

Biography

In 1995 Ellie introduced the concept of a psychosocial model of lower limb care 'Leg Club', to address the holistic needs of her patients. Her work has since been widely disseminated through publications and international conference presentations.

Ellie has published more than 80 articles, predominantly concerning the Leg Club Model and Patient Empowerment, for such periodicals as the British Journal of Community Nursing, Primary Intention, Wounds UK, the Journal of Wound Care and Nursing Standard. She is regularly invited to speak at UK and international conferences.



Ellie has received multiple awards for her Leg Club model and in 2011 received national recognition for her outstanding contribution to nursing by being awarded one of the highest distinctions in nursing - *The British Journal of Nursing* Lifetime Achievement Award. She continues to facilitate the introduction of Leg Clubs in the UK, Australia and Europe.

She has worked with research teams in the UK and overseas, and as Chairman Ellie recently led an international WUWHS scientific committee task force to investigate and promote patient rights.

According to Ellie the challenge now is to bring together the new and ever-growing technology in an innovative, creative and cost-effective way which keeps individuals experiencing life with comorbidity at functional levels of wellness within their normal social environment.

In 2015 Ellie was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to nursing.

In 2018 Ellie was conferred a Fellow of the Queen's Nursing Institute (FQNI)

In August 2018, she received international recognition from The Arias Medical Foundation and The Scientific Institute of Higher Education, Mexico by being presented with an Award for Excellence.

In November 2018, she was honoured by the International Society of Paediatric Woundcare (ISPeW) and received an Education Award for Excellence in Wound care and become the first ISPeW honorary board member