



Becoming a member of the IHF

Established in 1929 and headquartered in Geneva (Switzerland), we are the only international membership body for the leaders and managers of hospitals and health systems. The IHF is a global not-for-profit, non-governmental organization.

We bring members together to share knowledge, strengthening the work of our members. We provide opportunities for exchange, development, and collaboration. Our members are part of a community of over 25,000 hospitals shaping the future of healthcare around the world.

Our core activities



World Hospital Congress



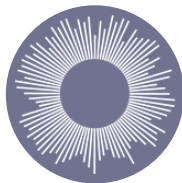
IHF Awards



Young Executive Leaders



Leadership training



Geneva Sustainability Centre



Special Interest Groups



Advocacy through partnerships



Women in Leadership Forum

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, harnessing big data, and telehealth.

Join our community

Well-managed hospitals improve health outcomes for everyone, everywhere.

Types of membership



Full membership

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

- National hospital associations
- Regional hospital associations
- Ministries of health

[Meet our members](#)

Associate membership

Premier, group, or standalone

Open to hospitals, healthcare organizations, and other healthcare services, such as:

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

We are headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, **in the heart of a large, international, healthcare-focused ecosystem**. We are in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and we collaborate with many global organizations, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua), and the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA).

10 reasons to join us

[Find out how](#)

- ✓ Connect with our network of hospital and healthcare experts.
- ✓ Drive the shift to low carbon, resilient, and sustainable healthcare.
- ✓ Participate in the Young Executive Leaders programme.
- ✓ Enter the IHF Awards and gain global recognition.
- ✓ Expand your network of healthcare organizations and service providers.
- ✓ Build capacity through leadership development and knowledge exchange.
- ✓ Gain priority access to our training, resources, and events.
- ✓ Participate in our annual World Hospital Congress.
- ✓ Have a voice in global conversations on key healthcare policy issues.
- ✓ Join study tours around the world to learn from healthcare leaders.