

## Annual Business Meeting – October 22, 2026

Name: SIOP Nursing Network

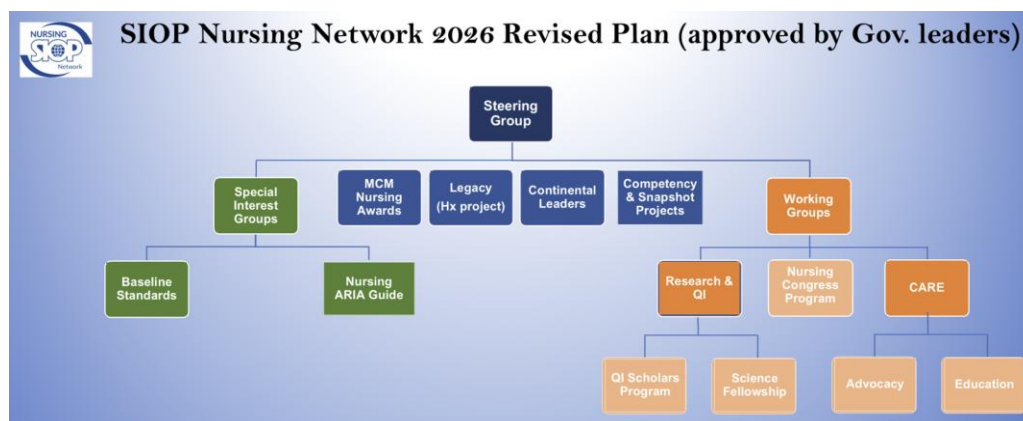
Chair/Vice-Chair: Courtney Sullivan, Lorena Segovia Weber

In 2026, the SIOP Nursing Network advanced its 2023-2027 strategic priorities through leadership, education, research, quality improvement, and global collaboration. Key accomplishments included implementation of a new governance structure approved by SIOP Governance, launch of the inaugural SIOP Nursing Science Fellowship, inclusion of a pediatric oncology nursing technical brief in the SIOP-WHO collaboration plan, expansion of the English- and Spanish-language QI Nurse Scholars Programs, establishment of the Research & Quality Improvement Working Group and ARIA Guide Special Interest Group, and securing competitive funding for Nursing Network initiatives for the fourth consecutive year. Membership grew to 639 members representing 67 countries, reflecting the Network's expanding global reach and engagement.

### Nursing Steering Group (SG)

(Chair/Vice-Chair: Courtney Sullivan, Lorena Segovia Weber. Members: Aisha Nedege, Eugenia Trigoso, Joan Nakabiri, Lindsay Jibb, Natalie Bradford (SC Rep), Paola Viveros Lamas, Remziye Semerci, Tadala Mulemba. 2026 LOC: Linda Abramovitz, Shelby Sandoval)

- Implemented a revised Nursing Network governance structure, establishing new leadership pathways, clarifying responsibilities, and strengthening coordination across Network activities (approved by SIOP Governance Committee).
- Enhanced communication and connectivity through Nursing Network News webinars, newsletters, and Steering Group liaison activities.
- Advanced strategic relationship-building through engagement with external organizations to explore opportunities for collaboration and shared priorities in pediatric oncology nursing.
- Recognized Lisa Morrissey with the 2026 SIOP Nursing Leadership Award.



## STRATEGY GOAL 1: ADVOCATING GLOBALLY FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH CANCER

**SIOP Baseline Nursing Standards Special Interest Group** (Co-Chairs: Mariam Ndagire, Rehana Punjwani)

- Convened an international multidisciplinary consensus conference at SIOP 2025 to inform revision of the SIOP Baseline Standards for Pediatric Oncology Nursing, confirming the relevance of all six standards and identifying priorities for enhancement, implementation support, and future expansion.
- Held a Baseline Standards Symposium at the SIOP Africa Congress in Nigeria, introducing the six baseline nursing standards to African pediatric oncology nurses through a World Café approach to discuss their relevance, implementation, and application across different settings.
- Presented the Baseline Nursing Standards at the SIOP Asia Congress, promoting awareness and their application in pediatric oncology nursing practice.

**Nurse Representative, SIOP WHO NSA Committee** (Member, Julia Challinor)

- The SIOP non-state actor triennial WHO collaboration plan now includes a jointly created technical brief on pediatric oncology nursing for WHO's consideration, approval and potential dissemination through agreed WHO channels. The technical brief will address increasing nursing capacity in centers of excellence and care networks to strengthen implementation of WHO CureAll Pillar C.

**Nurse Representative, SIOP Advocacy Committee**  
(Member, Lisa Morrissey)

- Represented pediatric oncology nursing within global initiatives and committee activities, advancing nursing visibility, contributing to international awareness and survivor-focused programs, and strengthening regional-global engagement through enhanced committee governance and knowledge-sharing activities. Advocacy events included Universal Health Coverage Day, International Childhood Cancer Day, International Nurses Day, World No Tobacco Day and Gold September.



## STRATEGY GOAL 2: PROMOTING RESEARCH TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS

**Nursing Research and Quality Improvement Working Group** (Co-Chairs, Marilyn Hockenberry, Lindsay Jibb)

- Established the Nursing Research and Quality Improvement Working Group to provide global leadership in pediatric oncology nursing research, quality improvement, mentorship, and evidence-based practice.
- Launched the inaugural SIOP Nursing Science Fellowship, creating a new mechanism to support global nursing research capacity and leadership development through My Child Matters, supporting four fellows from Uganda, Malawi, Brazil, and India.
- Initiated development of the SIOP Nursing Research Agenda Project to identify global pediatric oncology nursing research priorities.
- Expanded global research and quality improvement capacity through the English- and Spanish-language QI Nurse Scholars Programs.

**SIOP QI Nurse Scholars Program** (Leads: Tina Baggott, Aisha Nedege, Eugenia Trigos)

- Launched new English- and Spanish-language scholar cohorts comprising 10 nurse leaders from 10 countries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ghana, India, Malawi, Mexico, Pakistan, Spain, Tanzania).
- Supported completion of three quality improvement projects from the Spanish-language Mentors Program in Colombia, Chile, and Spain.
- Strengthened program infrastructure through updated curricula, translated materials, and enhanced application and review processes.

**My Child Matters Nursing Awards** (Coordinators: Rehana Punjwani, Tina Baggott)

- Strengthened funding processes and introduced the Nursing Science Fellowship funding stream.
- Awarded support to four Nursing Science Fellows and seven Practice Improvement/Education projects across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe.
- Expanded support for nurse-led research, education, and practice improvement through collaboration with the Nursing Research and Quality Improvement Working Group.



### STRATEGY GOAL 3: PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**CARE (Collaboration, Advocacy, Research, and Education) Working Group** (Co-Chairs: Joan Nakabiri, Hazal Ozdemir; Advocacy Leads: Paola Viveros Lamas, Tadala Mulemba)

- Delivered educational webinars, newsletters, and Nursing Network News activities, including coordination of the monthly Nursing Network News webinar series, to support member engagement and professional development.
- Increased the visibility of pediatric oncology nursing through International Nurses Day and Pediatric Oncology Nurses Day advocacy campaigns.

**SIOP Nursing Congress Program** (Co-Chairs: Natalie Bradford (SC Rep), Remziye Semerci)

- Developed a four-day scientific program featuring 24 sessions, 29 oral presentations, 7 rapid-fire presentations, and 30 posters.
- Supported scientific excellence through abstract review, Top Abstract Awards, scholarships, poster judging, and the Nursing Ambassador Program supporting first-time attendees.



## STRATEGY GOAL 4: INCREASING MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT AND RETENTION

### **Nursing Legacy Group** (Co-Leads: Linda Abramovitz, Rachel Hollis)

- Celebrated and recognized the contributions of 22 Legacy Nursing members, including a recognition breakfast at the SIOP Congress.
- Launched the [\*History of Nursing in SIOP\*](#), documenting the history and contributions of nursing leadership within the Society.

## STRATEGY GOAL 5: STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

### **SIOP Nursing Network ARIA Guide Special Interest Group** (Co-Chairs: Michele Casey, Shenila Anwarali)

- Launched the SIOP Nursing Network ARIA Guide Special Interest Group, a collaborative initiative with St. Jude Global Nursing to strengthen nursing integration and implementation of the ARIA Guide.

### **Nurses Interested in Survivorship and Transition** (Lead: Maria Olsson)

- In collaboration with the Survivorship Network, established informal monthly meetings with nurses interested in survivorship and care transitions.

