

# I O M S N

## 2024 Nursing Survey

In early 2024, IOMSN conducted a survey of nurses to assist in developing an action plan for the organization. We felt it was critical to seek input, to stay current and to ensure we were providing services, that both offered benefit and were being sought after. The survey was emailed to current members of IOMSN and was offered virtually and on paper to attendees of the 2024 IOMSN Nursing Roundtable at CMSC. We are extremely pleased the response rate from a varied group of nurses.

As a result of the survey, the Board of Directors has formed a Roundtable Taskforce to assess and plan practical approaches to a number of the suggestions made.

### NEXT ROUNDTABLE

For more information on the next steps, we invite you to join us at the IOMSN Nursing Roundtable to be held at CMSC in Phoenix, AZ on May 28, 2025.

Number of responses:

143



The following is a summary of the results of the survey.

**1. How many years have you been involved in MS Care?**

| Years involved with MS | Number     | %           |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Less than 5 years      | 40         | 29%         |
| 5-9 years              | 29         | 21%         |
| 10-14 years            | 22         | 16%         |
| 15-19 years            | 12         | 9%          |
| 20-24 years            | 14         | 10%         |
| 25 + years             | 21         | 15%         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>138</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**2. What do you find are the benefits of joining a professional organization like IOMSN?**

| Benefits   | N          | %           |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Access to programs, services and evidence-based research about MS care                               | 136        | 36%         |
| Google Forum for quick answers to clinical questions from colleagues                                 | 51         | 14%         |
| Camaraderie of membership  | 79         | 21%         |
| Desire to be involved and support the mission of the organization that supports my nursing specialty | 107        | 29%         |
| <b>Total responses</b>   | <b>373</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**3. List three areas where IOMSN can improve the services provided to MS clinicians.**

Three main themes evolved in the suggestions provided.

**First and foremost**, nurses requested engagement in different forums, mentorship, buddy programs, preceptorships, peer support, networks and other forms of support. This is a general call for an improved sense of community within the organization.

**Second**, our respondents had many suggestions for education and learning opportunities for nurses and patients. We were provided with some creative new ideas.

**Last**, nurses identified a need for better communication and promotion of IOMSN, it's benefits and resources. Many of the suggestions for resources have already been developed or exist. This is reassuring to us, but our challenge is awareness.

**4. If you are an IOMSN member: What are the key reasons you keep your membership current with IOMSN? Please select from the choices below.**

| Reason   | N          | %           |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Access to Online Programs and Services           | 86         | 29%         |
| Cost of Membership Dues                          | 40         | 14%         |
| Access to Online Resources for Patient Education | 71         | 24%         |
| Evidenced Based Research Related to MS Care      | 78         | 29%         |
| Other*   | 9          | 3%          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>284</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**\*Other Reasons:** included networking, communication, support of organization, sharing knowledge, maintaining credentials and encouraging recruitment.

**5. If you are not an IOMSN member: Please let us understand how we can help more people like you to join.**

Reasons stated included cost of membership, lack of awareness of benefits of membership, having affiliate membership in international organization.