International Hospital Federation
The voice of the international healthcare community
Network • Learn • Share • Innovate
Making the healthcare community heard since 1929

The International Hospital Federation (IHF) is an international not-for-profit non-governmental organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, which provides the voice for hospitals and healthcare bodies worldwide.

Established in 1929, we help hospitals, national hospital associations, and healthcare organizations across the globe deliver better services at all levels. We do so by providing a unique work environment and knowledge hub, where decision and policy makers, regulatory authorities, and professionals can interact, share knowledge and best practices, and exchange ideas and experiences.

Our vision and mission

Our vision is to create a world of healthy communities, where efficient and well-managed hospitals and healthcare facilities deliver safe, high-quality, accessible, patient-centred care and every individual can reach their highest potential for health.

Through our work we aim to:

- Help healthcare organizations and facilities improve their performance through initiatives that increase their responsiveness, efficiency, access, and quality in catering to the healthcare needs of all people across the globe
- Provide a platform where the global healthcare community can share knowledge, exchange ideas, and experiences, and find opportunities for international partnerships and collaboration
- Disseminate evidence-based information and support activities that promote the full recognition of the role and function of hospitals and healthcare organizations
- Take a clear stand on issues concerning healthcare operations, practices, and policies, giving a voice to our members in every interaction with other global organizations and helping decision-makers devise their strategies
- Support the creation of new national hospital associations to involve as many countries as possible in our activities – including emerging and developing countries – and expand our network
- Provide leadership and management training, as well as mentoring and advice in emerging countries
WHAT WE DO

**World Hospital Congress**
A unique global forum where key healthcare leaders share, learn, and network.

**International Awards**
We support and recognize excellence, innovation and outstanding achievements in global healthcare leadership and management.

**Study Tours**
Multidisciplinary exchanges open to C-suite level executives of hospitals and healthcare facilities.

**CEO Circle**
Exclusive and confidential professional network for senior healthcare executives worldwide.

**Healthcare Management Advancement Program**
A learning program for healthcare management professionals.

**Special Interest Groups**
A neutral arena where to share, collaborate and discuss healthcare-related topics.

**Online Exchange Platform**
An interactive platform to connect with the IHF community, create discussion groups, and disseminate knowledge and experience.

**Webinars**
Virtual learning sessions showcasing international achievements and providing relevant information.

**Newsletter**
A one-stop source of knowledge and information with all the latest news from the healthcare industry.

**Surveys and Research**
Providing first-hand and valuable resources through year-round studies on key healthcare related topics.

**White Paper**
Key findings from our studies are published and disseminated widely.

**IHF quarterly journal**
Four thematic issues focusing on operational matters in healthcare systems.
What it means to join the International Hospital Federation

Being an active member of an international organization representing local healthcare providers is very important because the international stage is where the global policies are decided. The IHF plays a role in voicing the opinion of the healthcare delivery organizations and shaping global trends in healthcare.

Joining the International Hospital Federation means making the international healthcare community’s voice heard louder in the decision-making process.

Moreover, the IHF offers a neutral international setting where different healthcare stakeholders can broaden, share, and disseminate knowledge while expanding and consolidating their network.

We offer two types of membership:

1. **Full Membership**
   - open to associations and bodies representing hospitals and healthcare organizations, such as:
     - National hospital associations
     - Healthcare organizations
     - Ministries of Health

2. **Associate Membership**
   - open to hospitals, healthcare organizations, and other institutions that deliver healthcare, which are not eligible for Full Membership, such as:
     - University, public and private hospitals
     - Healthcare purchasing organizations
     - Local hospitals
     - Hospital manager associations

**PREMIER MEMBERSHIP**

Enjoy greater visibility and benefits with our Premier Associate Membership. Contact us to learn more.

Our partnerships

Our partners play an essential role in helping us pursue our mission and address key challenges in the healthcare world.

We are in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and we work closely with major international organizations such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the World Bank and the World Economic Forum.

We formally collaborate with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua), the International Alliance of Patients’ Organization (IAPO), the International Union of Architects (UIA) and the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH) among others.

CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE!
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