



IHCNO September 2026 Newsletter



IHCNO President's Message

Great news! The IHCNO book about home-based nursing care is in production by Springer Nature. We plan for the book to be free open access to download in 2027 and hard copies will be available for purchase from the publisher. Thank you to the 74 authors from 30 countries who wrote chapters. Now we have a special request. We need suggestions for the title of the book. The book has 43 chapters on topics of home-based nursing education and curriculum, clinical practice, and leadership and management. The current working title is An International Evidence-Based Framework for Professional Home Healthcare Nursing Practice: Endorsed by the International Home Care Nurses Organization (IHCNO). This long title is difficult to remember and we are looking for a different title that is expressive yet succinct. Send your suggestions for the new title to info@IHCNO.org. If we choose your recommended title, we will feature you in our next newsletter.

The proposed book, International Scope and Standards of Home Healthcare Nursing Practice is written and soon will be submitted to Springer Nature for publication. The scope and standards are an outcome of a 3-year research project conducted by IHCNO from 2024 to 2026. You may have been one of the hundreds of nurses worldwide who participated in the surveys. This book also will be free open access to download with hard copies available for purchase from the publisher.

In other news, the IHCNO committee chairs met for a half day online on August 6th to discuss projects of each committee, how projects align and complement projects in other committees, and timelines for the progress of projects. It was a productive work group to advance our worldwide initiatives. The IHCNO vision is to promote excellence

in home healthcare practice, education, research, and advocacy worldwide. We do this by bringing nurses together to share ideas and learn from each other. We want to create an organization with a shared vision, where each contributor is valued, and experienced leaders mentor nurses who are earlier in their careers. The recently developed scope and standards of home healthcare practice is the foundation on which to build practice, nursing education, organizational leadership strategies, and policy development. Future newsletters will report additional committee activities and requests for volunteers.

IHCNO Needs Volunteers for Three Important Committees

IHCNO is seeking members to assist with several immediate needs. If you are an IHCNO member and are interested in serving on one of the following committees, please contact us at info@IHCNO.org.

1. 10th Anniversary Celebration Committee

In 2027, IHCNO will celebrate the 10th anniversary of becoming a nonprofit organization. We are forming a planning committee to develop and coordinate anniversary activities throughout the year, with events envisioned for each month of 2027. Planning is already underway, and we encourage all IHCNO members to participate in making this milestone celebration a success.

2. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. The Board of Directors will vote on the slate of candidates during its meeting on November 19, 2026.

Vice President Qualifications:

- Must have served at least one year as a current or former member of the IHCNO Board of Directors.

Treasurer Responsibilities:

- Manage the organization's receipts and expenditures.
- Maintain accurate financial records.
- Present financial reports to the Board of Directors.

3. Bylaws Committee

IHCNO's bylaws will be updated in the coming months to better reflect the organization's current structure and goals. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about IHCNO and contribute to its future direction. Members interested in governance and organizational development are encouraged to join the Bylaws Committee.

To volunteer or learn more about any of these opportunities, please contact us at info@IHCNO.org.

IHCNO continues to grow and expand our mission. Thank you for being part of this exciting organization.

Susan Hinck, PhD, APRN, GCNS-BC
IHCNO President

IHCNO History Now Published — Open Access

We are pleased to share the publication of **“From Grassroots Meeting Place to Global Nursing Network: A History of the International Home Care Nurses Organization”** in *Home Healthcare Now*.

The article traces IHCNO’s journey from its grassroots beginnings in 2008 through 2026, documenting the contributions of founding and current leaders, members, and partners who transformed a volunteer-led network into an international professional nursing organization. It highlights milestones including five global conferences, the development of international guidelines and standards, the establishment of a research grant program, and partnerships advancing home-based nursing practice, education, research, and professional recognition.

As care continues to shift into homes and communities worldwide, the article also reflects on lessons from IHCNO’s history for building and sustaining international collaboration in home care nursing.

The article is open access and available to read and share:

“From Grassroots Meeting Place to Global Nursing Network: A History of the International Home Care Nurses Organization,” *Home Healthcare Now*, 44(5), 313–321. <https://www.ovid.com/jnls/homehealthcarenurseonline/fulltext/10.1097/nhh.00000000000001467>

Funding Request to Support Open Access Publication

As we have been promising, IHCNO will publish two books with Springer Nature, both available for free open access download. We need your help to get across the finish line with these important publications.

A generous benefactor has paid the publisher’s charge for open access to the book *International Scope and Standards of Home Healthcare Nursing Practice*. We are grateful for this support.

Additional donations are needed to pay the publisher’s charge of \$22,690 for open access to *An International Evidence-Based Framework for Professional Home Healthcare*

Nursing Practice: Endorsed by the International Home Care Nurses Organization (IHCNO). Help us make our plan for this book to be free to everyone by donating what you can by 30 September. You can donate on the IHCNO website under the Support tab. Contact us at info@ihcno.org if you have questions.



2027 Marilyn D. Harris Research Grant

This is a friendly reminder that applications for the **2027 Marilyn D. Harris Research Grant** are due **September 30, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST**.

The grant provides up to **\$5,000 USD** to support research and scholarly work that advances home care nursing. Eligible applicants include registered nurses who hold a doctoral degree or are currently enrolled in a doctoral program.

For application materials and full details, please visit the [IHCNO website](https://ihcno.org).

IHCNO membership is not required to apply.

We encourage interested applicants to submit their applications by the September 30 deadline.

For complete eligibility requirements, application instructions, and proposal guidelines, download the 2027 Marilyn D. Harris Research Grant application materials here: <https://ihcno.memberclicks.net/current-grant-information>

Jingjing Shang, PhD, FAAN
Professor of Nursing at Columbia University
Chair, IHCNO Research Committee

IHCNO Research Awards: Advancing Research in Home and Community-Based Care

From 2020 through 2026, the International Home Care Nurses Organization (IHCNO) has supported nurse-led research that advances knowledge, innovation, and evidence-based practice in home and community-based care. IHCNO-supported projects have addressed patient-centered care, chronic disease management, nursing quality, workforce education, and emerging technologies.

Research Supported by IHCNO

2026 — Patient-Centered Home-Based Dialysis

Dr. Lailatun Ni'mah, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kep.

Faculty of Nursing, Universitas Airlangga — Indonesia

Dr. Ni'mah is investigating patients' perspectives on the need, acceptability, and feasibility of Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) at home in Indonesia. Through patient interviews, the study explores barriers, expectations, family support, and concerns about safety and infection, with the goal of informing culturally appropriate, patient-centered home dialysis care.

2026 — Medication Management for Homebound Older Adults

Erin Donnelly

Villanova University — United States

Donnelly is examining factors associated with medication self-management assistance among homebound older adults and its relationship to hospitalization. Using data from the National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS), the study explores how financial, organizational, and social resources influence medication management and healthcare utilization.

2025 — Sleep and Cognitive Health

Yuting Xia

Hong Kong Polytechnic University — Hong Kong

Xia completed a systematic review and meta-analysis examining non-pharmacological interventions for sleep disturbances among people with subjective cognitive decline. The work has been accepted for publication in *Geriatric Nursing*, contributing evidence to support approaches that promote sleep and well-being.

2024 — Artificial Intelligence and Infection Risk Detection

Zidu Xu

Columbia University — United States

Xu investigated the use of large language models to identify infection indicators in unstructured home healthcare electronic health records. The research has generated two peer-reviewed publications in the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association and several conference presentations, advancing the application of artificial intelligence to infection risk detection in home healthcare.

2022 — Home Healthcare Nursing Simulation

Jodi L. Sutherland

Binghamton University — United States

Sutherland examined the effectiveness of a home care simulation program for practicing home care nurses. The project resulted in two publications in Home Healthcare Now and a presentation at the 2024 Singapore Tsao Foundation–IHCNO Hybrid Conference, highlighting the potential of simulation to strengthen home healthcare nursing education and practice.

2020 — Home Healthcare Nursing Quality

Werayuth Srithumsuk

Phetchaburi Rajabhat University — Thailand

Srithumsuk completed a Delphi study developing home healthcare nursing outcome quality indicators for older people in Thailand. The research resulted in a publication in Home Healthcare Now, contributing to the development and evaluation of quality indicators for home healthcare nursing.

Building the Future of Home Healthcare

From **2020–2026**, IHCNO research awards have supported innovative work across multiple countries and diverse areas of home and community-based care. Through these investments, IHCNO continues to help nurse researchers generate evidence, disseminate knowledge, and strengthen the quality, safety, and effectiveness of care delivered in patients' homes and communities.

IHCNO is proud to support researchers whose work is helping shape the future of home and community-based care.



Member Publication Spotlight 1/2

Congratulations to **IHCNO Board Member Jingjing Shang** and colleagues on the publication of, "**Examination of Clutter, Cleanliness, and Hazards in Home Environments of Home Health Care Patients with High Risk of Infection: A Multi-Site Observational Study**" in the *American Journal of Infection Control*.

The study examined the homes of 250 home health care patients and caregivers, finding that although homes were generally clean, clutter and household hazards were common and may create barriers to effective infection prevention and control. The findings highlight the value of incorporating structured assessment of the home environment into home health nursing practice to identify modifiable risks and support safer care at home.

McDonald MV, Russell D, Chastain AM, Onorato N, Vergez SM, Brasch J, Wang J, Shang J. Examination of Clutter, Cleanliness, and Hazards in Home Environments of Home Health Care Patients with High Risk of Infection: A Multi-Site Observational Study. *Am J Infect Control*. 2026 Sep 1:S0196-6553(26)00680-2. doi: 10.1016/j.ajic.2026.08.019. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42679900.

Read the publication: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/42679900/>



Member Publication Spotlight 2/2

Congratulations to **IHCNO Member Artur Jorge Dias Carvalhinho** on the publication of his article, "**Nursing in Hospital at Home in Portugal: Recognizing an Indispensable Competency**," in *Home Healthcare Now*.

The article highlights the essential role and specialized competencies of nurses in Portugal's growing Hospital at Home model, recognizing nursing as central to delivering safe, high-quality acute care in the home.

Read the publication:

<https://www.ovid.com/jnls/homehealthcarenurseonline/abstract/10.1097/nhh.0000000000001442~nursing-in-hospital-at-home-in-portugal-recognizing-an?redirectionsource=fulltextview>

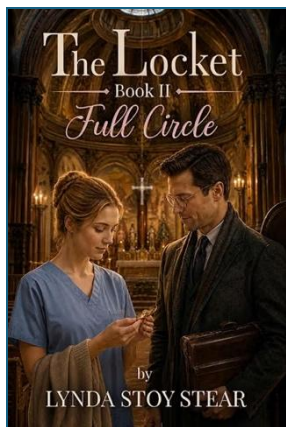


Advocacy Committee Update

This month, the Advocacy Committee is happy to share some work being done around raising the profile of the IHCNO and its role in advocacy; Committee chair Jane Murray recently referenced the committee's work as part of her presentation at Dementia Africa, an organisation dedicated to transforming how dementia is understood and managed across the continent and included a direct QR code that links to the membership page (thank you Jo Stuttle). It is an encouraging sign that our advocacy agenda is resonating beyond our existing network, and we are hopeful it will help broaden IHCNO's membership base, particularly in regions we are still working to reach, while bringing fresh perspectives into the committee's work. On a related note, we would also like to flag the International Music & Dementia Advocacy Coalition (IMDAC) to members who have not come across it yet. IMDAC brings together advocates from around the world working to make the proven benefits of music-based interventions more widely accessible to people living with dementia, and it is a valuable resource for anyone looking to bring an evidence-informed, creative dimension to their own advocacy conversations.

Elsewhere, advocacy voices were out in force at the Geronpreneurship Innovation Festival, hosted by the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) in Singapore last week. Emily Ong, a longtime advocate for people living with dementia, shared her own personal journey with the audience, and she was joined by a number of other advocates, including Alison Lim of Dementia & Co, who also lives with dementia. It is a great reminder of how much momentum is building globally around lived-experience advocacy, and the Advocacy Committee will keep sharing these moments as they come up. If you have come across similar events or initiatives in your own region, we would love to hear about them for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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IHCNO Member News

Last month, we featured IHCNO member **Lynda Stoy Stear's** historical novella, *The Locket*, set during the Crimean War and following the intertwined stories of nurses and families across cultures and social divides.

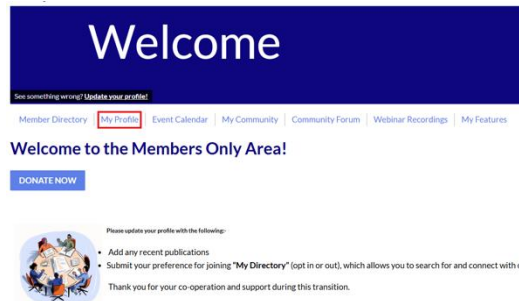
We are pleased to share that the sequel, ***The Locket, Book II: Full Circle***, is now available!

Full Circle brings the story forward to contemporary Philadelphia, where Lauren Cunningham discovers old family letters, a journal written in Russian, her grandmother's violin, and a long-hidden gold pendant watch. As Lauren pursues an advanced nursing degree while navigating family secrets, professional challenges, and a new relationship, she uncovers the stories of her nursing ancestors during and after the Crimean War—including the journey of Alexandra, who emigrated to America.

Connecting nursing history across generations, *Full Circle* explores family, identity, resilience, and the enduring search for meaning and a **calling** in nursing and in life.

Congratulations, Lynda, on the publication of Book II!

The Locket, Book II: Full Circle is available on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Locket-Book-II-Full-Circle-ebook/dp/B0HDYBTBS5/>



Welcome New IHCNO Members!

We are delighted to welcome 87 new members who joined IHCNO in June, July, and August.

Our newest members are affiliated with universities, healthcare systems, professional organizations, and community-based services across 15 countries: Australia, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Your diverse perspectives and experiences continue to strengthen IHCNO's global community and our shared commitment to advancing nursing care in the home.

To help us get to know you and better serve our members, we encourage everyone to keep their membership profile up to date. If you joined IHCNO through your conference registration and have not yet updated your profile, please take a few minutes to do so.

Simply visit **IHCNO.org**, click **Member Login** in the upper-right corner, sign in, then navigate to **Member Home > My Profile** to review and update your information. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at info@IHCNO.org.

We're excited to have you as part of the IHCNO community and look forward to connecting with you!

Welcome

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Thank you for your co-operation and support during this transition.



Publish your work in the *British Journal of Community Nursing*

The *British Journal of Community Nursing* (BJCN) welcomes submissions from members of the International Home Care Nurses Organization (IHCNO). We are keen to publish high-quality research, quality improvement projects, clinical practice articles, service evaluations, case studies, personal reflections, and policy and opinion pieces that advance community and home care nursing practice.

Whether you are an experienced author or preparing your first manuscript, we warmly encourage you to submit your work. New authors are especially welcome, and our editorial team is happy to support you throughout the publication process.

We also welcome submissions from colleagues around the world. International perspectives are invaluable in helping us share innovative practice, research, and learning across diverse healthcare settings.

There are **no article processing charges (APCs) for standard publication** in BJCN. For authors who wish to publish their work as **Open Access**, discounted APC rates are available.

If you have an idea for an article but are unsure where to start or would like to discuss whether your work is suitable for the journal, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to receiving your submissions and showcasing the excellent work being undertaken by the global community nursing workforce.

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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 that 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 lisagorskirn@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/>



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 published the *International Guidelines for Home Health Nursing*. That incorporation milestone is what we will mark in 2027 – a 10-year incorporation anniversary sitting inside a broader 20-year arc of ideas, organizing, and global home care nursing leadership.

What we want to celebrate in 2027

The plan for 2027 is not just to look back, but to honor the people and partnerships that made the past two decades possible and to set up the next ten years. Anniversary activities under discussion include:

- A member-curated visual history of IHCNO's five global conferences: Cleveland 2013, Singapore 2014, Chicago 2015, Singapore 2024, and London 2026.
- Short oral history interviews with founding-era leaders and longtime members.
- 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.
- A celebration of the Marilyn D. Harris Research Grant and its eight international recipients (2019–2027).

- A reflection on partnerships with the DAISY Foundation, the International Council of Nurses, Nursing Now, Home Healthcare Now, The British Journal of Community Nursing, Springer Nature, EBSCO Dynamic Health, the Tsao Foundation, International Collaboration for Community Health Nursing Research, the Association of District Nurse and Community Nurse Educators, and university hosts from Case Western Reserve to the University of Illinois-Chicago, City St George's, University of London, and beyond.

How members can help

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.

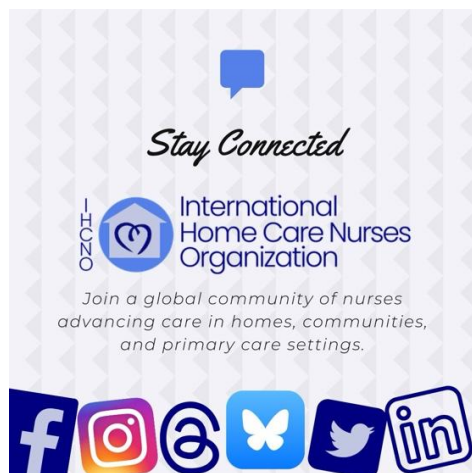
How members can help build the history

We are actively collecting:

- Photos from any IHCNO conference, webinar, or partner event (including, Cleveland 2013, Singapore 2014, Chicago 2015, Singapore 2024, London 2026).
- Past IHCNO newsletters, especially from the 2009–2015 founding era.
- Conference programs, abstract books, posters, and presentation slides.
- Personal memories: how you found IHCNO, what a conference or webinar meant to you, mentors you met, projects that grew out of an IHCNO connection.
- Press clippings, institutional newsletters, and partner-organization mentions of IHCNO (DAISY Foundation, Tsao Foundation, university schools of nursing, ministries of health).

How to send materials: Email digital files, scans, videos, or photographs with 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.

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



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.

Find us on:

LinkedIn (page): [IHCNO](#)

Instagram: [@ihcno_nurse](#)

X (Twitter): [@IHCNO_Nurse](#)

Facebook (page): [International Home Care Nurses Organization](#)



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.

The World Bank countries are listed here:

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

Contact info@IHCNO.org to obtain an application form that asks for your name, address, and attestation that you do not have the means to pay your annual membership fee in entirety. You will be notified within 10 business days of your approval.



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.

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

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

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>

Photo: IHCNO Board Member Sister Fong Yoke Hiong & IHCNO Treasurer Dr. Marilyn D. Harris sharing information about the IHCNO DAISY Awards at the IHCNO 5th Global Conference in London, June 2026



Share YOUR News

Email olga.jarrin@rutgers.edu (IHCNO Secretary) by the 25th of each month with your accomplishments, new initiatives, programs, successes, recognitions, and invitations to collaborate for inclusion in our Member News column.
