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President's Message



Dear Esteemed SOHN Members,

Spring has officially arrived across the nation, bringing with it the welcome sights of warmer weather, budding trees, and beautiful flowers. Spring's spirit of renewal and growth beautifully reflects the energy and forward momentum driving the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN) toward new horizons.

We are pleased to announce that SOHN's 39th Annual Spring Symposium is just around the corner. This year,

we are honored to partner with the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO) to host an in-person Pediatric Day on April 30th in Montreal, Canada. Special thanks to Lisa Gagnon and her dedicated team for spearheading this in-person event. The day promises to be rich with high-quality education, valuable networking opportunities, and, of course, the camaraderie and spirit for which SOHN is known.

For those unable to attend in person, we are pleased to offer a Virtual Pediatric Day on May 15th, followed by a Virtual Adult Day on May 16th. These virtual opportunities allow participants to continue learning and engaging from the convenience of their own location. We encourage all members to register for these outstanding programs.

Looking further ahead, we are excited to share that the 49th Annual SOHN Congress and Educational Symposium will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 9–12, 2025. This year's theme, "Racing Towards Excellence in ORL Nursing," will set the tone for an inspiring program focused on innovation, education, and professional development. The Congress Planning Committee is diligently preparing an exceptional conference experience, featuring hands-on skill courses, cutting-edge educational sessions, and valuable networking opportunities. We look forward to welcoming our members for what promises to be a dynamic and enriching event. Hotel and conference information will be available soon.

In addition to our upcoming events, we are proud to report that the first draft of the ORL Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice has been completed. Our Scope and Standards Committee is currently reviewing the draft document. Once finalized, it will be distributed to all members for comment and feedback. This work represents a vital milestone in the advancement and formal definition of our specialty, and I eagerly anticipate sharing it with the membership.

Another exciting development is the impending launch of SOHN School. Our inaugural modules will focus on tracheostomy care and management, providing essential education to enhance clinical excellence in ORL nursing. Special thanks to Sharon Jamison, Karen Ulmer, and our team of dedicated instructors for their efforts in bringing this initiative to fruition.

Spring is a time of renewal, making it the perfect opportunity to reinvest in your professional development, reconnect with your community, and race towards excellence in ORL nursing.

Wishing you a season filled with growth, inspiration, and continued success.

With gratitude,

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

President 2024–2025

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation

Celebrating Nurses Week and ORL Nurses Day!

Each year, we set aside the month of May to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions of nurses and advanced practice nurses (APNs) and in 2025, this recognition feels more meaningful than ever. Nurses Month provides an opportunity to honor the unwavering dedication, clinical excellence, compassion, and leadership that nurses and APNs bring to every setting where care is delivered.

Nurses Week will be celebrated from May 6–12, 2025, culminating on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. This year's theme for Nurses Month, "The Power of Nurses," highlights the vital role nurses play in shaping the future of healthcare, advocating for patients, advancing public health, and leading innovation across the profession.

Within SOHN, we are especially excited to celebrate ORL Nurses Day on May 9, 2025, which honors the specialized expertise and unique contributions of otorhinolaryngology nurses. This day celebrates the incredible ORL nurses and advanced practice nurses (APNs) who bring skill, heart, and dedication to every patient and every moment.

Being an ORL nurse and APN means so much more than clinical expertise. It means being a steady hand during a difficult diagnosis, a reassuring voice after surgery, and a tireless advocate for patients and their families. It means mastering a complex and ever-evolving specialty while never losing sight of the human connection at the heart of our work. Your compassion, your drive for excellence, and your commitment to our patients inspire all of us. You are not only caregivers, but you are also educators, leaders, innovators, and the backbone of ORL care.





ORL Nurses Day - May 9, 2025
Nurses Week - May 6–12, 2025

Honor a Nurse 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 \$20,000 to help advance ORL Nursing!
<https://www.sohnnurse.com/ent-nf-foundation>



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

Throughout May, we encourage everyone to take time to:

- Reflect on the important impact ORL nurses make every day,
- Recognize a colleague or mentor who has inspired excellence by participating in SOHNs Honor a Nurse Campaign,
- Support initiatives that advance ORL nursing education, research, and leadership by making tax deductible donations to the ENT-NF,
- Celebrate the accomplishments of our ORL nursing community.

As part of our celebrations, we are once again proud to host the "Honor a Nurse" campaign, with the goal of raising \$20,000 to support scholarships, research grants, awards, and continued education through the ENT-Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF). Every contribution helps sustain and strengthen the future of our profession.

This Nurses Month, let us all come together to lift up the incredible work of nurses, champion the growth of our field, and inspire the next generation of leaders. Your impact is profound, and your work is deeply valued.

Thank you for making a difference – today and every day. Happy Nurses Month, Nurses Week, and ORL Nurses Day!

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month: Celebrating Communication and Connection

Each May, we recognize Better Hearing and Speech Month, a time to raise awareness about communication disorders and celebrate the vital work of professionals who support hearing, speech, and language health.

Effective communication is essential to every aspect of life, from personal relationships to healthcare, education, and beyond. This month, we highlight the critical importance of early detection, intervention, and ongoing support for individuals with hearing loss, speech difficulties, and voice or language disorders.

As ORL nurses, we play a vital role in



recognizing communication challenges, advocating for timely referrals, and collaborating with audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and otolaryngology specialists to ensure the best outcomes for our patients. Through compassionate care and interdisciplinary teamwork, we help empower individuals to connect more fully with the world around them.

This May, let's continue to champion better hearing and speech health by raising awareness, supporting patient education, and celebrating the power of communication to transform lives.

Together, we make every voice heard and every connection stronger.

Committee Updates

National Education Committee

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." - Anthony J. D'Angelo

The National Education Committee wishes you and yours a Happy Spring. Spring is associated with growth and new beginnings. The NEC has prepared a number of opportunities to advance your ORL professional growth!

Our **39th Annual Spring Seminar** will take place in a unique manner this year. While we will still offer a fully virtual Spring Seminar on May 15 (pediatric day) and May 16 (adult day). Thanks to the hard work of Lisa Gagnon and SOHN leadership, we will also offer the same pediatric day agenda LIVE at ASPO on April 30 in Montreal! We look forward to supporting our pediatric colleagues in combining professional ORL education and networking opportunities with their other colleagues at the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology meeting. Thank you to our Spring Seminar committee co-chairs



for their hard work planning our spring seminar- Julie Chiappa and Jana Bradley for pediatrics, and Marci Nilsen and Allison Paisley for the adult day. The "live" pediatric day and "virtual" pediatric and adult days include engaging agendas to advance your ORL knowledge and professional growth. If you have not yet registered, [please see the SOHN website and register to take advantage of this education opportunity.](#)

The 49th Annual SOHN 49th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana this fall, Thursday October 9 through Sunday October 12, 2025. The AAO-HNS is starting their annual meeting a day earlier than usual. Therefore, SOHN is also starting a day earlier to improve our opportunity to access vendor support for both our skills labs and vendor exhibits. We hope to continue to afford our membership opportunity to share their expertise through podium presentations and poster exhibits. Watch your emails for calls for abstracts and posters. We hope to showcase the SIGs and SIG members through case study presentations and podium presentations. Please contact Marci Nilsen (Congress chair) if you have suggestions for speakers and/or topics... and if you would like to present a topic at Congress. Please submit an abstract using



the link below. We very much want to showcase the knowledge and expertise of our membership.... We welcome proposals on a wide range of topics, including but not limited to: Care and management of otorhinolaryngic conditions in adult and pediatric populations, Otolaryngology and surgical innovations, Head and neck cancer, Inpatient management of otolaryngology patients, Professional development, Case studies and panel presentations, and Health policy and advocacy. Please use the following link to submit an abstract.

[SOHN 49th Congress Call for Abstracts Survey](#)

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 2025 updated versions of the SOHN education forms are uploaded to the website. Please use these updated forms for all your chapter/SIG education activities- they have been revised to reflect the revisions to the ANCC criteria. A new "Nurse Planner Tutorial" is being recorded and will be available on the website soon. Nurse planners and SIG leaders- please remember to note the number of RNs and APPs on your

evaluation summary. We need to provide that data to the ANCC.

Please contact info@sohnnurse.com if you are interested in joining our team in planning and providing SOHN continuing education! We need your input to continue to offer high-quality education opportunities which enable you to advance your professional ORL nursing practice!

*Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN
Accredited Provider Program Director*

Healthcare Policy and Advocacy Committee

The Healthcare Policy and Advocacy Committee continues to hold meetings throughout the year with a focus on providing updating regarding healthcare issues and trends pertinent to the SOHN nurses. Specific government policy initiatives and laws are reviewed that affect the advancement of ORL Nursing, care of patients, the health of our local communities, and the broader national effects on the delivery of healthcare in our society.

There are currently many national initiatives coming out of the executive branch, which has resulted in changes to multiple governmental agencies. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is undergoing dramatic cuts and restructuring which includes reducing the current workforce from 82,000 full-time employees down to 62,000. Some of the agencies under the umbrella of HHS include the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers of Disease and Control (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to name a few. The goal is to centralize and streamline administrative functions and cut waste. However, with these large sudden reductions in the workforce and restructuring, it will be important to follow the effects of these changes to determine if health outcomes and services are improved or diminished. There are concerns that the changes will inhibit the delivery of governmental health services to Medicare and Medicaid patients. Veterans Affairs has also been required to cut employees by 84,000 which may affect Veteran services.

Another major health policy change to track is the potential for proposed changes to federal funding for State Medicaid Programs

for the poor and disabled. In addition, the enhanced Affordable Care and Accountability (ACA) tax credits for beneficiaries of the Market Place health insurance plans are slated to expire at the end of December 2025. Together these programs have expanded basic health coverage to over 100 million Americans (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2025; Kaiser Family Foundation, 2025). Approximately, 37 million beneficiaries were enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP). The ACA Marketplace enrollment has reached a record-high for a fourth year in a row, totaling 24.3 million people in 2025. Much of this growth can be attributed to the enhanced subsidies first made available by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2021 and later extended through the end of 2025 by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). There is concern among healthcare policy advocates that reductions in federal funding for Medicaid, and the expiration of tax credits for the ACA Marketplace health plans will drastically reduce healthcare coverage for millions of Americans. This will disproportionately place the most marginalized and lowest socioeconomic Americans into a high-risk pool, increasing their likelihood of poor health outcomes, reducing their access to quality care, and exposing them to greater personal financial risk due to an inability to pay for uncovered healthcare costs.

The current White House Administration also proposes cutting research funding to the NIH from \$47 Billion to \$26 Billion and closing four institutes, including the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), and eliminating every Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Program except the Nursing Corps Scholarship

Program (ANA, 2025). The NINR is the primary federal agency that provides funding for nursing research with a Budget of \$197 Million in fiscal years 2025. The research focuses on clinical research, behavioral and social sciences research, prevention, health disparities, social determinants of health, women's health, and training. The Institute was established in 1993 and previously was known as the National Center for Nursing Research (NCNR) first established in 1986.

The NINR is now at risk of being abolished. This raises several critical questions: If Congress were to approve this decision, would another institute or agency absorb nursing research as a distinct entity? Would nursing research continue to receive federal funding? Why is nursing research being considered expendable or unnecessary? Is it due to NINR's focus on health disparities and social determinants of health as central research priorities? Or does it reflect a broader undervaluing or misunderstanding of the essential contributions that nursing science makes to individual and population health? There are many concerns and uncertainties surrounding the White House's proposal to eliminate this vital institute, and the implications for the future of nursing research are significant.

We are living in an extraordinary time marked by rapid and accelerating changes in health policy that will profoundly impact the future of ORL nursing, the patients we serve, and the broader communities across our nation. A generational shift is occurring within health policy at all federal agencies, and major debates are poised to begin in Congress regarding the government's role in sustaining funding for critical health services, including Medicaid and SNAP, as well as continuing tax credits that enable

lower- and middle-class families to access government-supported health insurance programs. Additionally, there is the potential closure of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the associated defunding of nursing research.

As these significant policy discussions unfold, it is essential to reflect: What do you value as an individual and as a professional nurse? What kind of society do you envision when it comes to the future health of our citizens – regardless of social class, gender, or ethnicity?

These are critical questions we must ask ourselves. It is equally important to stay informed, actively share your perspectives with local, state, and national policymakers, and vote for candidates who align with your values and beliefs regarding the future of healthcare.

Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN
Chair

HCPA Announcements

Hope to see you at our next meeting
Thursday, May 08, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:00
PM CDT. We will have a guest who will

present on Full Practice Authority and discuss additional practice and legal considerations for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Please go to the SOHN Website to obtain meeting link.

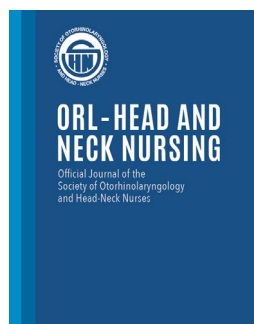
If you are interested in writing a small one to two paragraph summary of what nursing policy initiatives are happening at your state level, please email Bryan Facione at bryanfacione@gmail.com. The state summaries are due June 21st and will be published in our 4th ORL journal issue this year.

Lastly, we are looking for a volunteer to take over the Chair position of the Healthcare Policy and Advocacy beginning January 1st, 2026. If you are someone who is called and interested in leading our organization's efforts to continue raising awareness among our membership regarding the current health policy that affects our practice and ability to provide the best evidence of care for our patients please reach out to our current membership Chair Bryan Facione at bryanfacione@gmail.com. Bryan can mentor you over the next several months and have you ready to go for 2026!

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Editorial Board



Strong Start to 2025

2025 is off to a strong and promising start for *ORL Head and Neck Nursing*. We are proud to share that our first two issues were published

on time, and we are currently reviewing a robust pool of submissions for our third issue. The energy and enthusiasm from the Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck (ORL) nursing community have been inspiring, and we thank our authors for trusting the journal as a platform to share their work. We also extend sincere appreciation to our authors for their patience and thoughtful engagement during the revision process, as we continue working together to raise the scholarly quality of every article we publish.

Strategic Goals and Vision

During our February 25, 2025, Editorial Board meeting, we reaffirmed our commitment to advancing the journal's mission through several long-term strategic goals. Our primary objectives include

regaining PubMed indexing and working toward achieving an official impact factor. To support this, we are focused on publishing high-quality, peer-reviewed content that advances ORL nursing knowledge and practice.

We are also committed to expanding nurse author representation by actively recruiting contributors from diverse backgrounds, including clinical nurses, educators, and researchers. Mentorship for first-time authors is a priority, and we aim to develop structured programs to support them through the writing and publication process.

Our vision includes promoting interdisciplinary collaboration by encouraging authorship from nursing, medicine, speech-language pathology, audiology, and other allied health professions. We also aim to diversify manuscript types by prioritizing quantitative research, systematic reviews, evidence-based practice initiatives, and rigorous case studies. In line with scholarly standards, we emphasize adherence to EQUATOR guidelines. Additionally, we welcome commentaries that stimulate professional dialogue around emerging trends and innovations in ORL care.

2025 Themes and Progress

This year's journal issues are themed around critical and emerging topics in ORL nursing. Issue 1, focused on Head and Neck Cancer, and Issue 2, focused on Otolaryngology and Neurotology, led by Kris Estheimer, have already been published; Multidisciplinary Teams, led by Erin Sarsfield (Issue 3); and Pediatrics, led by Laurie Newton (Issue 4). The themed structure has helped us attract reasonably-quality submissions and align content with clinical priorities.

Looking ahead, we have already begun planning for 2026. Guest editors have been assigned for each of the upcoming issues: Vinciya Pandian (Issue 1), Maria Colandrea (Issue 2), Wendy Mackey with a pediatric focus (Issue 3), and Marcie Nilsen (Issue 4). We are excited about the continued development of this editorial model, which allows for expert leadership in curating timely content.

Supporting Authors and Reviewers

A key focus this year is enhancing both the author and reviewer experience. For authors, we are working to streamline the submission process, particularly for junior authors. We also plan to highlight EQUATOR reporting guidelines early in the process and explore

offering office hours at SOHN Congress for real-time support. We are discussing opportunities for authors to earn contact hours as part of the publication process. For reviewers, we are implementing initiatives to express our gratitude and foster retention. These include thank-you notes, certificates of appreciation, continuing education credits, and public recognition at the SOHN Congress. We are also exploring automated tools within Scholastica to help us efficiently acknowledge reviewer contributions.

Looking Ahead

We continue to explore strategies to increase the journal's visibility and reach. Future discussions will focus on expanding our social media presence, strengthening partnerships with professional organizations, and encouraging international and interdisciplinary submissions. Additionally, we are working on developing pathways to support NIH-funded manuscript submissions to PubMed Central, aligning with federal compliance requirements and enhancing the

discoverability of published research.

We encourage all SOHN members to consider contributing to the journal and joining us in our mission to elevate the field of ORL nursing through evidence-based knowledge sharing.

*Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, CRNP
Editor-in-Chief, ORL Head and Neck Nursing*

Practice and Research Committee

The Practice and Research Committee continues to advance key initiatives within our organization based on our established 2025 goals.

Foster Poster Presentation Support:

Continue to support poster presentations at Congress by offering educational programs to enhance member competency and confidence in poster presentations.

- A call for professional poster presentation was sent out this past month. Please consider submitting an abstract for poster presentation and disseminating your work with professional colleagues. If you are interested in submitting but would like mentorship in submission, please reach out for help.

Maximize AAO Clinical Guideline Involvement:

Maximize participation with the AAO Clinical Guideline Taskforce and all aspects of Guideline and Consensus Statement Initiatives.

- Offered official SOHN endorsement of AAO Clinical Practice Guideline: Adult Sinusitis Update to be published in May 2025.
- Based on a request from AAO-HNS, Tiffany Ellis and Wendy Mackey provided an assessment of the 2013 Clinical

Practice Guideline on Bell's Palsy. Their primary responsibility was to assess the relevance of the Key Action Statements and Action Statement Profiles within the original guideline and offer feedback on additional topics for quality improvement to help in assessing whether the guideline should be reaffirmed, necessitates minor updates, or requires a major update.

Survey Development and Article Submission:

Strive to better understand the metrics and composition of our membership through survey development and analysis and submit an article to the ORL- Head and Neck Nursing Journal to inform future organizational strategies.

- We have developed a working committee of members and are working on survey development for dissemination to membership this summer.

Professional Development Video Library:

Investigate the creation of a professional development video library to be housed on the SOHN website.

- Working toward professional development library for member access.

As a reminder, the Practice and Research Committee is an open working group for all members, regardless of experience. We

offer an excellent networking community that focuses on promoting scholarship and professional development in both practice and research within ORL nursing. We are committed to providing mentorship and support for members or groups involved in the development, implementation, or dissemination of their work.

We welcome fresh ideas and perspectives from all members. Joining our committee is an excellent way to connect with like-minded professionals, network, share ideas, and help shape the future of our field. Please consider joining us at our next meeting or reaching out to me via email to share your interests and ideas.

Next Meeting:

Please join us on May 21st, at 7:30pm EST via Zoom.

Yours in ORL Nursing,
*Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN
Chair, Nursing Practice and Research
Committee*

President-Elect, SOHN
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Chapter Coordinator

We are actively seeking SOHN members who are interested in establishing a new SOHN Chapter to serve members in the western region of the United States. Starting a Chapter is a straightforward and rewarding process that does not require a significant time commitment.

To begin, you need a minimum of four interested members who are willing to meet, either in person or virtually, to discuss forming a Chapter. Many existing chapters successfully meet virtually, making it easier to stay connected and build momentum.

Once you have gathered your group, simply reach out to SOHN Headquarters to formally

express your intent to form a new Chapter. Each new Chapter will need four officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Together, your team will work to develop your Chapter's Bylaws. To make this even easier, SOHN has sample Bylaws available, which you can personalize to fit your new Chapter's needs. After your Bylaws are finalized, they will be submitted to the SOHN Board of Directors for approval and a formal vote to establish the new Chapter.

We are here to support you every step of the way!

Forming a Chapter requires minimal time and effort. The rewards, including professional networking, leadership opportunities, and contributing to the growth of ORL nursing, are immeasurable.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact SOHN Headquarters.

We would love to help you get started!

Lisa Lever, BSN, RN, CORLN
Chair

Specialty Interest Groups



We are excited to continue offering valuable content through our monthly online Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings. The upcoming quarter promises

even more outstanding educational opportunities, and we encourage you to check the calendar regularly for details on upcoming topics.

As a reminder, please ensure that your membership profile reflects your specific areas of interest related to SIG meetings. Updating your preferences will allow you to receive targeted reminders, ensuring you never miss out on the great educational

sessions and discussions we have planned.

Thank you for staying engaged and making the most of all that SOHN has to offer!

Regina Kahnert, APRN, CNP
Chair

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has identified 11 candidates for open SOHN leadership and committee positions. SOHN members will be able to cast their votes prior to Congress in October 2025.

Open positions include:

- Treasurer(1)
- Board of Directors (3)
- Nominating Committee (2)

Candidates have been sent submission packets which are due July 1, 2025. Submissions will be compiled and made available to members via the SOHN website allowing members to make informed voting choices.

Winners will be announced during Congress.

Kris Estheimer, BSN, RN, CORLN
Chair

Membership Enhancement Committee

Membership continues to grow! In 2024, we achieved a 7% increase in membership, surpassing our goal of 5%, and closed the year with 482 members—a wonderful milestone. Many of you have already renewed your membership, thank you! If you have not yet done so, please visit the SOHN website to renew and continue enjoying all the benefits our organization offers.

A recent e-blast was sent to lapsed members with a renewal link. If you are not planning

to renew, we would greatly appreciate hearing your reason, whether it's due to a new role outside of ENT, financial considerations, or other factors. Your feedback is important as we strive to meet the needs of all our members.

We are excited to share that a new membership flyer has been created for wide distribution and it looks fantastic! We would be so grateful if you could post it in your workplace or clinics you visit. You'll receive

a copy in your email within the next month. The student membership flyer has also been updated and now includes QR codes for easier access to membership information.

The committee is actively working on expanding our membership through various strategies. These include:

- Enhanced advertising and social media outreach (some members are now posting on LinkedIn).
- Chapter-level outreach, such as

promoting events within clinics and personally inviting professional contacts to meetings.

- Follow-up emails from Chapter Presidents and SIG Leaders to non-members who attend meetings, thanking them and encouraging them to join.
- Hosting educational events in hospitals or regions where SOHN is less known to increase awareness.
- Recruitment efforts at the SOHN/ASPO meeting in Montreal.

Looking ahead, one of our goals for 2025 is to expand our international presence. We plan to add a Global Liaison to the Membership Enhancement Committee to support this initiative. If you have international colleagues or contacts who might be interested in SOHN, please consider reaching out to them.

Additionally, we've developed a new outreach letter for hospital administrators, aimed at informing nursing managers and directors about SOHN and the value it offers their staff. This letter is available for distribution, and we welcome your

help in sharing it with key contacts at your institutions.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of SOHN. It's exciting to see our community growing and thriving!

Lisa Gagnon
Membership Enhancement Committee Chair

Welcome New SOHN Members

Jennifer Ladely..... South Dakota
John Hall Nebraska
Erin Slater Indiana
Julie Caprio..... Maryland
Nicole Jakobowski Pennsylvania
Danielle Koeppe North Dakota
Melisa Molina..... California
Jeanne McCormick..... Illinois

Sarah Helms Texas
Taryn Allen Pennsylvania
Jessica Gerler Wyoming
Christine Bradley Kansas
Laura Kriskovich Wisconsin
Megan Schauer Ohio
Kira Olivares..... California
Michelle Cole Mississippi

Annette Edwards..... Arkansas
Danielle Stotler Pennsylvania
Joy Grepo..... California
Terri Oliver Colorado
Madona Plueger Arizona
Veronica Fies Pennsylvania
Lindsey Burlage..... Ohio
Susanna Werner Arizona

National Certification Board Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses (NCBOHN) Update



Please see this year's Certification Exam application deadlines and testing windows.

For more information on the CORLN certification visit:

<https://sohn.memberclicks.net/ncbohn>

Application Deadline*	Testing Window
April 9, 2025	May 10 – May 24, 2025
September 3, 2025	October 4 – October 18, 2025



The Ear, Nose, and Throat Nursing Foundation Update: Growing Stronger Together!

Spring has sprung here in SC. Everything is yellow with pollen, but the beauty of the flowering trees and shrubs make it worthwhile.

An update on the Foundation: We plan to do the ENT-NF Raffle again this year at the Indianapolis Congress. Start thinking about items you may want to donate. Or speak with your reps about donating a CORE Curriculum, a gift card or other pertinent donations.

Congratulations!!! The following members/donors have achieved a new lifetime level-of-giving.

Ruby

- Maria Colandrea
- David Roberson
- Kevin Sowers

Sapphire

- Wendy Mackey
- Deborah Mastriani
- Vinciya Pandian
- Jocelyn Sue Silcox

Amethyst

- Daniel Boulanger
- Sarah Holdsworth
- Margaret McCasland
- Martha Ryan

And a special "THANK YOU" to Kevin Callans, Maria Colandrea, Lisa Lever and Wendy Mackey on their extremely generous bids on our silent auction. Each will enjoy a stay at a beautiful mountain home in Brevard, NC.

Please consider donating to the ENT-NF in honor of, "in memory of", or "just because" to maintain our scholarships, lectureships, awards and grants. All donations are tax deductible as we are designated a 501(C)3 Foundation.

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 \$20,000. Spread the word and honor a nurse today!



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Honor a Nurse 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 \$20,000 to help advance ORL Nursing!
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Nominate a Colleague for a Prestigious SOHN Award!

Do you know an outstanding ORL nurse or nurse practitioner who deserves recognition? Now is the time to nominate them for one of SOHN's prestigious awards!

Excellence in ORL Nursing Award (Clinical)

This award honors SOHN nurses who have demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and compassionate care in the treatment of ORL-Head and Neck patients.

Nomination Deadline: July 1st

Award: Cash Prize & Plaque

[RN/NP Clinical Excellence Award Information and Application](#)

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Honor Award

Many of you contribute to SOHN in countless ways—now it's time to be recognized! Keep track of your contributions using the Honor Award form. Once you've accumulated **10 points** (over any period of time), submit your application to receive this well-earned distinction.

Application Deadline: July 1st

Award: Certificate

Honor Award Criteria & Application:

[Honor Award Criteria](#)

[Honor Award Application](#)

Nominate a colleague today and celebrate the dedication and excellence of ORL nursing!

If you have questions, [please contact SOHN](#).

SOHN / ENT NF 2024-2025 Dates & Deadlines

Clinical Excellence Award.....	July 1, 2025	Poster Submission	September 1, 2025
Honor Award.....	July 1, 2025	Midwinter Attendee Application.....	November 1, 2025
Nursing Scholarships.....	July 1, 2025	Research and EBP Practice Grants.....	Open Year-Round
Friend of SOHN Award	July 1, 2025		

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming SOHN / ENT NF Events

Spring and Congress Meetings

Paid Event – All Members are Invited to Attend

Spring Seminar Series

Virtual Pediatric Day May 15th

Virtual Adult Day..... May 16th

49th SOHN / ENT-NF Annual Congress and Nursing Symposia..... Oct 9th–12th

Annual Business Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- October 12th (Congress)

SOHN Board Meetings

Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only

- July 8th
- October 8th (Congress)

Editorial Board Meetings

Board Members Only

- May 27th
- August 6th
- November 11th

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- May 8th
- August 21st
- October 10th (Congress)
- December 3rd

ENT-NF Board Meetings

Board Members and Invited Committee Chairs Only

- July 22nd
- October 8th (Congress)

Chapter President's Meeting

All Chapter Presidents are Invited to Attend

- July 10th
- October 10th (Congress)

Membership Enhancement Committee Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- June 26th
- August 28th
- November 6th

National Education Committee Meetings

All Nurse Planners are Invited to Attend

- June 25th
- December 2nd

Awards Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- June 12th
- August 14th

Congress Planning Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- May 13th
- June 17th
- August 5th
- September 2nd
- September 23rd
- October 1st

Nominating Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

- May 21st
- July 16th

Research and Practice Committee Meetings

Committee Members Only

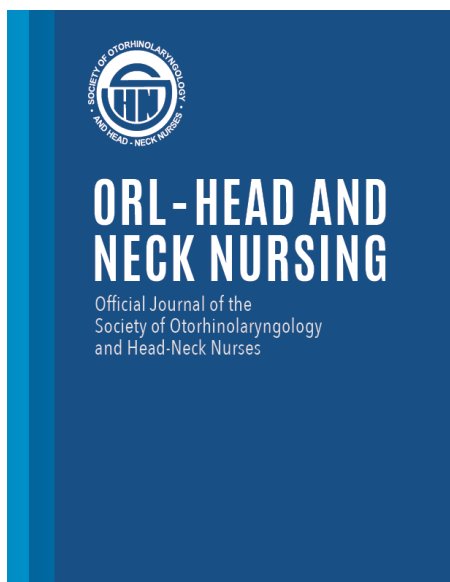
- May 21st
- October 10th (Congress)
- December 11th

Special Interest Group Meetings

All Members are Invited to Attend

- Perioperative – June 11th
- Allergy – August 12th
- Facial Plastics – November 11th
- Federal/Military – June 24th
- Geriatric – August 26th
- Otology – December 16th
- Facial Plastics – July 15th
- Head and Neck – September 9th
- Advanced Practice – July 29th
- All SIGs (Congress) – October 10th

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