



Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare Welcomes 183 U.K. and Ireland Sites Following Point of Care Foundation Closure

BOSTON (January 28, 2026)— [The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare](#), an international nonprofit dedicated to partnering with healthcare organizations to advance compassion for patients, care teams, and their healing relationships, has announced that 183 healthcare sites across the United Kingdom and Ireland have transitioned to become official Schwartz Center sites, following the closure of the Point of Care Foundation. This historic expansion represents the largest international growth in the organization's history and reinforces its global commitment to compassionate healthcare delivery.

The Schwartz Rounds® program, which brings together clinical and non-clinical staff to discuss the emotional and social aspects of working in healthcare, has been operating across the U.K. and Ireland under the Point of Care Foundation's stewardship since 2009. With the Foundation's closure, these sites will now receive direct support, training, and resources from the Schwartz Center, ensuring continuity of this vital program.

"We are honored to maintain these 183 sites as a vital part of the international Schwartz Center community," said Michael Gustafson, MD, MBA, CEO of the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare. "The Point of Care Foundation has done extraordinary work championing the Schwartz Rounds program throughout the U.K. and Ireland for over 15 years. As we take on this responsibility, we are committed to maintaining the excellence they established while providing seamless support to every site during this transition."

The transition will ensure that healthcare staff across the U.K. and Ireland continue to benefit from regular Schwartz Rounds sessions, which provide a dedicated space for healthcare workers to discuss the emotional dimensions of their work—both the challenges and the joys. Research shows this program strengthens compassion and enhances patient care.

"We are grateful to our colleagues at the Schwartz Center for enabling this vital counter-cultural work to continue in the U.K. and ROI," said Charlie Brown, acting chief executive of the Point of Care Foundation. "We are confident that the Schwartz Center will continue to support the thousands of healthcare professionals who use Schwartz Rounds as an invaluable space to connect with and reflect on the emotional aspects of

caring for others. We wish the Schwartz Center every success as they continue to contribute to the development of more humanised health and care services for patients."

The Schwartz Center is working closely with existing site coordinators and facilitators to ensure a smooth transition, with dedicated resources allocated to support the expanded international network. All current Schwartz Rounds programs will continue without interruption.

About the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare

The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare partners with healthcare organizations to advance compassion for patients, care teams, and their healing relationships. There are nearly 800 healthcare organizations throughout the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Ireland, Australia and New Zealand running Schwartz Center programs. For three decades, we have been at the forefront of championing meaningful human connections in healthcare. Through our efforts, we have reduced psychological distress in care teams and increased empathetic care for patients – all of which drive improved health outcomes.

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