



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



SCAPHON SCOOP

"True leadership lies in guiding others to success--in ensuring that everyone is performing at their best, doing the work they are pledged to do and doing it well."

Hello SCAPHON Members,



I want to first wish all of you a Happy New Year. It does not seem possible that we are now entering 2017. This is truly a time to reflect on the past and think about the future. I hope that all of you have been able to take some time to appreciate your special memories and professional accomplishments of the past year as you now journey into our new year-2017. Thank you all for your contributions to SCAPHON and I look forward to serving as your SCAPHON President for another year.

Your SCAPHON Board is busy planning our 2017 Annual Conference. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Mission Bay in San Diego on May 11-12, 2017. The theme for this year's event is *Mission: Care, Cure, Connect*. The speakers that we have confirmed for the conference will cover topics asked by our membership and provide them with valuable knowledge to care for our patients in a time of innovative treatments. We also are securing a variety of exhibitors who can share their products and education material with you. So please mark your calendars and know that you will be receiving brochures in early March as well as being able to view and register on line utilizing our newly designed web site. For those of you planning to attend the conference and have presented an education poster at a professional conference in the past 2 years, we would be thrilled to review your submitted education proposal for presentation at our May conference. The submission information and application can be found in this issue of the SCOOP.

As a reminder, please save the date of APHON's 41st Annual Conference and Exhibit which will take place at the Palm Springs' Convention Center in Palm Springs, California on August 17-19, 2017.

I hope you will also join us for our March Quarterly Education meeting at the Claim Jumper on March 14, 2017. Novartis will be sponsoring the education program and I am sure you will have a great time networking as well as enjoying the planned presentation.

So I hope I will see you at the Quarterly Education Event in March as well as our May Conference in San Diego. I encourage all of you to get involved in SCAPHON! **Remember:** *Today is Your Day! Your Mountain is Waiting, SoGet on Your Way to Great Opportunities!*

Sincerely,

Sharon Bergeron

Opportunities for Professional Growth



APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Course

13.75 Contact Hours
Pediatric Chemo/Biotherapy Provider Card

**CHOC Children's
April 17-19, 2017**

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!

*Email our Webmaster with changes to your
profile*



ASSOCIATION of PEDIATRIC
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY NURSES

APHON's 41st Annual Conference & Exhibit August 17 – 19, 2017

[Palm Springs Convention Center](#)

[Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel](#)

<http://www.aphon.org/conference/>



APHON Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse Review Course

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Time: 8:00am – 4:30pm

Instructor: Karla Wilson, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CPON
The Innovation Institute, Newport Beach

Lunch will be provided and CEU's will be offered
Non-CHOC attendee registration options include:

- \$125 class registration only
- \$215 (includes APHON Essentials Book-
\$25 savings)

Spots are limited.

Deadline to register is February 10, 2017.

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



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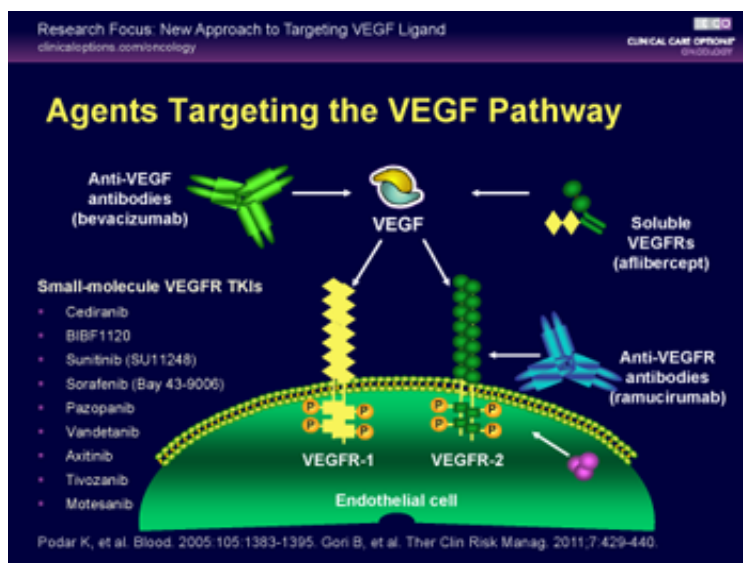


Education Corner

Sharon Bergeron, RN, BSN, CPON, Research Educator,
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Testing a Novel Monoclonal Antibody, Ramucirumab, for the Treatment of Selected, Relapsed and Refractory Solid Tumors

Ramucirumab is a recombinant, fully human monoclonal antibody developed for the treatment of solid tumors and it is directed against the human vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 (VEGFR2) with anti-angiogenesis activity. Ramucirumab specifically binds to and inhibits VEGFR2, which may result in an inhibition of tumor angiogenesis (growth of new blood vessels to feed the cancer cell) and a decrease in tumor nutrient supply. (*See diagram below*). Preclinical studies have shown that Ramucirumab is efficacious as either a single agent or in combination with doxorubicin across a series of pediatric xenograft sarcoma models including synovial carcinoma, osteosarcoma, Ewings and neuroblastoma. This agent is FDA approved to treat patients with advanced gastric or gastro-oesophageal junction adenocarcinoma.



How is the Drug Administered to the Patient?

Ramucirumab is given as an intravenous (IV) infusion over 60 minutes. The starting dose for this pediatric phase 1 trial, ADVL1416, will be **8mg/kg/dose**. **The agent will be administered on Day 1, 15, and 29 of each cycle.** Patients will continue to receive up to 8 cycles of therapy unless the patient has disease progression or unacceptable dose limiting toxicity. Due to the increased risk for infusion reactions, patients are pre-medicated 30 minutes before the infusion with Benadryl IV.

This **agent is incompatible in dextrose containing solutions** and do not mix with or infuse in the same IV line with electrolytes or other medications. Infuse the agent using 0.22 micron protein sparing filter and flush the line with NS after the infusion is complete.

Common Side Effects of Drug:

- **Infusion-Related Reactions** (fever, nausea, hypotension, tachycardia, headache, rash, respiratory distress). Slowing down the infusion may be necessary to assist with this type of a reaction.
- **Abdominal Pain**
- **Hypertension**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Nosebleed**
- **Proteinuria that could then result in kidney damage**
- **Wound healing complications**-agent can slow down or impairs/prevents wound healing
- **Arterial thromboembolic events/blood clots**
- **GI perforation**
- **Serious bleeding**

Special Considerations and Monitoring Required:

- Obtain baseline vital signs immediately prior to initiation of infusion and every 15 minutes **during the one hour infusion**. Monitor closely for hypotension, fever, tachycardia which could indicate infusion-related reaction. Monitor patients for one hour following the completion of the agent. Administer pre-medications as ordered to assist with infusion reactions. Be prepared to administer emergency medications/oxygen as ordered if patient experiences a severe infusion-related reaction.
- No planned surgery or abdominal/pelvic radiation therapy within 28 days of Ramucirumab administration.
- Monitor for hypertension and bleeding post infusion of drug and between courses of drug therapy.
- Monitor urine for protein



From the SCAPHON Scholarship Chair...
Kasey Rangan

Happy 2017 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 supports our scholarships?

This year SCAPHON has launched a new and technologically improved website. One of the major improvements this year 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 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 team-work 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



Community Service Project 2017
Jill Stites, Chair

This year's community service project will support **Stand Up For Kids**.

This is a non-profit organization whose core mission is to end the cycle of youth (ages 12-24 years) homelessness. Trained counselors find, stabilize and assist homeless and at-risk kids in attaining productive and fulfilling lives off the streets. The focus is on prevention, outreach support, connecting young people to transitional housing, and offering an array of resources and services to youth on their journey to self-sufficient adulthood.

The greatest need they have now is school supplies for middle school and high school students.

- ❖ paper
- ❖ pencils
- ❖ pencil sharpeners
- ❖ pens
- ❖ markers
- ❖ notebooks
- ❖ staplers
- ❖ rulers
- ❖ backpacks (middle school and high school)



Please bring your donations to the Community service table at the conference.

Thank you for your support.

Save the Date



May 11th and 12th, 2017
SCAPHON Annual Conference
Mission: Care, Cure, Connect

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay
San Diego, CA

Your mission: Come join friends and colleagues for another stellar conference in beautiful San Diego! Our speakers are out of this world and will be covering a wide variety of topics in pediatric oncology, hematology, and stem cell transplant. Come connect and relax with your colleagues at our Thursday evening reception and Friday luncheon. As always, we have a lot of excellent raffle prizes! Hope to see you there, we are sure you will have a blast!!!

Alison Bell,
Conference Planning Chair



2017 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 2017 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 7, 2017.

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 14, 2017.

Accepted Poster Presenter must confirm participation by April 21, 2017.

For questions, please email dmanakme@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 7, 2017

***If we do not receive at least 6 posters we will cancel the presentation



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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 7, 2017



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**Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
Southern California Chapter**

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

A Second-Line Treatment Option for Pediatric Patients
>= 1 Year of Age With Chronic ITP

To be presented by *Novartis*

**March 14th, 2017
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:*

Learning objectives:

1. Participants will be able to define chronic ITP and the complications associated with the diagnosis.
2. Participants will be able to discuss therapies used for chronic ITP treatment.
3. Participants will be able to recognize the side effects associated with chronic ITP therapies

For more information, contact:

**Donna Quiroz
Quarterly Program Planner
Dquiroz@chla.usc.edu**

**SCAPHON Quarterly Meeting Registration Form
Registration Deadline: March 7, 2017**

Yes! I will be attending the SCAPHON Quarterly Dinner Meeting and Educational Forum
At 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 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 7, 2017

Enclose registration fee of \$25 payable to SCAPHON (\$30 if postmarked after March 7, 2017)

Mail to:

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22334 Harbor Ridge Ln., #4
Torrance, CA 90502**



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SAVE THE DATE!

**SCAPHON'S 31st
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
May 11-12, 2017**

**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 @ ANord@chla.usc.edu or mail notice to 2433 Bywood Drive, Glendale, CA 91206