

Frequently Asked Questions

Membership

Q. What is SHEA?

A. SHEA is a professional organization, representing over 2,000 healthcare professionals dedicated to healthcare epidemiology and infection prevention.

Q. What is SHEA's Mission?

SHEA's mission is to prevent and control healthcare-associated infections and advance the field of healthcare epidemiology. SHEA has helped define best practices in healthcare epidemiology worldwide since its founding in 1980.

SHEA is dedicated to advancing the science and practice of healthcare epidemiology and preventing and controlling morbidity, mortality, and the cost of care linked to healthcare-associated infections. The society partners with epidemiologists, infectious disease practitioners, basic scientists, public health specialists, consumers, policymakers, and others, to achieve better healthcare outcomes.

SHEA's expertise is sought by healthcare regulatory and accrediting agencies and its scientific voice guides decision-making bodies in developing rational, effective, and cost-conscious public policies.

SHEA's Core Values:

- Advances the science of healthcare epidemiology through research and education.
- Translates knowledge into effective policy and practice.
- Mentors, trains and promotes professional development in healthcare epidemiology.
- Collaborates and shares expertise with other organizations.
- Adheres to high ethical standards and promotes honesty and ethical principles in the practice of epidemiology.

Q. What is the SHEA Education & Research Foundation

A. SHEA is pleased to announce that it has just launched the SHEA Education & Research Foundation, a 501c3 dedicated to furthering the education and advancement of professionals in the field of healthcare epidemiology and infection prevention globally. Donations to the SHEA Education & Research Foundation fund:

- Fellowships and Research Awards
- Educational Programs for Young Professionals
- SHEA Research Network
- International Ambassador Program

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Q. How do I become a member of SHEA?

A. You can join SHEA either online or you can fill out an application form to mail or fax to SHEA. You do NOT need to submit a CV/resume to join.

Q. What are the benefits of SHEA?

A. SHEA works to strengthen and bring together its members – the leading scientific researchers and practitioners in healthcare epidemiology and infection prevention. With nearly 2,000 members, SHEA is uniquely situated to provide tools, connections, and scientific thinking to healthcare professionals who understand and work to prevent and investigate healthcare associated infections. See “Benefits of SHEA” document

Q. What are the SHEA membership categories?

A. There are 5 main membership categories:

Member (Professionally dedicated to the field)

- Individuals interested in the field of healthcare epidemiology and infection prevention.
- Members must hold advanced degrees in a healthcare field (e.g. doctorate or masters) or specialized training in infection control or epidemiology (e.g. SHEA/CDC Training Course or CIC).
- Members hold voting rights and may serve on the SHEA Board.

Associate Member (“thrown into” the field)

- Professionals interested in healthcare epidemiology, but not qualified for membership through other categories (Member, Member-in-Training, Emeritus, Corporate).
- Associate Members do not have voting rights and may not serve on the SHEA Board.

Membership in Training (will need to provide graduation date and advisor)

- Individuals in a postdoctoral program in a field related to healthcare epidemiology.
- Members-in-training do not have voting rights and may not serve on the SHEA Board.

Emeritus Member

- Members in good standing who have reached the age of 65 years, retired from active practice, or experienced a disability resulting in cessation of professional activities.
- Emeritus members have full voting rights, but may not serve on the SHEA Board.

Corporate Member

- Individuals employed in a business or industry related to the field of healthcare epidemiology. Individuals employed by a corporate entity who also qualify as Members should apply under the Corporate Member category.
- Corporate Members do not have voting rights and may not serve on the SHEA Board.

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Q. What is a Fellow of SHEA?

A. This category of membership honors individuals who have achieved special recognition in the field of healthcare epidemiology and can be reached through academic or clinical tracks. ***Fellows should have 7 or more years of continuous experience as SHEA members.*** See attached for requirements and application.

Q. How much does it cost to join SHEA?

MEMBER/FELLOW OF SHEA

Domestic \$225
International \$250

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Domestic \$185
International \$200

MEMBER-IN-TRAINING & EMERITUS MEMBERS

Domestic \$100
International \$160

CORPORATE

Domestic \$275
International \$325

DEVELOPING NATION

E-journals only \$70

Q. I applied for membership last week, and have not received a reply.

A. Membership applications are processed within two weeks. If you have not received your membership packet within three weeks, or if you need help logging into the system, please contact info@shea-online.org.

Q. My organization requires a receipt of my payment for reimbursement. How can I obtain one?

A. If the online receipt is not sufficient, please email Wanda Brown at info@shea-online.org. If you apply via fax/mail, please note that you need a receipt.

Q. How do I change my contact information?

A. There are three ways to change your contact information:

- email info@shea-online.org and let SHEA know (please provide your old contact information and your new information)
- On SHEA's Website (www.shea-online.org). Log-in to the SHEA website and click on "account information." The prompts should allow you to update your own contact information.
- Call SHEA at 703-684-1006.

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Q. I was a SHEA member, but I have let my membership lapse. How do I rejoin SHEA?

A. Please complete a dues renewal form or a new member form or go online and click on “Join SHEA.”

Q. When are dues renewal notices mailed each year?

A. SHEA’s membership is based on the calendar year. Dues renewals are mailed in October. They are due January 1 of the following year.

Q. I have not received the last several issues of ICHE. How do I request back issues?

A. SHEA members can email info@shea-online.org and we can forward your request. Please make sure that we have your most current mailing address.

Q. Does SHEA rent its membership lists?

A. Yes. SHEA does rent its membership list. We have a mailing list policies and procedures document that can be emailed to anyone requesting it. Renting the list costs \$1,000. Information is available by emailing Erica Malik at emalik@shea-online.org.

Q. Can members request that their contact information not be shared?

A. Yes. Members can opt-out of print mailings and emails. Opting out of print mailings will not affect the members journal subscription.