



## May Newsletter



This is my space to personally highlight what's happening in IHCNO: new events, the people doing incredible work, interesting opportunities for your professional growth, and the growth of our organization.

A central focus this spring is our upcoming international conference in the U.K.

**Register now to attend the 5th IHCNO International Home Care conference 17-19 June at City St George's University of London in England.** IHCNO is collaborating with the Association of District Nurse and Community Nurse Educators (ADNE) to present the conference at City St George's University of London.

The base cost of the conference for IHCNO members is \$199. That cost includes the Wednesday opening sessions and evening reception, Thursday and Friday educational presentations and lunches at the conference center, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, and a conference swag bag.

Presentations by an international "who's who" group of home healthcare experts will include 14 keynote speakers, 71 research presentations in the breakout sessions, and viewing of 62 posters. These presentations represent 32 different countries.

Special guests at the conference will report on nursing in conflict zones in Miramar and Ukraine. Also, a gathering of IHCNO members is planned at a Thursday morning breakfast meeting at the conference site.

As you register for the conference, consider optional events that have an additional cost such as the Wednesday morning preconference Masterclass conducted by Gemma Stacey, Director of Nursing Now, and the Thursday evening reception and entertainment at the Florence Nightingale Museum.

I will see you in London for a nice cuppa and a biscuit.

My personal congratulations to Dr. Alice Tso, an active member of IHCNO since its early days,

on the award she received in Hong Kong for her nursing leadership across countries. Read her article in this newsletter.

Welcome to Nelly Nzingo Kaingu who was elected to the IHCNO Board of Directors in March. Nelly is a direct care home healthcare nurse leader in Kenya. The full list of Directors and Officers can be found at [www.IHCNO.org](http://www.IHCNO.org) under the ABOUT tab.

I recommend viewing the newly recorded webinar by the International Council of Nurses (ICN) presenting its 2025 updated definition of nursing. Nursing is not defined by the tasks that nurses perform, but by our knowledge, judgement, and accountability. The recording, Embedding ICN Nursing Definitions into Global Regulation can be found at [Webinar: Embedding ICN Nursing Definitions into Global Regulation | ICN - International Council of Nurses](#). IHCNO is a member organization of ICN which means that our members are members of ICN.

Until next month's newsletter,  
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IHCNO President

## SNHU Recognized with ANCC Accreditation 2026 Premier Award



Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has once again been named a recipient of the ANCC Accreditation Premier Award™, having previously earned this national distinction in 2022.

The award honors fully accredited organizations that exemplify excellence in nursing continuing professional development and successfully leverage accreditation to advance nursing professional practice and strategic goals.

This repeat recognition reflects SNHU's sustained leadership and innovation in nursing continuing professional development. IHCNO proudly congratulates Dr. Stacey Rosenberg, IHCNO member and Associate Chief Nurse Administrator at SNHU, along with the entire SNHU team on this significant achievement and their ongoing impact on nursing professional practice. IHCNO celebrates its continued collaboration with SNHU to provide high quality, ANCC accredited nursing continuing education opportunities that support professional growth and practice excellence.

<https://www.nursingworld.org/news/news-releases/2026-news-releases/ancc-announces-award-winners-during-inaugural-global-pdp-summit/>



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Alice TSO, IHCNO Board of Directors, for her award “The Global Ageing Influencer 2026,” by Ageing Asia Singapore.

The award ceremony was held 15 April in SANDS Hotel Singapore. Dr. Tso is the founder, Board Chair & CEO of the Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Limited, Hong Kong SAR China.

Dr. Tso serves on the IHCNO Board of Directors and has served as Recording Secretary.



# The Definition of Nursing



In 2025, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) released updated global definitions of Nursing and of a Nurse that articulate the profession's scope, identity, and contributions to global health. The years-long project was thoughtfully developed and executed to involve input from stakeholders worldwide. These current definitions align with contemporary practice and represent nursing in all areas of the world. The new definitions were ratified at the ICN Council of Nursing representative meeting in Helsinki in June 2025.

The definition of a nurse is below.

“A Nurse is a professional who is educated in the scientific knowledge, skills, and philosophy of nursing and regulated to practice nursing based on established standards of practice and ethical codes. Nurses enhance health literacy, promote health, prevent illness, protect patient safety, alleviate suffering, facilitate recovery and adaptation, and uphold dignity throughout life and at end of life. They work autonomously and collaboratively across settings to improve health, through advocacy, evidence-informed decision-making, and culturally safe, therapeutic relationships. Nurses provide people-centered, compassionate clinical and social care, manage services, enhance health systems, advance public and population health, and foster safe and sustainable environments. Nurses lead, educate, research, advocate, innovate, and shape policy to improve outcomes.”

White, J., Gunn, M., Chiarella, M., Catton, H., Stewart, D., (2025). Renewing the Definitions of Nursing and a Nurse. Final project report, June 2025. International Council of Nurses

The final report Renewing the Definitions of 'Nursing' and 'a Nurse,' released June 2025 can be downloaded free at [https://www.icn.ch/sites/default/files/2025-06/ICN\\_Definition-Nursing\\_Report\\_EN.pdf](https://www.icn.ch/sites/default/files/2025-06/ICN_Definition-Nursing_Report_EN.pdf).

A recent webinar suggesting how the definitions of nursing and a nurse can influence policy, practice structures, education, and workforce planning is available at the web address below. Embedding ICN Nursing Definitions into Global Regulation

<https://www.icn.ch/events/webinar-embedding-icn-nursing-definitions-global-regulation>

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Another ICN webinar of interest focuses on the central role of nurses in primary care to achieve universal healthcare by 2030. Access the recoding at the address below.

The Role of Nurses in Primary Health Care

<https://www.icn.ch/events/icn-webinar-focusing-nurses-and-primary-health-care-heart-uhc2030>

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## International Nurses Day May 12th,2026

### A Few Florence Nightingale Movies

Florence Nightingale movies on You Tube, Streaming, or wherever you can find them. No guarantees that the websites I posted with the movies still works. Enjoy!

Florence Nightingale: Nursing Pioneer (2021) Documentary narrated by Lucy Worsley.

<https://www.themoviedb.org/movie/938132-florence-nightingale-la-premiere-des-infirmieres>

Florence Nightingale (2008). Directed by Norman Stone. With Laura Fraser, Michael Pennington.

<https://www.themoviedb.org/movie/65361-florence-nightingale>

Florence Nightingale (1985).

Directed by Daryl Duke. With Jaclyn Smith, Claire Bloom, Timothy Dalton, Timothy West

<https://tubitv.com/movies/100005746/florence-nightingale>,  
[www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)

<https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/florence-nightingale-1985>

The Lady with a Lamp (1951). Directed by Herbert Wilcox. With Anna Neagle, Michael Wilding, Gladys Young.

<https://www.themoviedb.org/movie/293703-the-lady-with-a-lamp>

Florence Nightingale (1951). By Sony Pictures Entertainment India. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

The white Angel (1936). Directed by William Dieterle. With Kay Francis, Ian Hunter, Nigel

Bruce. <https://www.themoviedb.org/movie/292633-the-white-angel>

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