



June Newsletter



IHCNO President's Message

I hope you enjoy this June issue of the IHCNO newsletter that celebrates home healthcare nursing and nurses.

The 2027 IHCNO Marilyn D. Harris Research Grant application will soon be available on our website. The funds awarded since 2020 have advanced the careers of eight primary investigators and their teams who represent or have conducted research in seven different countries. In 2026, we awarded two grants thanks to generous benefactors. Please contact us at info@IHCNO.org if you are interested in establishing an ongoing grant in your name or for your organization.

The clock is ticking to register for the 17-19 June conference at City St. George's University of in London, *Caring Beyond Walls: The Power of Nursing in Homes, Communities, and Primary Care Settings*. Join us to learn, share your interests, and establish lasting relationships. See the article in this newsletter to access the link to the agenda and registration information. For those who have not been a member of IHCNO, we offer complementary one-year membership with your conference registration.

We welcome Jane Murray as the new chair of the Advocacy Committee. Read the article in this newsletter about her work in multiple countries and her interests in advocating for patients, nurses, and home healthcare nursing.

On a more serious note, I would like to introduce you to an organization that advances human rights and provides education about exploitation and trafficking. The *World Without Exploitation* website can be found at worldwithoutexploitation.org. The seriousness of exploitation has often been minimized because of assumptions that victims and survivors can control their own fate. Power structures, inequity of resources, and unjustified acceptance of abuse results in buying, selling, and exploitation of children and adults, women and men. Learn more and hear from visionary thought leaders, advocates, and courageous survivors who examine and confront the root causes of this injustice. A quote from their website is "An injustice that goes unseen is an injustice that goes unchallenged." A series of on-demand videos are available at <https://www.worldwithoutexploitation.org/events/webinars#previous-webinars>. Thank you for your interest and actions to prevent exploitation.

International Scope and Standards for Home-Based Nursing Practice

The *International Scope and Standards of Home Healthcare Nursing* have been completed and are within the publication process. As soon as they are published, we will forward you a link through this newsletter so you can access them freely online.



IHCNO/ADNE Conference

When: 17-19 June 2026

Where: City St George's, University of London, London, United Kingdom

Conference Theme: Caring Beyond Walls: The Power of Nursing in Homes, Communities, and Primary Care Settings

Conference Co-Chairs: Mark Millar, Crystal Oldman & Susan Hinck

Conference Website: <https://www.citystgeorges.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/2026/june/ihcno-adne-and-city-st-georges-university-of-london-2026-conference>



Conference Sponsor Spotlight

We thank our conference sponsors for their significant support.

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2026 IHCNO DAISY Nurse Leader Award: Artur Carvalho

The International Home Care Nurses Organization is proud to announce Artur Jorge Dias Carvalho as the recipient of the **2026 IHCNO DAISY Nurse Leader Award**. Nominated by Raquel Marques, Artur is recognized for his transformative leadership of the Home Hospitalization Unit at Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra. Since taking on this role in 2024, he has led an extraordinary period of growth and innovation, positioning the unit as a national model for high-quality home hospitalization. Through strategic planning, rigorous data-driven management, and strong investment in team development, Artur helped expand the unit's capacity by 50% while maintaining exceptional utilization and dramatically increasing the number of home visits, patient assessments, and successful discharges. Under his leadership, Coimbra's unit became the highest-volume home hospitalization service in Portugal and earned formal recognition as an Integrated Responsibility Center (CRI), affirming both its excellence and long-term sustainability.

[Read more](#)



Member Spotlight: Dr. Jane Murray

Dr. [Jane Murray](#) is an Assistant Professor at Northumbria University and a registered Mental Health Nurse with 33 years of experience, specialising in the care of older persons, particularly those living with dementia. She holds specialist practitioner status (older persons mental health) from the Nursing and Midwifery Council, is a registered teacher, and holds registration with the Singapore Nursing Board.

Having spent many years as a Community Psychiatric Nurse, Jane has worked in and with a range of long-term care facilities. She currently leads a Bachelor of Science Nursing programme at Kaplan Higher Education Academy in Singapore and leads a community of practice for community nurses in Singapore in collaboration with the Tsao Foundation.

Jane has taught extensively across Malaysia, Borneo and China, with a focus on care of the older person, healthcare law and ethics, and cultural awareness. She is committed to developing teaching strategies and healthcare innovations that are sensitive and appropriate to local contexts. She is a strong advocate for people with dementia and their care partners, as well as nurses and nursing, in both the local and global contexts.

Her current research explores the needs of people with comorbid dementia and diabetes, and truth and lie-telling in dementia care to support personhood. Jane is passionate about improving the quality of care for older people both nationally and internationally.

Jane is now chairing the advocacy committee and will be attending the IHCNO conference in London and would love to meet up with anyone interested in joining or influencing the Advocacy Committee. Look for her at the reception on Wednesday evening, and say hello!

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Planning Ahead - 2027 Marilyn D. Harris Research Grant

The application deadline for the **2027 IHCNO Marilyn D. Harris Research Grant Award** is expected to be **September 30, 2026**. The formal call for applications, including award details and submission instructions, will be shared in the coming weeks.



Susan Hinck, a 2026 McKnight's Woman of Distinction

The McKnight's Women of Distinction forum and celebration was held on May 4, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Susan Hinck, PhD, APRN, GCNS-BC, IHCNO President, was one of twenty senior-level leaders in home care, senior living, and skilled nursing who were inducted into the McKnight's Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor recognizes women whose roles are at a level equivalent to vice president or higher and who have had a significant effect on their organization. The awards celebrate the entirety of their careers, not just their current roles.

Susan's was recognized as an entrepreneur who founded the free-standing, family owned, proprietary Haven Health care; Haven Home Health and Therapy and Haven Hospice in Missouri. These agencies are Medicare certified and Joint Commission (TJC) accredited.

Susan previously received a regional award in 2016 for Outstanding Administrator in a health care setting in southwest Missouri. Her expertise was recognized by TJC and she was invited to create an educational webinar that was distributed by TJC. Susan is also a researcher who received funding for numerous projects. Susan currently served as the co-investigator with Mary Narayan, PhD, RN, HHCNS-BC, CTN, in a global research study to develop the International Scope and Standards for Home-Based Professional Nursing Practice.

It was my honor to attend the May 4th event to celebrate Susan as one of McKnight's Hall of Honor recipients in 2026. Congratulations Susan!

Marilyn D. Harris, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN



Photo: Marilyn Harris and Susan Hinck before the dinner and celebration on May 4, 2026

Congratulations, Dr. Hinck, on this well-deserved honor and for your continued dedication and service to IHCNO!

THE FUTURE IS TAKING SHAPE

— Planning for IHCNO 2027 is underway! —



— Save the Date! —

Picture the Future: Home Care Nursing Leading Health Where Life Happens

Together, we will imagine what's next, spark innovation, strengthen global connections, and advance the vital role of home care nursing in communities around the world.



Envision.
Innovate.
Elevate.

The future of home care starts with all of us.



Global Connections



Innovative Ideas



Compassionate Care



Stronger Communities

Stay tuned for updates and ways to get involved in shaping IHCNO 2027!

Together, we can picture the future. ♡

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Help Us Plan IHCNO 2027

A 20-Year Arc, a 10-Year Incorporation Anniversary: Help Us Plan 2027

As IHCNO approaches the 10-year anniversary of its incorporation in 2027, we are gathering the photos, newsletters, conference programs, and member memories that tell the fuller story of nearly two decades of organizing, connection, and global home care nursing leadership.

Where we started

The story of the International Home Care Nurses Organization (IHCNO) didn't begin with a vote or a press release. It began with reader letters. In 2008, a small group of home healthcare nurses responded to editorials in *Home Healthcare Nurse* arguing that home care nurses "NEED a professional organization." In March 2009, then-Editor-in-Chief Tina M. Marrelli published a survey-driven editorial proposing the International Home Care Nurses Organization, and by November 2009, with co-leadership from Elizabeth A. Madigan, IHCNO was operating as a grassroots, volunteer-driven "meeting place."

In 2017, IHCNO took the next step: it was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and that same year it

How members can help build the history
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- A member-curated visual history of IHCNO's five global conferences: Cleveland 2013, Singapore 2014, Chicago 2015, Singapore 2024, and London 2026.
- Past IHCNO newsletters, especially from the 2009-2015 founding era.
- Conference programs, abstract books, posters, and presentation slides.
- Short oral history interviews with founding-era leaders and longtime members.
- Personal memories: how you found IHCNO, what a conference or webinar meant to you, a timeline of the International Guidelines (2017), the Scope and Standards collaboration with the American Nurses Association (2024), and the New (2026) Scope and Standards update.
- Press clippings, institutional newsletters, and partner-organization mentions of IHCNO (DAISY Foundation, Tsao Foundation; Harris Research Grant and its eight international recipients (2019-2027)).
- Names and contact information for founding-era members who may be willing to do a short oral history interview.

How to use this material: Send digital files to Olga Jarrín Montaner, IHCNO Secretary at the address listed on ihcno.org. Please include a short note with the year, event, names of people in the photo if known, and your permission for IHCNO to use the material in anniversary communications.

This is a members' project. The richest sources of IHCNO history are not in databases – they're on members' hard drives, in inboxes, in conference tote bags, and in the memories of nurses who were in the room.

A planning and coordination note

The 2027 anniversary working group is being coordinated through the IHCNO board. For now, members who would like to contribute materials, suggest interview subjects, or join the working group are warmly invited to reach out to Olga Jarrín Montaner (IHCNO Secretary) at olga.jarrin@rutgers.edu.

Save the date – and the memories

Mark 2027 on your calendar. Watch this newsletter for further announcements about anniversary events, special features in Home Healthcare Now, and the 6th Global Conference cycle following London 2026. But most of all, send us your photos, your newsletters, your stories. Nearly two decades of home healthcare nursing leadership have been built one volunteer, one conference, one editorial at a time – and the next chapter is yours to help write.

Questions or materials? Email Olga Jarrín Montaner (IHCNO Secretary) at olga.jarrin@rutgers.edu



IHCNO Membership Subsidy

Do you need financial assistance to cover the cost of the IHCNO membership fee? IHCNO can provide a subsidy for up to 90% of the annual membership fee for nurses in low- or middle-income countries, as designated by the World Bank, who find it difficult or impossible to pay the full membership fee.

IHCNO values the knowledge, skills, and contributions of home care nurses everywhere in the world. We recognize that financial disparity between countries may prevent individuals from participating in member activities and benefits.

The subsidy is available for new members or membership renewal.
The IHCNO membership subsidy is furnished on a confidential basis.
The IHCNO membership subsidy is funded by donations. Subsidies are available as funds are available.

For further information [click here](#)

Home Healthcare Now IHCNO Column

Home Healthcare Now (HHN) Author Guidelines

Home Healthcare Now is an interprofessional journal published 6 times/year. Articles include practice-oriented clinical articles, original research, literature reviews, quality improvement projects, innovative approaches to patient care, and case studies. Each issue contains a continuing education article than offers nursing continuing professional development (NCPD).

Manuscripts

Manuscripts for submission should be original work, no more than 4,000 words and follow the guidelines of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) 7th edition.

All manuscripts undergo peer review. Query letters are welcome but not required. Email the editor Lisa Gorski, MSN, RN, HHCNS, CRNI, FAAN, Editor-in-Chief at lisagorskim@gmail.com.

Columns

International Home Care Nurses Organization (IHCNO) Column

Each issue includes a 600-word IHCNO column. This column invites home care nurses from around the world to share their experiences. Please email Marilyn Harris who coordinates the IHCNO columns at mharris555@verizon.net for more information and timeline for submission for each issue. Thank you.

"A Day in the Life of..." We want to hear from home healthcare clinicians (therapists, social workers, nurses, patient care assistants and volunteers) who work in a variety of geographical settings with diverse patient populations. From Manhattan high rises to mountain villages and island communities, across the United States and around the world, tell us about a typical workday. How do you meet the unique needs of the people you serve? What have they taught you? Manuscripts should be one page (approximately 600 words) or two pages (1100 words).

Commentary

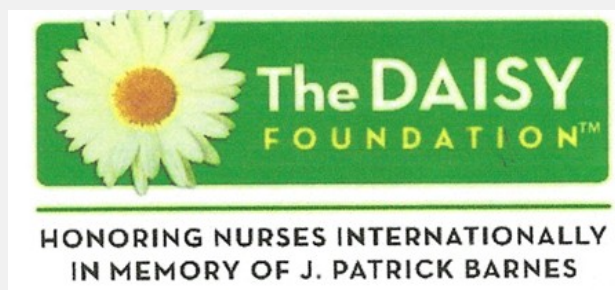
This column can be about any issue of importance to home care clinicians such as legislation, current trends, professional issues, an unforgettable patient etc. Submissions should be no more than 600 words.

Consult PRN

Are you familiar with a topic that is often misunderstood by your co-workers? This column educates readers on a variety of patient care/management issues. Manuscripts should be no more than 1100 words. Email the editor, Lisa Gorski, if you have an idea for this column.

Submissions are through <https://www.editorialmanager.com/nhh/>

IHCNO DAISY Award



Nominate a Nurse today!

Nominate an Extraordinary Nurse Leader today!
Celebrate nursing leadership and excellence in home-based nursing care by nominating a clinical nurse or nurse leader for a DAISY award.
IHCNO Extraordinary Home Care Clinical Nurse Criteria:

- Models empathy and demonstrates a caring presence in all situations.
- Demonstrates excellent clinical skills in the delivery of compassionate patient care.
- Demonstrates professionalism in the work environment.
- Establishes a special connection with the patients and families.

IHCNO Extraordinary Nurse Leader Nomination Criteria:

- Nurse Leader creates an environment where attributes of trust, compassion, mutual respect, continued professional development and ethical behaviors are modeled and supported.
- Nurse Leader is accessible, available, and responsive to the needs of their team.
- Nurse Leader uses problem-solving, encourages critical thinking and advocates for their team.
- Nurse Leader ensures the needs of the team are communicated to organization leadership, organizes priorities and directions are communicated to their team.
- Nurse Leader is a compassionate leader

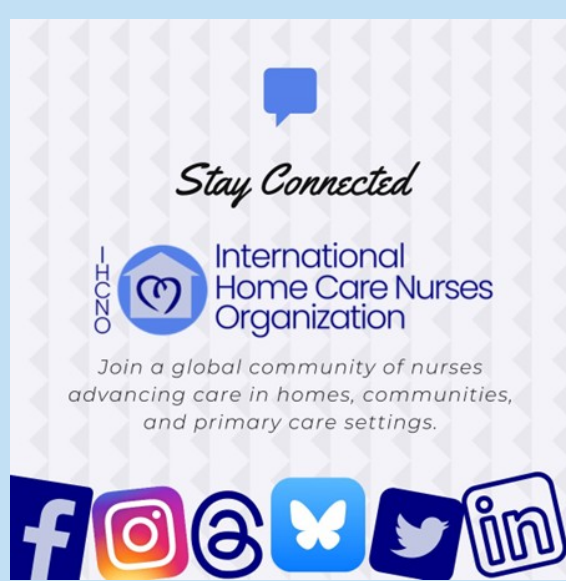
To nominate someone for the IHCNO DAISY Award you must use this form:

<https://app.roundsplus.getwellnetwork.com/SurveyAction/SurveyGo/xjvBd5ceWj6Sz?u=IHCNONurseLeader>

Share YOUR News

Email olga.jarrin@rutgers.edu (IHCNO Secretary) by the 20th of each month with your accomplishments, new initiatives, programs, successes, recognitions, and invitations to collaborate for inclusion in our Member News column.

Connect With IHCNO on Social Media (Please!)



🌐 Stay connected with the International Home Care Nurses Organization (IHCNO) on social media! Let's network and help share and promote your news, events, and accomplishments.

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