



Nursing Network

SIOP 2022 Fall Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces at SIOP 2022 in Barcelona! This was a particularly meaningful Congress, as it was the first time we met in person since 2019. There were several new and exciting Nursing Network initiatives launched during Congress:

- 2023-2027 Nursing Network Strategic Plan
- Nursing Congress Program Ambassadors for first time attendees
- Catered round table lunches sponsored by Global HOPE
- Nursing Network Collaborative meeting to share about nurses' involvement in networks, committees, and initiatives across the Society
- Inaugural SIOP Nursing Legacy group for past Steering Group members
- Announcement of SIOP QI Nurse Scholars Program

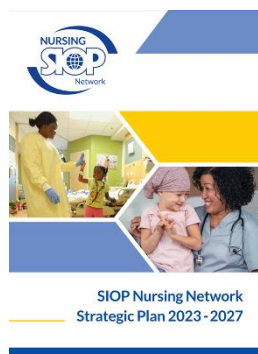
Read more below about the Nursing Network Strategic Plan, 2022 Nursing Education Day & Program in Barcelona, SIOP Nursing Legacy Project, 2022 SIOP Nursing Leadership Award Recipient, and QI Nurse Scholars Application (due December 15, 2022).

Kind regards,

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Chair, SIOP Nursing Network
Member, SIOP Board of Directors

On behalf of the SIOP Nursing Network Steering Group

SIOP Nursing Network Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027 Officially Launched!



The SIOP Nursing Network is a global community of paediatric oncology nurse members and is also open to non-nurses. The network aspires toward a world where all children and adolescents with cancer have access to and receive specialized nursing care. To achieve this vision, the network is committed to the mission of advancing the quality of nursing care of children and adolescents with cancer and their families across the care continuum through global collaboration, education, training, research, and advocacy. To guide the network efforts, steering group members of the network in collaboration with network members they have developed a 2023-2027 SIOP Nursing Network Strategic Plan which aligns with the SIOP 2021-2025 Strategy and sets network's vision, mission, core

values, and strategic goals for the next five years. This plan is intended as a living document, with goals and activities that are adaptable to the priorities and needs of the Society and Nursing Network members. The plan is found [here](#) on the Nursing Network webpage.

Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved as we operationalize the strategic plan!

2022 Nursing Education Day – Yan Yin Lim, Nursing Education Day Co-Lead; Anna Negre Loscertales, Nursing Education Day Co-Lead



The pre-congress Nursing Education Day was held in conjunction with the Supportive Care Network, Young SIOP Network, Global Health Network, and Childhood Cancer International. Session topics were aligned to the current trends and needs within the paediatric oncology community and included:

- Integrative Health and Complementary Interventions
- Unmet Needs for AYA: Opportunities for Advocacy through Treatment and Beyond
- COVID-19 Vaccine in Paediatric Oncology: Safety Guidelines and Caregivers' Receptivity
- Survivorship

Three nursing speakers shared their expertise on the session themes. Mr. Mohammad Alqudimat (Canada) presented key nursing considerations for traditional, complementary, and integrative medicine use by children with cancer. Mr. Rhahim Bank (Malawi) shared about the ongoing challenges and opportunities for advocacy in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) regarding the unmet needs of adolescents and young adults (AYA). Dr. Maria Olsson (Sweden) spoke on the nursing role and perspective related to building a paediatric oncology survivorship programme. Multidisciplinary experts from SIOP networks, together with the patients and caregivers from CCI, provided rich insights and contributions to the program. The Nursing Education Day was well attended from interdisciplinary groups joining both in-person and virtually.

2022 Nursing Congress Program Highlights – Marilyn Hockenberry, Nursing Congress Program Lead

Two hundred nurses from over 36 countries registered for SIOP 2022. Highlights of the 3-day nursing program included keynote presentations by Dr. Glenn Mbah (Cameroon) on *Empowering Nursing Research Collaboration*, and Prof. Julia Downing (UK/Uganda) on *Innovation in Palliative Care, Public Policy and International Advocacy*. Fifteen nursing roundtable discussions occurred over lunch on Day One. A nursing symposium was held on Day Two, discussing *SIOP Baseline Nursing Standards: Celebrating the Past and Embracing the Future*. Thirty-one oral presentations focused on education, research, and quality improvement and 49 posters showcased nursing activities around the globe. The main SIOP Program featured two nursing sessions: a keynote lecture by Prof. Natalie Bradford (Australia) on *Engaging Children and Adolescents with Cancer and Their Parents in Clinical Research*, and a symposium on nursing specialization and retention (moderated by Ms. Rachel Hollis [UK]) featured Ms. Biemba Maliti (Zambia), Ms. Eugenia Trigos Arjona (Spain), and Ms. Lorena Segovia Weber (Chile/US).

SIOP Nursing Ambassadors hosted first time Congress nurse attendees and provided support throughout the conference. First time Congress attendees met with their nursing ambassador for advice and introductions to other SIOP nurses. Due to positive feedback, we plan to offer this service at future congresses.

SIOP Nursing Legacy Group & History of SIOP Nursing History Project – Rachel Hollis & Carola Freidank, SIOP Nursing Legacy Group Members and Project Co-leads

Early in 2022, Nursing Network Chair, Courtney Sullivan, brought together a group of nursing leaders from the last thirty years of SIOP. The group included the very first chair of the SIOP Nursing Committee, Anne Thompson from the UK, and all the chairs who have held office since, alongside other past and present steering group members.

One of the outcomes of our discussions was a decision to write the history of SIOP nursing, a task being undertaken by Rachel Hollis, from the UK, and Carola Freidank, from Germany; both past Steering Group members, and Scientific Committee representatives. Writing that history is well underway, and at SIOP in Barcelona we were able to share a poster setting out a timeline with key milestones and themes. Illustrating the growth and diversity of the SIOP nurse membership was a particular highlight, with just 18 nurse members in the mid-1990s, from 8 countries in Europe, North America and Australia, to 2022 with 335 nurse members, from 63 countries across the globe.

Look out for the publication of the full history in the coming months!

Member Spotlight



Pernilla Pergert, PhD, RN was awarded the **2022 SIOP Nursing Leadership Award** at SIOP 2022 – Barcelona. This award is bestowed upon someone who has significantly contributed to the field of pediatric oncology nursing and to SIOP. Dr. Pergert is an Associate Professor of Nursing in the Department of Women and Children's Health at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. She has dedicated over 20 years of her career to pediatric oncology in clinical, education, and research roles. Dr. Pergert has held several prominent leadership roles within SIOP, including as Chair of the Nursing Steering Committee, member of the Scientific Committee, member of the SIOP/Sanofi Espoir 'My Child Matters' nursing awards Task Force, and was one of seven SIOP nurses who was peer-nominated to the initial WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer working groups. Congratulations, Dr. Pergert!

SIOP NURSING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM – Marilyn Hockenberry, Program Lead

The SIOP Nursing Steering Group and Baseline Standards Task Force are calling for applications from SIOP nurses to become the first group of QI Scholars to enroll in the SIOP Quality Improvement Nurse Scholars Program. This program is designed to foster development of team projects to promote excellence in care of the child with cancer and their families. Development of a QI program will provide an organized approach to integrating evidence-based practice that will have an ultimate benefit of improving care for children with cancer and their families. This program supports multidisciplinary QI teams, led by a QI nurse scholar, at childhood cancer centers around the world.

QI Program Overview

The QI program begins with an online MOODLE course on the Fundamentals of Quality Improvement (Jan-May 2023). During the course, SIOP QI Nurse Scholars develop a QI project with their onsite team. QI Nurse Scholars and their teams meet bi-monthly on ZOOM to share progress. Upon completion of the

course, QI Nurse Scholars and their teams will work with a mentor to implement the QI project at their site (June-September).

QI Online Course Objectives

- Review essential attributes of quality Improvement and its role in healthcare systems.
- Explore QI designs to improve care for a cancer/hematologic problem.
- Learn how to write SMART specific aims.
- Evaluate ways to influence change to improve care quality (how to move change).
- Define key components for measuring practice change.
- Study the RE-AIM framework for evaluating QI effectiveness.

QI Scholars Mentorship

During months June-September the first PDSA cycle of the project will be implemented with the support of an assigned SIOP nurse mentor.

The project will be presented at a special symposium at the 2023 SIOP Annual Congress.

Eligibility requirements (all must be met below for project lead)

- SIOP Nurse Member
- Minimum of 5 Years Pediatric Oncology Nursing experience
- Bachelor's or master's degree in nursing
- Internet Access to online course
- Able to attend every other week ZOOM QI Scholar program meetings from January-September 2023
- Availability of 2-4 team members to participate from their site (at least one non-nursing member and they are not required to be SIOP members)
- Site administrator approval to conduct a QI project at your institution

Application Due Date

Applications are due by December 15, 2022. The application, CV/resume or bio sketch of the Nurse QI Scholar applicant, and one letter for a direct supervisor is required (the letter must confirm support of implementation of the QI project at your site). Please send the application and attachments to Dr.

Marilyn Hockenberry by email at marilyn.hockenberry@bcm.edu.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by email by January 9, 2023.