


SCAPHON

 Southern California Association of
 Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses

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



SCAPHON SCOOP

"A clear vision, backed by definite plans, gives you a tremendous feeling of confidence and personal power to push forward and accomplish great things!"

It doesn't seem possible that we are embarking upon a new year, 2019! I truly hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. I am very excited for 2019 and I am confident that it will be an exciting year for our SCAPHON membership. Your board is working hard to initiate new ways to provide the most up to date education opportunities and new ways to stay in touch with our membership. Thanks to oversight provided by Anne Nord, our SCAPHON website is looking so amazing and is "user friendly" for our membership to access. We hope you are going to the website often to review material and of course utilize the website to register for our quarterlies, read the SCOOP and register for the upcoming 2019 SCAPHON Conference.

I am very thankful to be serving as your SCAPHON President. I hope you have been fortunate to attend our many educational opportunities that we have offered in 2018! Between quarterly education presentations and of course, our annual two-day conference, our membership is provided with the most up to date and evidence-based information from known experts in the field of hematology and oncology. I thought the 2018 SCAPHON in San Diego was one of our very best conferences and the evaluations reflected this to be true as well. With that said, our conference planning committee under the direction of Alison Bell and Barb Buchbinder are working hard to plan the 2019 Conference that will again take place at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, San Diego on May 9th and 11th. Our theme for this year's conference is "Just Imagine . . ." We should be posting the brochure on the website later this month. So, mark your calendars because you don't want to miss the opportunity to attend and network with your colleagues!

San Jose, California will be hosting APHON's 43rd Annual Conference and Exhibit and will take place on September 5-7, 2019. Our own, Scarlett Czarnecki is the 2019 Conference Chair! Hope you will be able to attend this conference which will be filled with informative presentations and chances to network with top notch nurses across the country!

I hope you will be able to join us at our March Quarterly Education Dinner at the Claim Jumper Restaurant on March 12, 2019. We are so excited that ApoPharma Inc. will be sponsoring this education event. Geoff Minet will be presenting a talk entitled: "Cardiac Disease in Beta Thalassemia". I am sure you will enjoy this informative talk! Hope to see you there! This will be your last opportunity to win a free conference registration in our raffle!

"A great accomplishment shouldn't be the end of the road, just the starting point for the next leap forward! The great accomplishments for our chapter in 2018 would not be possible without the dedication of our amazing SCAPHON Board and of course our remarkable membership. Thank you for all that you do for the organization and the care that you provide to your patients and their families!

Sincerely,
 Sharon Bergeron,
 President



Opportunities for Professional Growth



APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Course

13.75 Contact Hours
Pediatric Chemo/Biotherapy Provider Card



Children's Hospital Los Angeles

April 3 & 4, 2019
July 2 & 3, 2019
October 2 & 3, 2019

\$150 CHLA employees / \$300 Non-CHLA employees
To register, contact Maria Velasco at (323) 361-1677 or
at mvelasco@chla.usc.edu



Children's Hospital of Orange County

April 8 & 9, 2019
Register by 3/29/19

Non-CHOC Associate \$185
To register or for any questions, please email:
Casey Koerner at ckoerner@choc.org

CPHON® Review Course

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Summer 2019

To register or for any question, please email:
Diane Atounji @ daltounji@chla.usc.edu



Children's Hospital of Orange County

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Register by February 22, 2019

Cost for non-CHOC Employees: \$125
Or \$215 w/APHON Essentials Book

To register or for any questions, please email:
Casey Koerner at ckoerner@choc.org

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 now the conference brochure!

Please visit our website often!

Contact:

Anne Nord @ website@SCAPHON.org



43rd Annual Conference and Exhibit

September 5-7, 2019
San Jose, CA

44th Annual Conference and Exhibit

September 3-5, 2020
New York, NY

[See you there!](#)

The SCAPHON SCOOP

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Education Corner

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“Cancer Immunotherapy enhances the power of the immune system to fight cancer and represents the new and promising cancer treatment approach for pediatric cancer patients”

Utilizing a Novel Monoclonal Antibody, Ganitumab, in Treating Children, Adolescents

Ganitumab is a fully human monoclonal antibody designed to attach to and block the insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor (IGF-1R). IGF-1R is important in the development and progression of many cancers, possibly due to its properties of preventing cancer cells death, which allows those cells to resist chemotherapeutic drugs or radiation therapy. By preventing the attachment of IGF-1R to its receptors and the subsequent activation of the PI3K/Akt signaling pathway, ganitumab inhibits tumor cell proliferation and induces the death of tumor cells.

Despite improvements in outcomes for patients with localized Ewing sarcoma, patients with relapsed metastatic Ewing sarcoma continue to have poor outcomes with current chemotherapy options. A large body of preclinical data supports a role for IGF-1R inhibition in the treatment of Ewing Sarcoma. More recently, clinical trials of IGF-1R monoclonal antibodies have demonstrated single-agent activity in patients with relapsed Ewing Sarcoma. In phase 2 clinical trials, Ganitumab is demonstrating encouraging antitumor activity in treating patients with metastatic Ewing's Sarcoma. **The dose limiting toxicity was thrombocytopenia.**

How is the Drug Administered to the Patient?

Ganitumab is given IV over 1 hour (60 minutes) for the first dose or can be prolonged up to 120 minutes as necessary. If agent is tolerated by the patient, the infusion can be given over 30 minutes for subsequent infusions. The recommended dose for this agent is 18 mg/kg/dose and is given every 2 weeks. This agent is usually given until there is clinical disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Given the risk of hyperglycemia that can occur with Ganitumab, corticosteroids as an antiemetic is strongly discouraged and only use if medically necessary for infusion reactions. **Pre-meds are not necessary on first infusion and will only be indicated with infusion reactions. Flush line with normal saline following the completion of the infusion.**

Common Side Effects of Drug:

- Thrombocytopenia
- Fatigue
- **Infusion Reactions:** fever, chills, hypotension, tachycardia, weakness or lack of energy and strength, headache, rash.
- Fatigue
- Hyperglycemia
- Loss of Appetite

In cases of severe infusion reactions, notify the physician; the infusion should be stopped, and appropriate medical treatment should be administered such as steroids, epinephrine, bronchodilators and oxygen.

Special Considerations and Monitoring Required:

- Obtain baseline **vital signs** immediately **prior** to initiation of infusion, **15 minutes** after the start of the infusion, **30 minutes** after the start of the infusion and at the **end** of infusion as well as **1 hour** after the completion of the infusion. **Monitor for infusion reactions** and be prepared to administer emergency medications/oxygen as ordered if patient experiences a severe infusion-related reaction.
- Monitor glucose levels for the occurrence of hyperglycemia and notify physician.
- Monitor **CBC** and platelet counts as well as chemistry Panels for low blood counts and electrolyte abnormalities.

From the SCAPHON 2019 Conference Planning Chairs...
Alison Bell
Barbara Buchbinder

SAVE THE DATE!
SCAPHON'S 33rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
May 9 and 10, 2019
THE HYATT REGENCY
Mission Bay, San Diego



Coming January 2019....

SCAPHON MEMBERSHIP!

- **\$30 per year!**
- **FREE Quarterly Education Meetings!**
- **Discounts on SCAPHON Conference!**
- **Streamline SCAPHON Nomination & Election Processes!**
- **Ownership in Local Professional Organization!**

From the SCAPHON Scholarship Chair...
Kasey Rangan

Happy 2019 fellow SCAPHON members! Before you know it, our next conference will be upon us. The board is working hard to whip up another great event for all of us. I always look forward to our conference with its educational lectures, fun networking, the wine and cheese reception, the raffles. Did you know the raffle ticket sales support our scholarships?

Recently SCAPHON has launched a new and technologically improved website. One of the major improvements is the capability for the electronic submission of both our scholarship applicants and the nominations for Kathy Ruccione award. It's super easy, I promise. Just go to www.scaphon.org and click on ***scholarships & awards*** and the ability to submit scholarship application or upload a KR award nomination is on that page. Contact me if you have any questions about the new and improved process. Call me at 323 361 6053 or email me at scholarships@scaphon.org.

Now is the time to get the word out to your patients about the scholarships so they have plenty of time to submit applications they are due **April 1**. Also, keep in mind your colleagues that should be nominated for the Kathy Ruccione award. Are if you a little unsure of who should be nominated for the Kathy Ruccione award? Well let me tell you a little about her and who should be nominated.

Kathy Ruccione is the founding mother of SCAPHON. She created SCAPHON in 1982 and has been an active member of APHON for over 30 years, most recently serving as APHON president. Kathy is a pioneer in pediatric hematology-oncology, with her accomplishments and awards too numerous to list here. Basically, she is a living legend. This award was created to honor her pioneering efforts and celebrate her nurturing leadership style. We all work with a nurse(s) worthy of receiving this award. You know them by the extra effort they consistently put forth when working with their families or their exceptional teamwork and leadership that makes the work place more enjoyable. I encourage you all to take a moment and think of that amazing co-worker so deserving of this accolade and nominate them before April 15.

See you in May-

Kasey Rangan, your scholarship chair

From the Community Service Project Chair
Danielle Mucker



Thank you to all who participated in the December Community Service Project, supporting Six Points for Kids and the deputies of the Theo Lacy jail facility to host a holiday party at the Orangewood Children & Family Center. Our gifts allowed the deputies to collect money to purchase a bounce house and to make a cash donation of \$3,500. Six Points for Kids, the deputies and all the staff and children at OCFC were incredibly thankful for all the donations.



At this year's SCAPHON Conference, we will be supporting Together We Rise. Together We Rise is a non-profit organization comprised of young adults and former foster youth whose vision is to improve the lives of children in foster care. Their mission is dedicated to transforming the way youth navigate through the foster care system in America. They work with hundreds of local foster agencies, social workers and CASA advocates to provide foster youth with college supplies, sweet cases and teen duffel bags so that children are not traveling from home to home with their belongings in a trash bag.

This year we will be donating items to be included in the sweet cases and teen duffel bags:

- Books*
- Socks*
- Reusable Water Bottles*
- Toiletries*
- Toys*
- Clothing,*
- Flashlights*
- Pillow Cases*

All items must be new, non-edible, and non-religious.

Thank you for your support, and we cannot wait to see you at this year's conference!



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2019 SCAPHON Poster Presentation Application Form and Submission Guidelines

We would like to invite SCAPHON members and SCAPHON conference attendees to share their work at the 2019 Annual SCAPHON Conference through Poster Presentation. There will be no Credit Units offered for viewing these education posters.

***All poster abstracts must have already been submitted/approved for viewing at APHON/COG/ONS or other professional conference.**

A) Deadline for receipt of Poster Presentation Application is April 15, 2019.

B) To Apply (Please Print or Type):

1. Complete the Poster Presentation Application.
2. Complete Poster Abstract. Attach CV or Bio Sketch of Primary Author or Presenting Author. (Presenting Author need not be the Primary, but must be able to speak to the entire poster).
3. Return to:

Debi Mankame, MSN, RN, CPON
17765 Montezuma Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Or as email attachment (preferred) to dmankame@choc.org

C) Poster Presenters will be notified of the SCAPHON Board decision no later than April 22, 2019.

Accepted Poster Presenter must confirm participation by April 30, 2019.

For questions, please email dmankame@choc.org or call (714) 856-1649

POSTER APPLICATION FORM

Title:

Primary or Presenting Author: (Presenting Author need not be the Primary, but must be able to speak to the entire poster).

First Name	MI	Last Name	Degree
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Institution Affiliation:

Poster Approved for Presentation at APHON COG ONS Other: _____

Mailing Address:

Best Contact – Telephone and/or Email:

Additional Authors:

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2019



RULES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Expenses associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the presenter(s) (ex. Conference Registration, Airfare, and Lodging)

Submission of an Abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present if accepted.

The primary presenter must be a current member of and register at the SCAPHON Conference. Other presenters do not have to be a member of APHON or SCAPHON, but must register for the SCAPHON conference if attending.

ABSTRACT TITLE

AUTHOR NAME(S)

ABSTRACT TEXT

Background:

Objective:

Methods:

Results:

Implications for Practice:

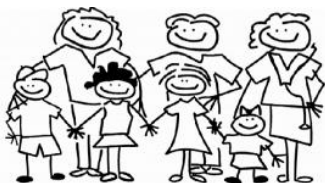
PRESENTATION

Guidelines for poster presentation will be provided to authors of accepted abstracts.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2019



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*cordially invites you to attend our
Quarterly Dinner Meeting and Educational Forum*

“Cardiac Disease in Beta Thalassemia”

By: Geoff Minet.
West Coast Manager for ApoPharma.

SPONSORED by
ApoPharma Inc.

**March 12, 2019
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. Understand the shift in thinking regarding the importance of cardiac iron overload in Beta Thalassemia patients.
2. Recognize the validation of MRI T2* to measure cardiac iron deposition
3. Acknowledge that clinical data confirms the most effective iron chelator for the removal of cardiac iron deposition.

**For more information, contact:
Jill Stites: jstites@choc.org
Quarterly Program Planner**

SCAPHON Quarterly Meeting Registration Form

Registration Deadline: March 5, 2019

Yes! I will be attending the SCAPHON Quarterly Dinner Meeting and Educational Forum
At 6:30 pm on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019** at the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley

Name: _____ Menu selection: Vegetarian Meat Gluten Free

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ APHON Member: Yes No

Institution: _____ RN License # _____

Please return this registration form by **March 5, 2019**
Enclose registration fee of \$25 payable to SCAPHON (\$30 if postmarked after **March 5, 2019**)

Mail to:
Jill Stites
10942 Cherry Hill Drive
Santa Ana, Ca 92705

OR

Online Registration
<http://www.scaphon.org/quarterly-lecture/>



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Santa Ana, Ca 92705



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**THE HYATT
REGENCY Mission
Bay, San Diego**

**SCAPHON now has a page on Facebook!
"Like" us to get updates on the events of
our local chapter!**

Note: If you no longer wish to receive the *SCAPHON Scoop* and wish to be removed from the mailing list, please contact Anne Nord @ website@SCAPHON.org