



IHPBA Allied Health Professionals Committee Remit

Allied Health Professional Definition

An Allied Health Professional/Advanced Practice Provider is defined as any health care professional who is not a physician or scientist. This includes, but is not limited to the following professions:

- Nurses (registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, perioperative nurses, clinical nurse practitioners)
- Clinical trial managers
- Physician assistants/surgical assistants
- Surgical technologists (operating room technicians, scrub techs, sterile processing technicians)
- Anaesthesia technicians

Purpose

The Allied Health Professionals Committee (AHPC) will be responsible for advising and providing recommendations to IHPBA on matters related to allied health professionals in the HPB field.

Scope

The AHPC will have a broad scope of work and will be responsible for addressing issues related to all allied health professions in the HPB field. The committee will consider matters such as professional development, education, research, and policy development.

Committee Membership

Members will be appointed by the organization and will serve for a term of two years, with the possibility of renewal.

Committee Structure

To be defined by the steering group. Recommended structure:

Mentor

Chair

Chair-elect

Past Chair (for future committees)

Regional representatives (6)

- AHPBA (2)

- E-AHPBA (2)

- A-PHPBA (2)

Member of the AHP Committee will also serve on IHPBA Working Committees for reporting purposes and to avoid duplication of activities.

Meetings

The AHPC will meet at least three times per year, with additional meetings scheduled as needed.

Meetings will be held virtually over Zoom.

Reporting

The AHPC will provide regular reports to IHPBA on its activities and recommendations. Reports will be provided in writing and presented at the annual IHPBA Council Meeting.

Responsibilities*

The AHPC will be responsible for:

- Providing advice and recommendations to IHPBA on matters related to allied health professions.
- To build a scientific program at the IHPBA World Congress for Allied Health Professionals in collaboration with the Scientific committee and Organizing Committee.
- Identifying emerging trends and issues related to allied health professions, and providing recommendations on how to address them.
- Developing and implementing strategies to promote the development and advancement of allied health professions in the HPB field.
- Advocating for the recognition and inclusion of allied health professions in relevant policy and decision-making processes.
- Collaborating with other committees and organizations to promote the interests of Allied Health Professionals.

Goals *

In addition to the remit, the Allied Health Professional Committee (AHPC) should have the following goals:

- Promote the role of allied health professions in healthcare: The AHPC should work to increase awareness and understanding of the vital role that allied health professionals play in the delivery of healthcare services. This includes promoting the importance of allied health professionals in clinical care, as well as in research, education, and policy development.
- Support professional development: The AHPC should support the ongoing professional development of allied health professionals, including continuing education and training opportunities. This will help to ensure that allied health professionals have the knowledge and skills they need to provide high-quality care and stay up-to-date with the latest developments.
- Facilitate collaboration and networking: The AHPC should work to facilitate collaboration and networking among allied health professionals, as well as with other healthcare professionals and stakeholders. This will help to promote the exchange of ideas and best practices, as well as foster the development of new collaborations and partnerships.

**Note: These goals have been inserted as a starting point but the IHPBA AHPC Steering Group will be responsible for drafting their own charter.*