



National Home Infusion Foundation

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A Message from the CEO



**Connie Sullivan, BSPharm
NHIA President & CEO**

In 2021, the National Home Infusion Foundation (NHIF) published research validating the safety of home infusion, inducted the first class of NHIA fellows, and recognized clinical and leadership excellence.

Founded in 2012, NHIF is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 affiliate of the National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) with a mission to elevate the infusion profession and ensure the delivery of high-quality patient care. NHIF complements the work of NHIA by funding and administering programs that improve the safety, quality, and value of infusion services.

This year, NHIF published four significant research studies in INFUSION magazine and supplements, presented an abstract at ID Week, inducted the first class of NHIA Fellows, and recognized individuals who advance the home and alternate site infusion profession through research and leadership. None of this work would be possible without the generous contributions from our members and participation in our benchmarking and research programs. Finally, NHIA is grateful to the dedicated members of the NHIF Board of Directors who volunteer their time and energy to advancing the mission of the foundation.

Thank you all for a great year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Sullivan".

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NHIF Initiatives



LEADERSHIP

FELLOW PROGRAM

The NHIA Fellow Program aims to advance the home and alternate site infusion profession by recognizing the contributions and achievements of highly accomplished industry professionals. NHIA Fellow status is awarded to applicants who have successfully demonstrated a commitment to the field of home infusion for at least 7 years, have a record of sustained involvement and leadership within NHIA, and have been actively involved in educating practitioners and other industry professionals.



RECOGNITION OF CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

The Outstanding Abstract Achievement Award and Scholarship recognizes a poster author at the NHIA Annual Conference that employs an effective study design to examine an innovative approach to clinical practice, identify a best practice, or improve quality.



RESEARCH

NHIF Benchmarking Programs aim to collect standardized data to establish a national reference point (benchmark) for performance metrics that have the potential to improve the quality and efficiency of patient care. Participants in the program receive detailed analysis each quarter allowing for comparisons to industry norms. Two new metrics were successfully launched in 2021: Status at Discharge and 30-Day Hospital Readmissions for inotrope and parenteral nutrition patients. Additionally, NHIF conducts special research studies on topics relevant to current practice and shares results both within and outside the infusion industry.

NHIF publications can be found at <https://nhia.org/nhif/published-research/>.

Funding

The majority of funding for NHIF initiatives comes from fundraising events, grants, sponsorships, and NHIA. The in-kind contribution of \$34,736 from NHIA provides an off-set for staff time and administrative support. This allows 100% of the financial contributions from donors to be applied to NHIF research programs and awards.

The primary fundraising events for NHIF are held at the NHIA Annual Conference each spring, however the virtual environment did not allow for the traditional networking event in 2021. Instead, NHIF hosted the first annual Foundation Trek, a virtual 5K event that was a huge success. The event boasted 177 participants and will become an annual fundraiser for NHIF. The proceeds from the Foundation Trek, combined with individual contributions, totaled \$15,018 for 2021.

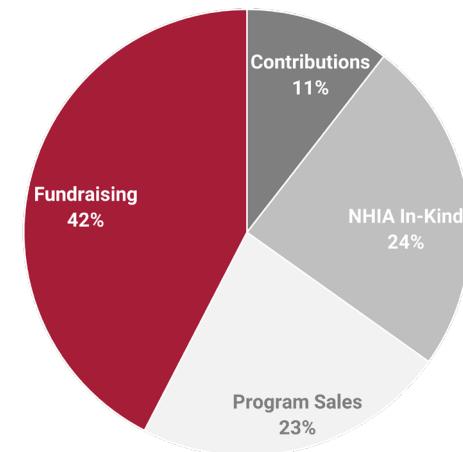
NHIF continues to generate revenue from the sale of the 2020 Infusion Industry Trends report. Sales in 2021 totaled \$32,500. This report analyzed data from 2019 and was the first update since the initial report in 2009.

Industry support of NHIF programs generated over 40% of all revenues in 2021.

NHIF by the Numbers:

Net Assets as of 12/31/21:

\$135,747



EXPENSES	\$122,228
Administration	\$70,390
Research Statistician	\$24,850
Awards & Events	\$10,482
Publications	\$16,506

REVENUE	\$142,804
Contributions	\$15,018
NHIA In-Kind	\$34,736
Program Sales	\$32,500
Fundraising	\$60,550

2022 Planned Work

LAUNCH OF INFUSION JOURNAL

NHIF will debut a peer-reviewed medical journal devoted to infusion therapy to meet the need for communicating research specific to infused medications, related clinical pathways, economic analysis, infused therapies, patient outcomes, medication safety, and case studies. This publication's mission is to share original research in infusion therapy conducted by a broad range of infusion specialists that will advance evidence-based practice and shape professional standards.

NEW INDUSTRY DEFINITIONS

NHIF will publish new standard definitions for Therapy Days, Service Days, and Access Device Days. These definitions will join the previously defined NHIF Standard Definitions and serve as a basis for future benchmarking metrics. Providers are encouraged to adopt the new standard definitions in their internal quality improvement programs when reporting and assessing adverse drug and access device events. NHIF is exploring the need for standard categories for reporting ambulatory infusion pump events to inform future improvements in equipment used to deliver infused medications in the home. The Foundation is also encouraging benchmarking participants to include voluntary questions in their admissions process to capture patient race and ethnicity data to evaluate industry performance in delivering equitable access to infusion treatments in alternate sites.

RESEARCH

NHIF will publish initial results of the first study to describe and quantify home infusion pharmacist professional services. The purpose of this study is to better understand the home infusion pharmacist's role in caring for the home infusion patient, daily tasks, and the time commitment for each. The results from this study can be used to inform stakeholders on the home infusion pharmacist's responsibilities and time spent to support home infusion patients. Finally, additional data collection is needed to understand the pharmacist time commitment for specialty infusions.

NHIF will continue to publish results generated from the benchmarking programs. Findings from the 30-day hospital readmissions and reasons for discontinuation of home infusion for different patient groups and therapy types will be published in various forms throughout the year.

2021 Award Winners

OUTSTANDING ABSTRACT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The 2021 award was presented to Christina Ritchey, MS, RD, LD, CNSC of Optum Infusion Pharmacy, San Antonio, Texas for her research titled, "Is My Patient Non-Compliant or Do They Have Low Literacy Skills?". Ritchey was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and a complimentary registration to the 2022 NHIA Annual Conference.



LYNN GIGLIONE WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER

The 2021 award was presented to Cindy Sumrall, RN, BSN, CRNI, IgCN Chief Clinical Officer of Paragon Healthcare. Just like Lynn, Cindy is an example of a very successful leader in the home and specialty infusion industry. Nominated by several of her co-workers, it is clear that Cindy goes out of her way to mentor others and inspires the team to go above and beyond for their patients.



NHIF ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL HOME INFUSION FELLOWS

NHIA Fellow status is awarded to members who have successfully demonstrated a commitment to the field of home infusion for at least 7 years, have a record of sustained involvement and leadership within NHIA, and have been actively involved in educating practitioners and others. Past winners of NHIA's Gene Graves Lifetime Achievement Award will receive honorary FNHIA status.

- Kathi Andrusko-Furphy
- Monica Bandy
- Marianne Buehler
- Stan Chamallas
- Gene Decaminada
- Don Filibeck
- David Hirsch
- Suzanne Kluge
- Nancy Kramer
- Melissa Leone
- Jeanne Lugli
- Ramona Moenter
- Linda Payne
- Barbara Petroff
- Felicia Schaps
- Paula Zelle



Past Gene Graves awardees receive honorary Fellow status. The following are award winners that have received honorary status:

- Leonard Holman
- Chris Maksym
- Tony Powers
- Varner Richards
- Bruce Rodman
- Wanda Rogers
- Lisa Sakuvich

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