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*The new dawn blooms as we free it
 For there is always light,
 if only we're brave enough to see it
 If only we're brave enough to be it-Amanda Gorman*

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by, that last year when I wrote my Scoop article for the New Year, it was the start of a new decade, filled with the promise of so many exciting possibilities for the future and wonder about opportunities that might present themselves. Little did we know then that the year would be like no other. We have suffered, along with many others, through a global pandemic, uncertain economy, civil unrest, and the effects of global warming. However, when I watched Amanda Gorman, the youngest poet laureate ever, recite her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the inauguration with such passion and conviction, hope for our future bloomed within me. For if she is a representation of our future, and what the next generation can bring to us, we can see light at the end of the dark tunnel.

Watching the flags waving at the Inauguration, representing so many souls, moved me to tears to finally see acknowledgement of those who have been lost. Seeing Kamala Harris, the first woman of Black and South Asia descent, be sworn in as Vice President inspired me. It brought me hope, that with the diverse cabinet of the new president that our country can heal, and we can begin the process of unification and overcoming Covid-19. We are a country of diverse people, but we can respect each other's points of view and be kind while agreeing to disagree.

The SCAPHON board is working diligently to continue to uphold our purpose of providing our members with the opportunity for education and networking during this time of isolation. We recently sent out a survey regarding the upcoming June conference. We value your feedback and want to thank you for all who responded. This has assisted us in moving forward with making the decision have a virtual conference. While we realize many of our members will have received the COVID vaccine, we want to ensure we are reaching as many of our members as possible, that our members can safely attend if we decide on an in person conference and whether our members are being reimbursed for continuing education.

My hope for our SCAPHON members as this new year unfolds, is that we will start to heal from the trauma of this past year, that whatever challenges that you have faced in this past year will be behind you, and that there is light, peace, love and harmony in all our futures and that we will be able to meet again in person soon.

Sincerely,
 Lynn Schubert, BSN, RNC, CPON
 President



SCAPHON SCOOP

Opportunities for Professional Growth



NEW NCCN GUIDELINES FOR PEDIATRIC CANCERS: A WEBINAR SERIES

The NCCN Pediatric Webinar Series provides a forum for a multidisciplinary team of experts to review the clinical considerations and patient circumstances that influence how to effectively apply appropriate standard of care and specific recommendations in the NCCN Guidelines to optimize management of pediatric patients with various cancer types.

Multidisciplinary Management of Wilms Tumor (Nephroblastoma)

Friday, February 19, 2021 10:30-11:30 AM EST

<https://education.nccn.org/pediatric-cancers>



Make sure you are up-to-date on trends and best practices to help your patients and their families.

- 10 CNE per year (Included in APHON Membership)
- Self-Paced Online Courses
- Online Journal Articles
- Live Events (Webinars, Virtual Conferences)
- Educational Activities
- Maintained Transcripts of All Learning Activities
- Exams and Evaluations to Earn CNE
- Catalog of Educational Content
- Quickly Access CNE Certificates
- One Convenient Location

Visit APHON's ACE Center for
Continuing Education

<https://aphon.org/education/pediatric-hematology-oncology-education>

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!

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44th Annual Conference & Exhibit:
A Virtual Experience

Educational content will be accessible on-demand through

December 31, 2020

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

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Utilizing a Unique Monoclonal Antibody, Daratumumab in Children, Adolescents and Young Adults with Relapsed or Refractory T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

Daratumumab is a human monoclonal antibody that targets and attacks tumor cells that overexpress CD38, a glycoprotein that is seen in a variety of hematological malignancies including multiple myeloma. The prognosis for patients with relapsed or refractory T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (T-ALL) is dismal which is why novel drugs are clearly needed. One of the most promising emerging therapeutic strategies for cancer treatment is targeted immunotherapy. Immune therapies have improved outcomes for patients with B-cell ALL; however, no immune therapy has been successfully developed for T-ALL. T-cell ALL has a robust surface CD38 surface antigen marker so targeting this marker with Daratumumab may be effective therapy in the treatment of relapsed T-cell ALL. This agent was highly efficacious in mouse models with T-cell ALL. As a result, Daratumumab is now being combined with a less intensive 4 drug induction regimen of prednisone, vincristine, doxorubicin and PEG-asparaginase as to provide therapeutic benefit to patients with relapsed/refractory T-cell ALL. Daratumumab is currently utilized in the treatment of adult patients with multiple myeloma.

Daratumumab is given as an IV infusion which is titrated over several hours (4-6 hours depending on patient tolerance). The dose is 16 mg/kg IV weekly for 4 doses on Days 1, 8, 15, 22 of a 28-day cycle of therapy. The agent must be filtered by using an inline filter (0.2µM) and is administered prior to the scheduled 4 drug induction chemotherapy (prednisone, doxorubicin, vincristine and PEG-asparaginase). Scheduled IT therapy will be given prior to starting the Daratumumab infusion. This agent is light sensitive so protect from light. Daratumumab is mixed in normal saline IV solution and is stable for 15 hours, once it is made by the pharmacy. The bag and will come with a dry spike and will need to be connected to regular tubing-not low sorb tubing as to complete the priming of this agent prior to administration to the patient.

Due to the increased risk of infusion-related reactions, pre-medications are necessary and will include Tylenol, Benadryl and methylprednisolone **one hour** prior to the administration of Daratumumab. **On Daratumumab dosing days, substitute methylprednisolone pre-med for doses of prednisone 40 mg/m2. Infusion reactions are common with this agent and can be serious. Most patients, if they react, will react to the first dose, much less common in second and subsequent doses.** For patients with a higher risk of respiratory complications post-infusion medications may be indicated and utilized (Benadryl or montelukast).

Common Side Effects of Drug:

- **Infusion Reactions:** fever, chills, hypotension, tachycardia, weakness or lack of energy and strength, headache, rash, throat tightness.

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.

- Nausea and Vomiting
- Abdominal pain, diarrhea
- Neutropenia
- Thrombocytopenia
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Back pain and muscle spasms

Special Considerations and Monitoring Required:

- Obtain baseline **vital signs** immediately **prior** to initiation of infusion, then **15 minutes, 30 minutes, one hour, 1.5 hours, 2 hours and 3.5 hours after the start of the infusion. Obtain vital signs at the end of the infusion, at 30 minutes and 1- hour post infusion. Monitor for infusion reactions** and be prepared to administer emergency medications/oxygen as ordered if patient experiences a severe infusion-related reaction, especially with the first dose of **Daratumomab**.
- If patients have high tumor burden, monitor for signs and symptoms of tumor lysis syndrome especially with the first dose of **Daratumomab**.
- Monitor Chemistry Panels for Tumor Lysis Syndrome symptoms.

Monitor CBC with diff and platelet counts for neutropenia and thrombocytopenia

From the SCAPHON 2021 Conference Planning Chair...
Alison Bell

SAVE THE DATE!!!
SCAPHON Proudly Presents:
CHEER! LEAD! WIN!

The 34th Regional **VIRTUAL** Conference
on Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nursing
July 8th & 9th, 2021



Not able to attend? No problem!
Session recordings will be available through August 6th.

Have you renewed your SCAPHON Membership?



The SCAPHON board is working to ensure that we are able to safely host quarterly lectures via zoom.

Don't forget that your membership includes:

- 3 Quarterly Educational Dinners (1.0 CEU each)
- Discounted Conference Registration
- The SCAPHON SCOOP
- The ability to vote for our board.

Please see the link below to complete your registration

<http://www.scaphon.org/membership/>

Please contact **Christine Yun @cyun@choc.org** if you have any questions



Upcoming Open Board Positions!

Please
Consider
Applying for a
Position!



**Positions Up for Nominations This Year.
You must be a SCAPHON member to apply.**

Conference Planning Chair

Requirements: 3-year term (1-year as past chair). Must have served at least one term on a SCAPHON committee position to apply for this position.

The Conference Planning Chair will plan and execute the annual conference (including delegating, communicating with hotel, helping create the theme for the conference, and ensuring that all conference details are taken care of) with a committee of assistants to assist with conference tasks.

Secretary

Requirements: 2-year term. Must have served at least one term on a SCAPHON committee position to apply for this position.

The Secretary will keep all records, paper, and resource materials of the chapter, will take and keep minutes of all meeting, will draft and disseminate all information and notices as required by the by-laws of the chapter.

Scholarships/Awards Chair

Requirements: 2-year term. No previous SCAPHON experience required for this position.

The Scholarship/Awards Chair will oversee the scholarship program (including advertising and collecting scholarship/award applications, communicating with all applicants, forming a small committee to review all applications, and coordinating winners' attendance at the annual conference).

Applications for these open positions will be available on the SCAPHON website: <http://www.scaphon.org> under the "BOARD" tab starting April 1st, 2021.

For any questions, please feel free to reach out to Erin Benekos at erin.benekos@choc.org or Christine Yun at cyun@choc.org.

From the Scholarship Chair...
Barbara Buchbinder

As we welcome 2021, your board is working hard to put on another great annual conference for us all. Last year, SCAPHON had to cancel its yearly conference due to restrictions related to the current pandemic. We have all learned from this and are working hard to ensure that we can have a great meeting this year; in person or virtual. We were incredibly lucky last year to still be able to award 6 scholarships to our amazing patients despite not being able to host our annual conference. Your support of SCAPHON and our raffles assisted us in being able to honor them. We look forward to another great year of continuing to be able to support and give back to our patients.

Electronic submission of both our scholarship applications and the nominations for the Kathy Ruccione award can be completed on the SCAPHON website. It's super easy. 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 all there on that page. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the process. Call me at 626-390-8280 or email me at scholarships@scaphon.org.

Now is the time to spread the word to all your patients about the scholarships so they have plenty of time to submit applications. Application deadline is **April 15**. Also, please start thinking about your colleagues that should be nominated for the ***Kathy Ruccione*** award. If you are unsure of who should be nominated for the Kathy Ruccione award, below is 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. Kathy is a pioneer in pediatric hematology-oncology, with her accomplishments and awards too numerous to list here. 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.

Community Service Project 2021
Danielle Mucker, Chair



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Thank you all for your participation in this year's Holiday Community Service Event! We were able to support one of our own Hematology/Oncology nurses who had to travel out of state to participate in a clinical trial. Our donations eased the financial burden of the holiday season and brought joy to her two young children. Here is the note from the family:

Dear SCAPHON members,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the love you showed myself and my family over the holiday season. It was something unexpected and truly shows how we come together as an organization to support each other. It brought smiles to my kids faces every time a package arrived. It is very difficult to be away from your home for 2 months, living in a one bedroom condo with 4 people in a city you don't know; however, your kindness made our holiday celebration so much better and made it feel a little bit more like home. I look forward to being able to give back to the next deserving family who needs help during difficult times. Thank you all again!!! I couldn't ask for a better group of people to call my colleagues.

Forever Grateful,

Your SCAPHON Colleague

We would like to continue to show support for our peers in need and would like to keep nominations open so that we may support other nurses who may be experiencing a hard time due to COVID-19 or other circumstance. If you would like to nominate a nurse please send the information below in an email to dmucker@choc.org.

Name of Nominator, hospital and contact information

Name of Nominee, hospital and contact information

Reason for nomination

Number of family members and age of each member

As always, we are looking for COVID-19 safe ways to support our local community. If you know of any opportunities for volunteering, please contact Danielle Mucker at dmucker@choc.org.



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

"NF1 & Selumetinib Overview"

PRESENTED by:
Lavinia Dobrea MS, RN
Oncology Clinical Science Liaison

with



Tuesday, March 9, 2021
at
06:30 PM Pacific Time

*Meeting to be
conducted virtually.*

IMPORTANT:

Link to join meeting
will be emailed by Ashley Villalobos
on March 3, 2021 to those that
register.

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

Learning Objectives:

1. Have an increased knowledge about NF1 condition
2. Have an increased knowledge about rational for MEK inhibitor use in NF1-PN
3. Have an increased knowledge about Selumetinib efficacy and safety profile



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Quarterly Program Planner

SCAPHON Quarterly Meeting

Registration Deadline: March 2, 2021

SCAPHON 2019-2021 Members: Quarterly Meeting is FREE

Non-Members Registration Fee: \$10.00

Online Registration ONLY

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