



JULIE BENBENISHTY

The European Society of Intensive Medicine (ESICM) proudly awards Julie Benbenishty Honorary Membership of ESICM because of her scientific achievements and long-standing commitment to ESICM.

Julie has been a nurse since 1978, graduating from the Hadassah Hebrew University School of Nursing. She has worked as an ICU staff nurse, head nurse, trauma coordinator, teacher and researcher. She was trained in psychology at the University of Vermont (USA), received her MA in nursing from Ben Gurion University (Israel) and is currently involved in a nursing Ph.D. programme at the University of Plymouth (UK).

Julie has been a member of ESICM since 2000 and has established her presence as a prime mover in the organisation. She has served as the Chair of the Congress Committee's NAHP section, the NAHP Research Committee representative, an active member of the Ethics section, a leader in coordinating several ESCIM research projects, organising ESICM programmes and sessions and lecturing at many ESICM events.

Julie is recognized by nurses and physicians throughout the society as a unique colleague. An ally ready to share ideas, initiate projects, help with patient recruitment into studies, represent ESICM everywhere and at any time and always to make things happen. Julie is the colleague who says "yes", but usually "yes but ..." as she always adds suggestions to improve your ideas, bringing the nurse's empathy and culture into our perspective and projects. Julie always has good ideas, innovative thoughts and pure intentions. More than anything else, Julie brings passion to her work, which is contagious to those she works with.

Julie is also a researcher and an educator. She teaches trauma, law, ethics, research methodology and general nursing. She has more than 20 original publications in these fields and has been invited to lecture in more than 10 countries. Julie is also a reviewer for high impact factor journals, as well as for grant projects at an international level. In Israel, she is the Chairperson for the Intensive Care Committee for Evidenced based nursing in Intensive Care and a member of the National Committee for Israeli nursing research and the National Committee for trauma. Julie has been the principal investigator (PI) for several

National and International projects and also the local PI for large international research projects such as FENICE, EUROPAIN, IMPRESS and many others.

Julie's academic accomplishments are impressive. But Julie is much more than that. She is the partner with whom we are always seeking to work. She is the friend who we always want to meet to discuss important issues. You never quite know if she is your colleague or a close family member.

Julie is a model of humility, compassion, altruism and companionship. Her innovative ideas and actions cross beyond borders, cultures and politics. She values people's thoughts and identities much more than her own. Her obsession for what is best for her patients has always guided her. She is a role model for us all.

Today, ESICM is recognising a truly wonderful professional and human being. It is a privilege to be considered one of Julie's colleagues and friends.

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