Loraine Condrey, Madison Knox, Marisa MacKenzie, Marybeth Marton, Melanie Zimmermann, Meliza Sotelo, Miranda Wendricks, Naomi Nancy Simon, Walter, Rouella Baldovinos, Selbey Davis, Shelly Murphy, Suzanne Sutliff, ToniAnn Montione, Tyler McCurdy, and Victoria Cuello.

As we continue to grow our organization, I encourage each of you to share the value of SOHN with colleagues who may benefit from participation and membership. We are also expanding our international reach and are excited about opportunities to strengthen global connections, including plans for an international panel at Congress.

Additionally, the Board is exploring ways to further expand and strengthen our membership by engaging colleagues from related clinical and medical specialties, including our physician associate partners and others who contribute to the care of otolaryngology patients. As part of this effort, we are reviewing our bylaws and organizational structure to identify opportunities to be more inclusive and welcoming. We are also committed to ensuring that our educational programs and professional opportunities continue to support the diverse members of our interdisciplinary community, recognizing the valuable contributions and benefits that all healthcare professionals bring to our specialty.

None of SOHN's accomplishments would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. The SOHN and ENT-NF Boards of Directors, committee and chapter leaders, SIG leaders, educators, and countless volunteers work tirelessly behind the scenes to create opportunities that benefit our members and advance our specialty. I am deeply grateful for their commitment and willingness to share their talents.

As your President, I want you to know that I am here for you. If you have ideas, questions, concerns, or would simply like to discuss how SOHN can better support you, please do not hesitate to reach out at wendy.mackey@yale.edu. I welcome the opportunity to connect with members and learn what is most important to you. Likewise, if you are interested in becoming more involved, sharing your expertise, or helping us build new partnerships, I would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support of SOHN and for all that you do to advance otolaryngology practice. I look forward to seeing many of you in Boston this fall as we celebrate our 50th anniversary and continue building the future of our specialty.

With gratitude,



Wendy Lord Mackey, DNP, MSN, APRN-BC, CORLN, FAAN
President 2026–2027
Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation

Registration is Open for the 50th Annual SOHN Congress!



We are eagerly preparing for our SOHN's 50th Annual Congress and Educational symposium in Boston, Massachusetts. We have a robust and exciting program including skills labs to meet the needs of every otolaryngology nurse! From otology skills to vestibular workshops, scoping, pediatric otology skills and tracheostomy you will certainly leave congress a well-equipped provider! As we celebrate our 50th anniversary we have amazing speakers including Chief Dr. Lynn Malerba DNP former US treasurer of the United States from 2022-2024. We have

exhilarating speakers and poster presenters with up-to-date information for the ORL nurse. And if that isn't enough, we have a President's reception celebrating 50 years of our society providing comprehensive outstanding care to our otolaryngology patients. Please join us for education, fellowship and fun in Boston in October 2026!

Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, NP
Congress Program Chair
SOHN Board of Directors

Register Today!

Conference Agenda

October 8th | Pre-Conference Courses

- Pharmacology Day
- Hands-On Skills Courses

October 9th–11th | General Sessions

- Opportunity for over 25 CE credits
- Sandra Schwartz Lectureship and Keynote - Chief Lynn Malerba, DNP
 - *Former Treasurer, United States and Chief - Mohegan Tribe*
- Health Policy Keynote Speaker - Katie Murphy, RN
 - *President of Massachusetts Nursing Association and ICU Nurse*
- Lectureship Presentations
- Special Interest Groups
- Professional Poster Session

October 11th | Post-Conference Courses

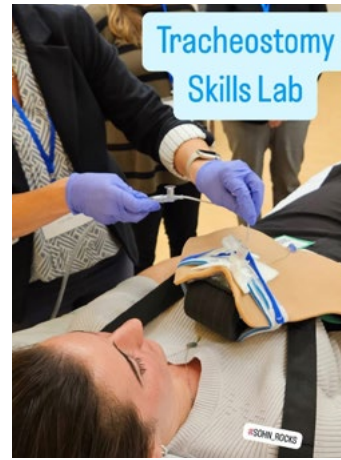
- Hands-On Skills Courses

Announcing the 2026 Hands-On Skills Labs at Congress

We are thrilled to announce the inclusion of six hands-on skills labs dedicated to diverse Otolaryngology topics and procedures. Full course descriptions available on our website.

- *Advanced OTOSCOPY Hands-On Skills Lab*
- *Dizziness Decoded: Clinical Decision-Making in Vestibular Disorders for APPs*
- *Hands-on Pediatric Otoloscopy: Building Essential Ear Assessment Skills*
- *Hands-On Scoping Skills Lab: Advanced Airway Assessment*
- *Tracheostomy & Laryngectomy Skills Lab: Simulation-Based Training for Pediatric & Adult Airway Care*
- *Pediatric Office Based Procedures for APRNs and PAs*

These labs, led by experienced advanced practice providers and nurses, are grounded



in evidence-based practices and guidelines aimed at enhancing your clinical practice. Elevate your expertise by participating in these enriching sessions.



Labs are available for in-person participation only; however, didactics are available as self-paced learning

modules on the SOHN Online Learning Center for the following topics:

- *Comprehensive Tracheostomy and Modules*
- *Comprehensive Otolaryngology Modules*
- *Comprehensive Pediatric Otolaryngology Modules*
- *Scoping in Otolaryngology: A Comprehensive Review for APPs*
- *Chronic Cough*

Call for Poster Abstracts

Poster Abstract Information

Submission Deadline: August 1st, 2026

Applications should be submitted electronically by August 1, in order to be considered for poster awards. Posters will be accepted on a rolling basis, and primary authors will be notified of the poster acceptance within 1 month of submission. See below for poster submission criteria, categories, and submission form.

Submission Criteria

- Late submissions will not be eligible for the Poster awards but may be considered for inclusion in the Congress program.
- Mentorship for poster submissions is available.
- A PDF of the poster presentation must be submitted to Headquarters by September 1.

Poster Categories

- Research
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Quality Improvement
- Education

Submit Today!

Committee Chair Updates

National Educational Committee



"A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers." – [Helen Keller](#)

Bring your questions to SOHN, and we will provide you with opportunities to learn and obtain the answers you need to optimize your nursing professional growth!

2026 has been, and will continue to be, a very busy year for the SOHN National Education Committee. We just presented our 40th Annual Spring Seminar Series May 7 & 8. We are preparing for our ANCC accreditation survey. We are putting the finishing touches on an amazing celebration of our 50th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium. Our chapters and SIGs present valuable educational activities for their members. I hope you have, or are planning to, take advantage of the many opportunities within SOHN to advance your ORL nursing knowledge.

We have just completed our 40th Annual Spring Seminar. The Spring Seminar was presented virtually on May 7 (Pediatric Day) and May 8 (Adult Day). Our spring seminar co-chairs (Janna Bradley, Julie Chiappa and Allison Paisley) along with education coordinator Sharon Jamison (and her mentee Laurie Newton) and APPD Karen Ulmer worked diligently to organize an agenda of speakers and topics to enhance ORL nursing practice. 107 nurses registered for the Spring Seminar- 49 attended the full program, 42 attended the Pediatric Day and 16 attended the Adult Day.. As always, content was available "live" on the virtual format days, with the pre-recorded presentations available to view for an additional/limited period of time. This format enables a greater number of nurses to take advantage of the education content, regardless of weekday job commitments. Keep this in mind for next year's Spring Seminar. You too can have your ORL questions answered in the format that best meets your needs.

Plan to also attend SOHN's 50th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium October 8-11, 2026 at the Starr Center in Boston, Massachusetts. Take this opportunity to share the great work you are doing in your practice through a poster presentation. Applications to submit a poster at Congress are open until August 1. Use this link to access the guidelines and application form- SOHN 50th Annual Congress. And speaking of 50 years of SOHN... you don't want to miss the opportunity to take part in the many activities planned at Congress to celebrate SOHN's 50 years of legacy, innovation and nursing excellence. A comprehensive agenda of podium presentations and hands-on skills labs are planned to assist you in advancing your ORL nursing practice, knowledge and skills. Additional information regarding agenda, registration, and planned celebrations will soon be available on the SOHN website and shared via e-blasts and social media.

Take advantage of the education resources available on the SOHN website. Six "Tracheostomy/Laryngectomy Modules" are available for purchase... either individually or as a discounted "bundle" rate. There is also a "stand alone" module to aid you in diagnosing and treating patients with a chronic cough. Log in to the SOHN website as a member, and then search under the "Professional Development" tab for the "SOHN Online Learning Center".

Please also 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 2026 versions of the SOHN education forms are uploaded to the website. *NOTE: there is a new activity planning template that is required for all

SIG and chapter education activities. The new template combines several of our "old" forms into one streamlined document. Once we get used to using it, I think (hope!) that we will find it makes our NCPD documentation a bit easier. One major addition to the new template is that Nurse Planners/SIG leaders need to include an established nursing competency (and cite the source!) that aligns with each education activity. For your convenience, there is a new resource on the Nurse Planner Resource Page that lists many of the established competencies broken out into topic areas. Also included is a selection of resources related to nursing competencies. Please use these updated forms for all your chapter/SIG education activities. You can access the nurse planner resource page on the SOHN website: login to your SOHN account and click on <https://www.sohnnurse.com/nurse-planner>.

A new "Nurse Planner Tutorial" will be presented at the June 9 National Education Committee meeting (open to all who are interested!) and posted to the resource page. Reminder, once it's posted, all chapter nurse planners and SIG leaders will need to view the tutorial and complete the post-test (ANCC requirement). Watch the SOHN email blasts for more information.

Reminder- committee membership is a great way to advance your ORL professional growth. The NEC would welcome your participation and input... helping us to ensure that SOHN continues to grow and meet the needs of our members. Please contact SOHN (info@sohnnurse.com) or Karen Ulmer (fandkulmer@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

Sincerely,

Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN

Accreditation Provider Program Director

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee

The Health Policy Committee has continued to advance its efforts to monitor, analyze, and respond to key developments shaping the healthcare landscape in general. Over the past period, the committee has focused on emerging federal policy changes, with particular attention to regulatory updates, reimbursement trends, and public health priorities that may impact on our OHNS practice and families.

Members have engaged in active discussions around recent health policy process, legislative proposals, and administrative actions, identifying opportunities to highlight for SOHN nurses and APPs.

In addition, the committee is working to expand its resources for members, including policy briefs, educational sessions, and timely alerts to keep the community

informed and prepared. Looking ahead, the committee remains committed to fostering dialogue, promoting evidence-based policy solutions, and supporting initiatives that improve health outcomes.

We are honored to have our Health Policy speaker for our 50th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium. Katie Murphy, RN who is the President of Massachusetts Nursing Association and an ICU Nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital will be our guest lecturer. She has extensive expertise and leadership in nursing. She will address how SOHN members can influence legislative reform, workplace advocacy, and patient care standards to help improve healthcare outcomes.

We welcome continued engagement from members and encourage participation in

upcoming meetings and discussions on August 25th, 7-8pm and Congress. Please attend our meeting or reach out to me mdesell1@jh.edu.

Call for Action – Join the Healthcare Policy and Advocacy committee to help raise awareness among our membership about current health policy that affects our practice and our patients.

Call for Articles – Interested in writing short summary of nursing policy initiatives at your state level or another topic you are passionate about?

Please reach out to Nina DeSell, CRNP
mdesell1@jh.edu

Sincerely,

Nina DeSell, CRNP

Chair, Health Policy and Advocacy Committee

Practice and Research Committee

The Practice and Research Committee has been hard at work preparing for an impactful Annual Congress this October. We are excited to offer a robust lineup, including a research panel, a variety of poster presentations, and an interactive research course designed to help participants launch their own quality improvement (QI) projects. Keep an eye out for further details and enrollment information in coming months.

Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) News

The AAO-HNS Spring Guideline Task Force met this May to review upcoming clinical practice

guidelines. Updated guidelines for Tinnitus and Bell's Palsy are expected to be published this summer. SOHN members have been instrumental in the development and review of these documents, a process that takes approximately 18 months per guideline.

Looking ahead through 2026, new guidelines will address Snoring, Surgical Antibiotic Prophylaxis, and Allergic Rhinitis, alongside an expert consensus on Biologics in Otolaryngology. As these projects begin, SOHN will issue a call for candidates. If you have a special interest in these topics,

we encourage you to apply—the process is simple, and the Research Committee will select representatives to participate.

Save the Date

Save the Date Join us for our next online meeting on June 30th, featuring guest speaker Marci Nilsen, who will present on **"Writing Grant Proposals."** All members are welcome to attend committee meetings regardless of prior experience.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN

Chair, Research and Practice Committee

Specialty Interest Group (SIG)

This year's SIG meetings have been dynamic, engaging, and well attended. We are off to a strong start, and I would like to extend my appreciation to Dr. Kristie Sands, Dr. Tiffany Ellis, and Sarah Holdsworth for their outstanding leadership and dedication.

The educational content presented through the Head and Neck SIG, Federal/Military SIG, Otolaryngology SIG, and APRN SIG has been exceptional. Each session was well attended and received highly positive feedback from participants.

We are currently seeking leaders for the Allergy/Sinus SIG and the Facial Plastics SIG. Serving as a SIG leader is a meaningful opportunity to advance ORL nursing practice,

foster professional collaboration, and contribute to the growth of our specialty community. If you are interested in this leadership opportunity, please contact Maria Colandrea at sohnpresident2024-2025@sohnnurse.com.

Upcoming Special Interest Group Sessions

SIG Group	Date	SIG Leader(s)	Topic
Pediatric SIG	June 2 7pm-8pm EST	Jana Bradley Julie Chiappa	Journal Club: Pediatric Vaping-Evidence Review and Clinical Discussion
Perioperative SIG	July 13 7pm-8pm EST	Allison Rodriguez	From Harvest to Monitoring: What Every OR Nurse Should Know About Head and Neck Free Flaps
Allergy/ Sinus SIG	August 11 7pm-8pm EST	Needs Leadership	Expanding the Role of Xylitol and Non-Antibiotic Therapies in Chronic Rhinosinusitis Management
APRN SIG	December 2 7pm-8pm EST	Dr. Maria Colandrea	Twelve Steps to Maximizing Your Professional Development
Facial Plastics SIG		Needs Leadership	

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

SIG Coordinator

Immediate Past President, SOHN & ENT-NF

Finance Committee

The Financial Committee met in April to review and finalize the 2026 ENT-NF budget and the 2026 SOHN budget. Both budgets were approved by their respective boards and are balanced following revisions and adjustments. The committee also reviewed prior-year financial statements, approved enhancements to financial reporting transparency, and expanded Treasurer access to banking and expense management platforms to strengthen oversight and accountability.

Key financial actions included the approval of a \$25,000 certificate of deposit for the Barbara Sigler Lectureship Fund, ensuring long-term sustainability of this important educational initiative. The committee also approved the annual transfer of the HPAC Lectureship funding into the ENT-NF budget and continued efforts to clarify expense allocations between SOHN and ENT-NF. Membership growth, sponsorship development, and targeted marketing

initiatives remain primary priorities to support the organization's financial health and future programming.

Respectfully,

Troy DeRose RN, MSN, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C FNP, ANCC- C ACGNP

Treasurer, SOHN, ENT-NF

Membership Enhancement Committee

International Membership and Outreach

Membership growth continues both nationally and internationally. Our international members now include colleagues from Canada, Malaysia, Australia, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Hong Kong, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. We remain committed to expanding our global outreach and are encouraging new international members to join us this fall for our 50th Annual Congress in Boston.

The planning committee is also exploring ways to increase international engagement, including an international panel that will highlight global perspectives. We recently met with Dr. Greg Basura, Director of Global Outreach for AAO, who shared valuable ideas for connecting with international members.

Dr. Basura encouraged SOHN to meet with AFOTOS, the African Otologic Society, and introduce our organization. Following that conversation, AFOTOS updated its website to include information about SOHN and invited

us to consider presenting an otologic case study at a future meeting. I encourage you to visit their website, www.afotos.org. They are a wonderful organization and meet one Saturday morning each month.

Member Feedback and Priorities

We continue to seek input from our members about their needs and priorities. A SOHN membership survey conducted earlier this year showed that members place the highest value on educational opportunities and networking.

- Annual Congress - 81%
- Virtual CE meetings - 57%
- Spring seminars or hands-on workshops - 50%
- SIG participation and networking opportunities - approximately 40% each

SOHN will continue providing high-quality educational opportunities both in person and virtually. Please reach out to any member of the Membership Enhancement Committee with ideas or suggestions for how

we can continue to engage and support our members.

Building Momentum

SOHN's continued growth is exciting, and it is encouraging to see new members joining each month. To help sustain this positive momentum, we invite all members to share meaningful SOHN experiences on social media.

Posts might highlight a valuable networking connection, a presentation that made an impact, or a simple moment of support from a fellow member. Sharing these stories helps showcase the value of membership and strengthens our community.

Our committee welcomes new members and will meet next on June 16th.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gagnon, APRN, CPNP

Membership Committee Chair
Secretary, SOHN & ENT-NF

Social Media Update

Our committee is excited to announce a few updates: our Instagram handle is now @ENTNurseNp_Sohn and our page title has been updated to "ENT Nurses and Nurse Practitioners" as we shift our marketing to better target Advanced Practice Providers. Expect 10-15 Instagram posts per month, with strategic boosting of high value

content to increase visibility. Last month we welcomed 19 new followers and recorded 100+ interactions, with the monthly SOHN member spotlights being our most popular posts. Finally, we're seeking new committee members—if you're interested in contributing, please reply to this newsletter or contact us through our Instagram DMs.

Remember to like and share our posts for more visibility and tag our social media handles for anything SOHN related.

Thanks,

Beth Baker and Martha Ryan
Social Media Committee Chairs

Awards Committee

Inaugural Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship

This year marks the inaugural Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship, established in 2026 to honor Barbara Sigler's extraordinary contributions to SOHN, her leadership as a past president, and her lasting impact on head and neck nursing through education, mentorship, and clinical excellence. The recipient will deliver the Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship at the 2026 SOHN Annual Congress in Boston.

Awards and Scholarships

Please take a moment to explore the many awards, lectureships, scholarships, and research grants available to our members. SOHN proudly supports author awards, poster awards, named lectureships, scholarships for advancing education, research grants, and additional honors recognizing excellence within our specialty. We encourage you to review



All ENT-NF Lectureships Now Accepting Applications

In addition to the Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship, applications are also being accepted for the Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Lectureship and the Cynthia S. Mabry Sinusitis/Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship.

These distinguished lectureships recognize excellence in otolaryngology practice and provide recipients with a cash award, certificate of recognition, and recognition at Congress, in SOHN publications, and on the SOHN website. Recipients are also invited to contribute a

manuscript to the ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal following their presentation.

Lectureship presentations will be delivered during the 2026 SOHN Annual Congress. Members with expertise, innovative practices, research, or educational content relevant to these specialty areas are encouraged to apply.

Complete eligibility requirements, application instructions, and lectureship details are available on the SOHN website. Applications must be submitted by July 1, 2026.

Awards, Grants, and Scholarships

SOHN and ENT-NF offer a wide variety of Awards, Grants, and Scholarships to SOHN Members.

For more information, scan the QR code or contact us at SOHN's National Headquarters – info@sohnnurse.com

these opportunities and consider applying or nominating a colleague. **For more information, click link here.**

Announcing the inaugural Barbara Sigler Lectureship

The Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship was established in 2026, by the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF), to honor Barbara Sigler's extraordinary contributions to the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN) and the specialty of head and neck nursing. As a past president of SOHN, Barbara demonstrated exceptional leadership, clinical expertise, and dedication as both an educator and mentor, throughout her distinguished career. Her passion for advancing head and neck cancer care and educating nurses has left a lasting impact on both the organization and the profession.

The Barbara Sigler Lectureship will be delivered annually during the Annual Congress. The recipient of this lectureship will receive a cash award, a certificate of recognition and will be honored in the event program, post-meeting publication of *Update*, and the SOHN website

Award recipients will be asked to contribute a manuscript to the ORL-Head and Neck

Nursing Journal within one year of receiving the award.

Still accepting applications for ENT-NF lectureships.

It's not too late! The ENT-NF is still accepting applications for its prestigious lectureships at Congress. Take advantage of this extended opportunity and submit your application **by July 1.**

Lectureship recipients will receive a **cash award** and are required to submit a manuscript for publication in *ORL-Head and Neck Nursing*.

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship

Established in 1996 by Dr. Gerald Healy and the Department of Otolaryngology at Boston Children's Hospital, the Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship honors Lois Moore-Rogers' 18 years of service in pediatric otolaryngology and her commitment to family-centered care, patient and family education, and excellence in

nursing practice. This annual lectureship celebrates presentations that reflect innovation, a family-oriented approach, and meaningful nursing implications in pediatric otolaryngology.

Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

The Cynthia S. Mabry Sinusitis/Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship honors Cynthia Mabry's legacy as a leader in otolaryngic allergy nursing and recognizes excellence in education, innovation, and research related to allergy, sinusitis, and ENT nursing.

Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship

The Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship honors Barbara Sigler's leadership and dedication to head and neck nursing, recognizing excellence in education, innovation, and research within the specialty.

For more information – www.sohnnurse.com/ent-nf-lectureships

SOHN Monthly Member Spotlight

Each month, SOHN highlights a member whose contributions have made a meaningful impact on our Society and our profession. Through our social media spotlight series, we recognize individuals whose dedication, leadership, service, and accomplishments help strengthen our specialty and inspire others. This past quarter, the spotlight shines on Martha Ryan, Amy Ashburn, and Lisa Gagnon (see *Facebook or Instagram for the full write up*). Their commitment to excellence, service to SOHN, and contributions to otorhinolaryngology nursing continue to advance our profession and enrich our organization.

Warmly,

Wendy Mackey

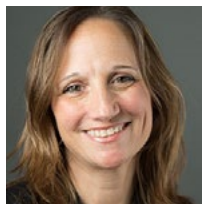
Awards Committee Chair



Martha Ryan, MS, FNP-C, NP

Martha Ryan continues to make a tremendous impact on SOHN through her leadership, education, and service. As a second-term member of the SOHN Board of Directors, President of the Atlanta Chapter, Social Media Committee member, and faculty for several SOHN educational initiatives, Martha plays a key role in advancing member engagement and professional development. Her dedication, mentorship, and

volunteer service exemplify the spirit of SOHN.



Lisa Gagnon, MSN, APRN-BC

As Chair of the Membership Committee, Lisa Gagnon has been instrumental in strengthening member engagement and supporting the growth of SOHN both nationally and internationally. Her leadership has been particularly valuable in fostering the development of the Canadian Chapter and expanding global collaborations. In addition to serving as Membership Chair, Lisa is Secretary of both SOHN and ENT-

NF and President of the Connecticut SOHN Chapter.



Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN

Amy Ashburn is recognized for her exceptional representation of SOHN at the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings (COSM), where she showcased SOHN's expertise and strengthened relationships across otolaryngology organizations. She also helped coordinate the Combined Airway Simulation event, highlighting the value of interdisciplinary collaboration. As SOHN Vice President, Amy continues to advance our mission through her leadership, vision, and advocacy.

ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal

Dear SOHN Members,

I am pleased to share several exciting updates from the *ORL Head and Neck Nursing Journal*, the official journal of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses.

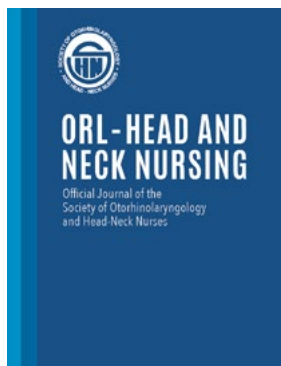
The journal continues to grow as an important scholarly and clinical resource for nurses and interprofessional colleagues caring for patients with otorhinolaryngologic and head and neck conditions. I am grateful to our authors, peer reviewers, guest editors, editorial board members, readers, and SOHN leadership for their continued support of the journal and its mission.

One of our important priorities is to strengthen the journal's scholarly quality, visibility, and long-term readiness for indexing. To support this goal, the Editorial

Board has reviewed and updated the journal's manuscript submission categories to better align with expectations for PubMed indexing.

These revised categories are intended to provide clearer guidance for authors while supporting the publication of high-quality, clinically relevant, and methodologically sound scholarship.

Moving forward, the journal will welcome submissions in the following broad categories:



- Original Research
- Review Articles
- Practice, Policy, and Implementation
- Methods, Tools, and Frameworks
- Brief Reports
- Case Reports and Case Series
- Editorials and Commentaries
- Book, Media, and Technology Reviews

These categories reflect our commitment to publishing a broad range of scholarly work, including clinical research, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, implementation science, educational innovations, case-based learning, policy-relevant analyses, and thoughtful commentary relevant to ORL and head and neck nursing.

Upcoming Issue Topics

Issue 3, 2026
PEDIATRIC ORL

Issue 4, 2026
ADVANCING PATIENT CENTERED CARE

Interested in sharing your work through publication? – [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

- We welcome various manuscript types including original research, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, case studies, and perspectives.

Interested in joining the Editorial Board?

Contact Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Vinciya Pandian
orljournaleditor@sohnnurse.com

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present a strong slate of candidates for this year's SOHN Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Nominating Committee elections. However, there is still time for interested members to become involved. Elections will take place through online

voting in early fall, and we welcome inquiries from members who may be interested in serving.

Email Margaret McCasland if interested
Margaret.mccasland@gmail.com

OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2026

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE (3)

SOHN School Becomes the Online Learning Center

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The SOHN School is undergoing an exciting transformation and will soon relaunch as the **SOHN Online Learning Center** – a comprehensive educational platform designed to support lifelong learning in otolaryngology.

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In 2026, we'll honor this incredible milestone with a yearlong celebration, culminating at our 50th Annual SOHN Congress, October 8–11 in Boston, MA.

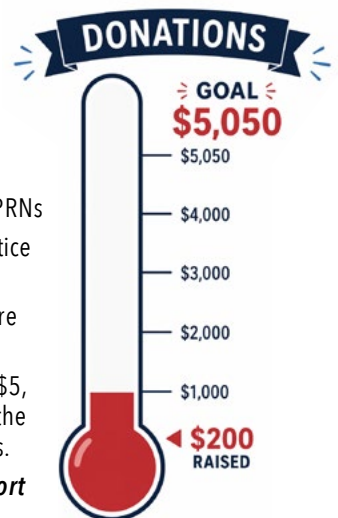
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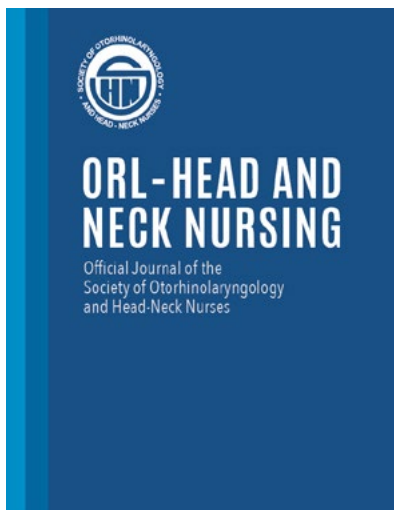
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Chapter Excellence/Chapter Report	July 1, 2026	Friend of SOHN Award	July 1, 2026
Clinical Excellence Award	July 1, 2026	Poster Submission	September 1, 2026
Honor Award	July 1, 2026	Midwinter Attendee Application	November 1, 2026
Nursing Scholarships	July 1, 2026	Research and EBP Practice Grants	Open Year-Round

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming SOHN / ENT NF Events

Spring and Congress Meetings

Paid Event – All Members are Invited to Attend

50th SOHN / ENT-NF Annual Congress and Nursing Symposia Oct 8th–11th

Annual Business Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- October 11th (Congress)

SOHN Board Meetings

Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only

- July 22nd
- October 7th (Congress)

Editorial Board Meetings

Board Members Only

- July 28th
- November 17th

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- August 25th
- October 9th (Congress)

ENT-NF Board Meetings

Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only

- August 19
- October 7 (Congress)

Membership Enhancement Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- June 16th
- October 9th (Congress)
- November 24th

National Education Committee Meetings

All Nurse Planners are Invited to Attend

- December 1st

Social Media Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- June 30th
- July 28th
- August 25th
- September 29th
- October 27th
- November 24th
- December 29th

Awards Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- August 4th

Congress Planning Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- July 7th
- August 4th
- August 18th
- September 1st
- September 15th
- September 29th
- October 6th
- November 3rd
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