Becoming a member of the IHF

The International Hospital Federation is a global not-for-profit, non-governmental membership organization. Established in 1929 and headquartered in Geneva (Switzerland), the IHF is the voice of hospitals and health systems worldwide.

We have representation from over 100 different organizations across the globe. Through our membership, we are connected to over 20,000 hospitals and healthcare organizations.

Membership opens doors to an international community of like-minded leaders and professionals, who join forces to deliver efficient and sustainable healthcare worldwide.
Our core activities and services for members

Coordinated by the IHF Secretariat, our activities and services focus on themes to tackle the most important issues facing hospitals right now, such as sustainability and digital health.

- We bring together individuals and organizations to network over joint interests.
- We facilitate knowledge exchange amongst our global community, such as study tours.
- We showcase good practice and innovation, often in partnership with industry.
- We provide a platform for international collaboration amongst our members and partners.
Types of membership

Full membership
Open to associations and bodies representing hospitals and healthcare organizations, such as:

- National hospital associations
- Ministries of health

Associate membership
(premier, group or standalone hospital packages)
Open to hospitals, healthcare organizations, and other healthcare services that are not eligible for full membership, such as:

- Private and public hospitals
- Hospital companies
- Healthcare purchasing organizations
- Professional associations

International partners
Based in international Geneva, we are in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and we collaborate with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua), International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH) among many others.
Nine reasons to join...

- Connect with a wide network of healthcare experts and international NGOs
- Participate in study tours to learn from good practices from around the world
- Exchange knowledge on key leadership issues to achieve performance results
- Get discount rates for our events
- Build capacity through our continuing education events and programmes
- Expand your network at all levels with other healthcare organizations and corporate partners
- Apply for the Young Executive Leaders program
- Submit entries for the IHF Awards
- Host a World Hospital Congress (full members only)

For more information on benefits, or to start your application, visit www.ihf-fihs.org/membership/