



Southern California Chapter

THE 39TH REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing

FUEL THE



June 4–5, 2026

Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa
Rancho Mirage, CA

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SCAPHON MEMBERSHIP

Membership Benefits

- ✓ 3 Educational Dinners (1 CEU each; \$105 value)
- ✓ Conference Registration Discount
- ✓ Board Eligibility
- ✓ Annual Voting Privileges

Membership Dues

\$40/year • \$75/2 years

Membership Term: January 1–December 31 (not prorated)

Membership Requirements

Must be an active APHON member

Must reside in Southern California

Membership must be active prior to the conference registration deadline to receive the member discount.

www.scaphon.org/membership/

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



School on Wheels

School on Wheels was founded in 1993 by Agnes Stevens, a retired schoolteacher. The organization's mission is to expand educational opportunities for children experiencing homelessness from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Its goal is to reduce learning gaps and ensure that every child has access to the highest quality education possible. Each student served receives a new backpack filled with essential school supplies. Every year, School on Wheels provides more than 5,000 students with the resources and support they need to succeed in school.

How You Can Help

Bring new school supplies or backpacks to the conference

OR

Scan the Amazon QR code to purchase items directly from the wish list



SUPPORTERS & EXHIBITORS

SCAPHON gratefully acknowledges the generous support of our conference exhibitors. Their commitment helps advance pediatric hematology/oncology nursing education and supports the continued professional development of our nursing community.

Please visit the exhibit hall and connect with our valued exhibitors throughout the conference.

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Conference Location

📍 41000 Bob Hope Drive

Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

☎ 800-843-6664

Hotel Accommodations

Reserved exclusively for conference attendees

Rate: \$194 per night + \$10 resort fee

Includes: Complimentary self-parking and guest room internet

Reservation Deadline: May 11, 2026

Group Rate Dates: May 31-June 9, 2026

Reservation Information

Scan the QR code to reserve your room

Group Code: 060326SCAPHONAN



CONFERENCE FACULTY

Michelle Apostol, DNP, APRN, CNS, ACCNS-P, CPHON

Clinical Nurse Specialist

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Rima Jubran, MD, MPH, MACM, Designated Institutional Official

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Elizabeth Torok, MSN, RN, CPNP

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City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center

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Autologous BMT Coordinator/MIBG Coordinator

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Jennifer Yu, MD

Professor of Clinical Pediatrics

Fellowship Program Co-Director, Pediatric Hematology Oncology

Medical Director, Comprehensive Thalassemia Program

Division of Pediatric Hematology Oncology

Rady Children's Hospital San Diego

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the care needs of children, adolescents, and young adults with hematologic or oncologic disorders, including evidence-based practices that support safe and effective nursing care across the care continuum.
2. Apply effective symptom management strategies to assess, monitor, and respond to common and complex symptoms experienced by children, adolescents, and young adults with hematologic or oncologic disorders.
3. Provide holistic and supportive nursing care that addresses the physical, emotional, psychosocial, and educational needs of children, adolescents, and young adults with hematologic or oncologic disorders and their families.
4. Recognize and integrate nursing self-care and resilience strategies to promote well-being, reduce burnout, and sustain high-quality nursing care.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CA BRN Provider No. 10530
Up to 14 Contact Hours
(6 hours on Day 1 and 8 hours on Day 2)

CEUs will be awarded upon completion of each session evaluation.
Certificates will be distributed after submission of the conference evaluation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH

- 7:15 Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 Welcome/Introduction**
Christine Yun, MSN, RN, PNP, CNS, CPON
Ashley Villalobos, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC, CPHON
- 8:15 Opening Keynote Address:**
“Cancer Can’t. Love Can.”
Christopher Kuo, MD
- 9:05 “Beyond Survival: Supporting Mental Health in Childhood Cancer Survivors”**
Abby Mecham, LCSW
- 9:55 Break/Refreshments/Exhibits**
- 10:40 “Changing the Course of Thalassemia: From Novel Medications to Gene Therapy”**
Jennifer Yu, MD
- 11:25 Presentation of SCAPHON Awards and Scholarships**
Miya Villanueva, MSN, CPNP-PC, CPHON
- 11:45 Lunch on your own**
- 1:30 “GD2-Targeted Therapy Against Neuroblastoma”**
Hung C. Tran, MD
- 2:20 “Guidelines, Not Guesswork: Fueling Nursing Excellence and Consistency Through Clinical Practice Guidelines”**
Sharon Bergeron, BSN, RN, CPON
Michelle Apostol, DNP, APRN, CNS, ACCNS-P, CPHON
- 3:10 SCAPHON Business Meeting**
Christine Yun, MSN, RN, PNP, CNS, CPON
- 3:25 Break/Refreshments/Exhibits**
- 4:00 “Fueling the Future: Emerging Strategies in Pediatric Leukemia Treatment”**
Lauren Guidry, MSN, RN, CPNP, CPHON
- 4:50 Closing/Evaluations/CEUs**
Christine Yun, MSN, RN, PNP, CNS, CPON
Ashley Villalobos, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC, CPHON
- 5:00 SCAPHON Happy Hour Reception & Door Prizes**

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

- 7:15 Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 Welcome/Introduction**
Christine Yun, MSN, RN, PNP, CNS, CPON
Ashley Villalobos, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC, CPHON
- 8:10 “Iron Overload: Implications in Hematology, Oncology and HSCT Patients”**
Susan Carson, MSN, CPNP
- 9:00 “Brain Tumors: Advances in Research and Treatment”**
Muhammad Usman Baig, MD
- 9:50 Break/Refreshments/Exhibits**
- CONCURRENT SESSION #1**
10:30 “Caring for the Patient Behind the Target: Managing Side Effects in the Era of Precision Medicine”
Jody Pathare, MSN, FNP, CPHON
- OR**
“The 411 on Apheresis Collections”
Laura Vasquez, BSN, RN, CPON
- CONCURRENT SESSION #2**
11:25 “CAR T-Cell Therapy in Pediatrics: Clinical Overview and Practical Management of Treatment-Related Toxicities”
Lindsey Murphy, MD, MSCS
- OR**
“Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis: Current Understanding and Treatment Opportunities”
Rima Jubran, MD, MPH, MACM
- 12:15 Brunch/SCAPHON Raffle (must be present to win)**
- 1:45 “When Good Grafts Go Bad: Modern Management of Acute & Chronic Pediatric GVHD”**
Elizabeth Torok, MSN, RN, CPNP
- 2:35 Closing Keynote Address:**
“The Work Beyond the Chart: Emotional Labor, Intentional Connection, and Collaborative Support through Child Life-Informed Interventions”
Erin Shields, MA, CCLS
- 3:35 Closing/Raffle Grand Prizes/Evaluations**
Christine Yun, MSN, RN, PNP, CNS, CPON
Ashley Villalobos, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC, CPHON

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 26, 2026

	SCAPHON Members	APHON Members	Non-APHON Members
One Day	\$200.00	\$240.00	\$340.00
Two Days	\$300.00	\$340.00	\$440.00

How to Register

🌐 **Online Registration** Visit www.scaphon.org/conferences/

✉️ Mail-in Registration

Make check payable to **SCAPHON** and send registration form to:

SCAPHON

1439 W. Chapman Ave #369
Orange, CA 92868

Registration Includes:

- ✓ Syllabus
- ✓ Breakfast and Refreshments (Days 1 & 2)
- ✓ Reception (Day 1)
- ✓ Brunch (Day 2)

Registration Fees & Additional Charges

Online payments include a \$10 PayPal service fee.
Please add \$25 for mailed registrations postmarked after May 26, 2026.

Refund Policy: No refunds will be issued after May 26, 2026.

Your reservation is confirmed once the completed registration form and payment are received.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____
Phone # _____

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Institution / Organization _____
RN License No. _____
APHON Member Number _____
Exp. Date _____ (Must be included if paying member rate)

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration Type	Conference Attendance
<input type="checkbox"/> SCAPHON Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-Day Conference (June 4–5, 2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> APHON Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Day 1 Only – Thursday, June 4, 2026
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-APHON Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Day 2 Only – Friday, June 5, 2026

