



Newsletter
Of the
Association of
Pediatric/Hematology Oncology Nurses
Southern California Chapter



Happy 2010 SCAPHON Nurses!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful time during this past holiday season and that you are enjoying the start of 2010. Wow...a new decade; think of the possibilities. I, for one, am excited. Over the holidays I had an opportunity to be involved in a local, community outreach program designed to teach children the simple act of "paying it forward". While this is certainly not a new concept to many of us, it was amazing to re-learn it through the eyes of my child. I started to think about how easy it was to do and how much fun it would be to try a few ideas at work:

- Invite someone new to lunch.
- Welcome and get to know new hires.
- Tell your boss why you appreciate him or her.
- Remember others' birthdays and important events.
- Take a photo of your colleagues at work and give it to them so their families can see them on the job.
- Help an overworked colleague with some tasks.
- Surprise a coworker with a diet coke, a coffee, or a bottled water.
- Bring in a treat to share with coworkers.
- Write a letter commending an employee who helped you, and address it to his or her boss.
- Share a skill you have with a coworker or ask them to show you how to do something. Knowledge is power and we all benefit when we share it.

Hmmm...not too hard, right? How easy would it be to just try one or two of these ideas? Or maybe you have some ideas of your own. Either way, I hope you think about this concept and give it a try. If you're having trouble getting motivated, maybe this quote will inspire you:

"If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas."

- George Bernard Shaw

Speaking of inspiration, I'm excited to tell you that planning is well underway for the 24th annual regional conference, this year titled "Rising to the Top". We are thrilled to be returning to the desert on May 13th and 14th, where we can enjoy ourselves at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa in beautiful Indian Wells. Make plans now to attend this fun and educational event.

SCAPHON's Community Service project for the year 2009-2010 is to "stock Camp Ronald McDonald". Our goal is to collect camping supplies (sleeping bags, socks, closed-toe shoes, flip-flops or shower shoes, sweatpants & sweatshirts, Chap Stick and sunscreen) for needy children and adolescents to use when they attend Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times. At our December quarterly educational dinner meeting we received a wonderful variety of sleeping bags, flip-flops, sweatpants and sweatshirts. We will continue to collect new, unwrapped camping items throughout this spring and at our May conference we will make a formal presentation to our Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times representative. Please continue to collect items over the next few months and bring them to either the March quarterly, the May conference or to a SCAPHON board member at your work. The institution with the *most* donations by May 14th will receive special recognition at the May conference.

It is my wish for each of you that you continue to thrive and grow in the important work that you do. Take a moment or two each day to remember that nursing provides such a unique opportunity to touch the lives of others; patients, families *and* coworkers. By continuing to provide the special care that each of you do, you WILL make a difference in the life of another, each and every day.

I look forward to seeing you in March!

Kelley Haley, RN, BSN
SCAPHON President



SCAPHON SCOOP

Opportunities for Professional Growth

APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Course

Pediatric Chemo/Biotherapy Provider Card
13.75 Contact Hours

**Childrens Hospital Los Angeles
April 27 & 28, 2010**

Registration Deadline is
March 11, 2010

Fee: \$150 CHLA employees/\$300 for non-CHLA employees

For more information and a brochure, contact:
Maria Velasco @ (323) 361-1677 or mvelasco@chla.usc.edu

Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation

CPHON / ONS 2010 Test Dates

August 2-31, 2010 (Apply by April 21, 2010)
November 1-30, 2010 (Apply by July 21, 2010)

ONS/APHON Member: \$260 (Online/Early Registration)

2010 Renewal Option 1 (ONC-PRO) Application Deadline Dates

For information about certification renewal, see *Understanding Your Oncology Nursing Certification Renewal Options*, available at www.oncc.org or from ONCC. **Please note:** If the application deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, applications will be accepted through the following Monday.

Please note: 2010 ONC-PRO applications will be accepted beginning January 1, 2010.

AOCNP & AOCNS Test Dates

Available year-round
February 1 – Dec. 31, 2010
ONS / APHON Member \$260

APHON Foundations of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing

**Miller Children's Hospital, Long Beach
Conference Room A1
March 8 & 9, 2010**

16.0 Contact Hours (for entire course)

Registration Deadline is:
February 19, 2010

Fee: \$50 MCH, CHOC, CHLA, UCLA, COH employees
\$70 APHON members (if hospital not listed above)
\$170 all other participants

For more information and a brochure, please contact:
Christine S. Yun @ 562-933-5799 or

The SCAPHON SCOOP

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SCAPHON Website On-Line!

Our website address is:



www.scaphon.org

The SCAPHON website features information about

- ❖ Quarterly Meetings
- ❖ Conferences
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Board Members
- ❖ Downloadable copy of our newsletter
- ❖ Quarterly Dinner Meeting Flyer
- ❖ And soon... the conference brochure!

Please visit our website often!

Email our Webmaster with changes to your profile

APHON Foundations of Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Nursing: A Core Curriculum

**Children's Hospital of Orange County
May 6 & 7, 2010**

8 -5:00 pm

Fee: \$225 for non-CHOC Associates/Free for CHOC Associates

Coming to CHOC Fall 2010

**APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy/Biotherapy
Provider Course**

**APHON/PBMTC's: Foundations of Pediatric Blood &
Marrow Transplantation: A Core Curriculum**

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For more information or to register:
CHOC Clinical Education Dept.
(714) 532-8525 or kwohlgezogen@choc.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

SCAPHON Is Going Camping

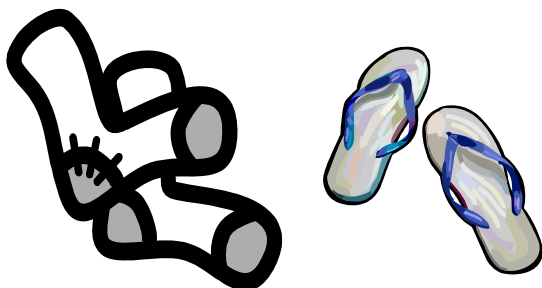


The SCAPHON Board is proud to announce the start of our second community service project. Camp Ronald McDonald is a sponsor of SCAPHON and has always supported our organization. Camp provides our kids with a safe place to go to escape their everyday battles and helps them maintain a sense of normalcy in their lives. SCAPHON would like to give back to camp.

After speaking with camp representatives about the needs of camp, we have selected the following items to collect: socks, closed toed shoes, sweatshirts and / or sweatpants, flip flops, chapstick / throat lozenges, and sleeping bags. The age range of the campers is 9-18 years. We will start to collect items at the December Quarterly and continue through until the May conference in 2010 where we will present Camp Ronald McDonald with our donations. Collections in between will be accepted by any board member at their respective hospitals.

Why not consider donating to Camp Ronald McDonald for birthdays, gift exchanges, etc?

Donna Quiroz and Barbara Buchbinder
Co-Chairs, Community Service Project



Nancy Jopes Educational Memorial Scholarship

Attendees at the **QUARTERLY Dinner Meetings** will be entered in for a chance to win a scholarship for the next annual SCAPHON Conference.

Thanks to SCAPHON!!!

Nancy Jopes Educational Memorial Scholarship

The SCAPHON Board would like to share the following letter that Jacki Blake received from Jessica Jopes Martinez, Nancy Jopes' daughter.

I am writing to say thank you. I am going thru my files, organizing my office, starting 2010 fresh...and I came across the Fall 2003 SCAPHON SCOOP. I thought, "I wonder if they still give the scholarship in Mom's name?" So, I went right to Google and found my answer.

I just wanted to say thank you to the members of the organization. It is amazing that you are continuing to honor my mom by offering the scholarship to the conference annually.

It's been over 6 years since my mom passed away from ovarian cancer. Life goes on and things move forward as they should. It is just wonderful to know that all the work she did for children with cancer is being remembered each year. She would be so thrilled!

Please pass on my gratitude to your fellow members.

Best,
Jessica Jopes Martinez

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Open Position: NP for Inpatient/Outpatient Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Service Long Beach, CA

Core Responsibilities:

1. Collaborates primarily with inpatient attending pediatric hematologist/oncologist in patient assessment, planning for care, providing therapeutic interventions and evaluation of results.
2. May also see patients in the outpatient facility if inpatient caseload allows.
3. May perform bone marrow aspirations/biopsies and lumbar punctures with instillation of intrathecal chemotherapy.

Job Requirements:

1. Licensed Pediatric or Family Nurse Practitioner with furnishing license including Schedule II drugs (furnishing license within 6 months of hire)
2. Member of Children's Oncology Group
3. APHON Chemotherapy/Biotherapy provider
4. CPON/CPHON (within 1 year of hire)
5. PALS certified
6. Member of NAPNAP or other NP professional organization
7. Full time exempt position (Mon-Fri with one afternoon off per week)
8. Takes after hour calls one weeknight/week with MD backup
9. Makes rounds with and takes calls with attending MD one weekend/month and 2 holidays/year

Benefits:

1. Competitive individual healthcare benefits
2. 2 weeks paid vacation per year
3. Support for attending 1 professional conference per year
4. Malpractice license, DEA license, and hospital privileges costs covered

**For more information (including a full job description), please contact:
Linda Webster at 323-361-7893.**

24th Annual Regional Conference 2010

Save the Dates!

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May 13 & 14, 2010

at the

Renaissance Esmeralda

Resort and Spa

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May 2009 Annual Conference Outcome Survey

As a provider of Continuing Education to our membership, we are implementing a follow-up to our Annual Conference in addition to our immediate post-conference evaluation. We would like to determine at what level the presented material has been initiated in your practice and to what degree it has affected patient outcome (if known).

2009 Annual Conference Presentations:

- "Who Will Monopolize the Multigenerational Workplace: the Battleship, the Shoe, the Top Hat or the Scottie Dog?" Janice Nuuhiwa, RN, MSN, APN/CNS, CPON®
- "Assessment of Pulmonary Complications in the Immunocompromised Host" Nick Anas, MD
- "Central Venous Catheter Care: Practical Applications of Evidence Based Principles", Laurie Reyen, RN
- "Tumor Lysis Syndrome: Prophylaxis and Treatment Standards", Fran Blayney, RN, MS
- "When and How to Transplant Hemoglobin Disorders", Mark Walters, MD
- "When Treatment Fails...Palliative Care Conversations: Tough and Tougher", Pamelyn Close, MD and Gay Walker, RN, CHPN
- "The Sickle Cell Life: Choosing the Best Path to Ensure Healthy Outcomes", Deborah G. Harris, RN, MN
- "Treatment of Pediatric Germ Cell Tumors", Marcio Malogolokwin, MD
- "Don't Let Drawing a Chance Card Dictate Future Education: Appropriate School Re-Integration for the Childhood Cancer Patient", Karla Wilson, RN, MSN
- "What is in the 'Community Chest' for High-Risk and Relapsed Neuroblastoma Patients?" Judith G. Villablanca, MD
- "New Therapeutic Approaches in the Management of High Risk ALL", Steven M. Neudorf, MD
- "Family Centered Care in Pediatric Oncology: One Mother's Story." Kathy Riley, BS

Course Objectives:

- Describe the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary infectious complications and toxicities in the immunocompromised host.
- Identify the key components of and treatment for tumor lysis syndrome in the pediatric oncology setting.
- Discuss the evidence-based practice and the nurse's role in care of central venous catheters to prevent infection.
- List the common implications and treatment regimens for the transplantation of hemoglobin disorders.
- Describe the interventions that can be implemented to promote health and well-being in the sickle cell disease population.
- Identify innovative methods of pain control in the pediatric palliative care population.
- Discuss the treatment options for children who have recurrent or refractory high-risk neuroblastoma.
- Identify the key treatment strategies

Outcome Survey

After attending the 2009 Annual Conference my practice performance has changed (Refer to 2009 Presentations and Objectives listed above): ____ Yes ____ No

Please respond further using the following statements as a guide (or create your own)

1. a) I have changed my practice by implementing the following activities:

b) These changes were based on the presentation by: _____

2. a) I have seen change (positive or negative) in the patients I have treated using the methods outlined in (name presentation): _____

b) The change I have seen is (as well as you can please qualitate the change as positive or negative and percent change [i.e. reduction in line infection by ____% since June 2009 after implementing procedures from presentation by Laurie Reyen, or discussion of alternate pain measures with patient/physicians has increased ____% and resulted in ____% pain reduction]): _____

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS!

Diane Grade
Raffle Chair



Jacki Blake
Quarterly Program Planning Chair



Beth Hasenauer
Treasurer



How long have you been a Hem/Onc nurse and where do you work?

CHLA for 30 years in March 2010.

Who makes up your family?

My husband, Glen, 2 daughters: Erin (22 yr) in nursing school @ Azusa Pacific; and Christine (17 yr) a Senior in High School

My life would be simpler if...

...my children didn't have so many activities – both play water polo. Christine is on 2 equestrian drill teams. She is the Cadette Commander of one. They have been the National Grand Champions for 3 years in a row.

What are you most proud of?

...my children.

What did you want to be when you were little?

... a nurse.

If I had a free hour?

Lay at the beach and sleep!

What is your motto?

"It is what it is" and "That's not the hill I'm going to die on."

If you could change careers now without any consequences or financial loss, what would you switch to?

Tour director – love to travel.

How long have you been a Hem/Onc nurse and where do you work?

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital for 16 years

Who makes up your family?

My parents, two sisters. I will be an Auntie for the first time in March.

My life would be simpler if...

... I won the lottery.

What are you most proud of?

...my family and friends

What did you want to be when you were little?

... Quincy, MD

If I had a free hour?

I would take a walk on the beach.

What is your motto?

To always try to be a positive and keep smiling.

If you could change careers now without any consequences or financial loss, what would you switch to?

Hold the cooking classes at William Sonoma.

How long have you been a Hem/Onc nurse and where do you work?

30 years. I now work at the Children's Oncology Group as a Research Coordinator II. I am currently responsible for managing open studies ANBL0532, ANBL00P3, AHEP0731 and ACCL0431. If you call COG with a question about one of these studies, you will most likely talk with me. I am also responsible for studies in development and closed studies.

Who makes up your family?

My husband, Dave, and 2 dogs, Gracie and Tobin

My life would be simpler if...

Tobin was a little less "inquisitive" around the house and didn't have to be on the treadmill 2 hrs a day.

What are you most proud of?

Becoming a "pack leader" for Tobin

What did you want to be when you were little?

A horseback rider

If I had a free hour?

I would quilt /sew.

What is your motto?

My high school motto: 'Do it with thy might'

If you could change careers now without any consequences or financial loss, what would you switch to?

Own dogs and live/work on a winery in Paso Robles, also quilt and sew to my heart's content.

**Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
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Cordially invites you to attend our
Quarterly Dinner Meeting and Educational Forum



**“Aloxi for the Prevention of Cancer Induced Nausea
and Vomiting”**

By
Lisa D. Hineman, RN, MSN, AOCN, PHN, ANP-C
Director of Operations
Los Angeles Hematology/Oncology Medical Group

**March 9, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

**Claim Jumper Restaurant
Fountain Valley**
18050 Brookhurst St.
Fountain Valley
(714) 963-6711

From the 405 Freeway:
Exit Brookhurst and proceed south.
Located just south of the 405 Freeway
at the corner of Brookhurst and Talbert

Parking is free and readily available.

Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing
Provider Number 10530, for 1.0 Contact Hour

*At the conclusion of this presentation,
The learner will:*

1. Describe the use of Aloxi in the prevention of cancer induced nausea and vomiting.
2. Review the mechanism of action for Aloxi and the potential use in pediatric cancer therapy regimens

For more information, contact:
Jacki Blake
Quarterly Program Planner
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jblake@llu.edu

SCAPHON Quarterly Meeting Registration Form
Registration Deadline: March 2, 2010

Yes! I will be attending the SCAPHON Quarterly Dinner Meeting and Educational Forum
at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 15th at the Claim Jumper Restaurant, Fountain Valley

Name: _____ Menu selection: Vegetarian Meat

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ APHON Member: Yes No

Institution: _____ RN License # _____

Please return this registration form by March 2, 2010
Enclose registration fee of \$25 payable to SCAPHON (\$30 if postmarked after 3/2/10)

Mail to:

Shawna Esarey RN, BSN, CPON
1578 Black Walnut Dr.
San Marcos, CA 92078





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