



# APPHON/ROHPPA NEWSLETTER

Atlantic Provinces Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Network  
Réseau d'Oncologie et Hématologie Pédiatrique des Provinces  
Atlantiques

Board Executive  
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## Our Vision

*To facilitate access for Atlantic Province children and youth to comprehensive, current, effective, evidence-based hematologic/oncologic treatment delivered as close to home as safely feasible.*

## **Summer 2020**

### Board of Directors

The APPHON/ROHPPA Board of Directors would like to thank Dr. Lynette Bowes for her service on the Board of Directors. Lynette has stepped down as Chair and will continue as Past Chair for the upcoming year.

The Board would like to extend a warm welcome and thank you to Holly Morrison as incoming Chair, as well as Dr. Heidi Budden for assuming the role of Vice-Chair, both effective as of June 25, 2020.

### 2020 Conference - Going Virtual

Our annual APPHON/ROHPPA Conference will be held **November 13th, 2020** and will be virtual via *GoToMeeting*. Registration will be available on our website **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. There will be no registration fees. The sessions will be recorded, (with speakers approval), and available on our website for three months post conference.

### Levels of Care Coordinator NL

Stephanie Eason has stepped down as Levels of Care Coordinator in Newfoundland/Labrador. The Board wishes to extend their appreciation to Stephanie for her dedication to APPHON/ROHPPA over the past ten years. We wish Stephanie every success in her new role as the Provincial Pediatric Nursing Coordinator in Newfoundland/Labrador.

APPHON/ROHPPA will be looking to fill this vacant position in the Fall 2020.

### Educational Webinars

Our first educational webinar presentation will be offered live via *GoToMeeting*, **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 - 1:15pm**. IWK Nurse Practitioner, **Marge Ancliffe** will present ***General Pediatric Assessment***. The session will be recorded and available on our website for three months. An invitation will be extended via email prior to the session. If you would like your name to be added to our distribution list, please email [schoel.strang@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:schoel.strang@iwk.nshealth.ca)

## **COVID-19 Up-Date from the IWK**

The IWK continues to re-integrate clinical services. This has been made possible with the opening of the Maritime bubble.

We remain committed to the safety of our patients and staff and anticipate that telemedicine using video or telephone visits will become a permanent part of the fabric of care. We thank all of our regional partners in helping support closer to home care for so many of our patients during these unsettled times.

The APPHON and IWK websites continue to have resources posted related to COVID-19 that may be of assistance to you and your patients during visits to the IWK.

Restrictions remain in place related to the number of care providers who may accompany a patient into the hospital and the need for screening pre-visit and on hospital entry.

We are preparing contingency plans for a second wave and will update you in the event that IWK services are impacted again in the future.

Conrad Fernandez, MD, FRCPC  
Hematologist/Oncologist, IWK  
APPHON/ROHPPA Board of Directors

## **IWK Welcomes New Oncologist & Fellow**

The IWK is pleased to welcome to their team Oncologist, Dr. Stephanie Villeneuve, and Oncology Fellow Dr. Meghan Pike, starting in July. Dr. Bilal Marwa, Oncology Fellow, is starting his second year with the IWK!



### **Oncologist: Dr. Stephanie Villeneuve**

Stephanie Villeneuve joined the IWK Health Centre as a Paediatric Haematologist/Oncologist in July 2020. She moved to Halifax from Toronto where she completed her fellowship in Haematology/Oncology at The Hospital for Sick Children. She has a strong interest in the care of patients with leukemia. She grew up in Manitoba where she completed her undergraduate degrees at the University of Winnipeg in both Neuropsychology and Art History. She subsequently attended medical school and completed her residency in Paediatrics at the University of Manitoba.

Stephanie moved to Halifax with her husband Ivan and their dog Juno. Ivan is a musician (a drummer to be specific), history enthusiast, and Apple Genius. Outside of work, Stephanie and Ivan spends their time travelling,

spending time with friends and family, trying new restaurants, attending local music events, and trying to get out of the city to go hiking and canoeing. Together they are so happy to be on the East Coast and look forward to exploring Nova Scotia! Stephanie is so grateful to be joining the team at IWK. She looks forward to collaborating with all of you to care for the children in the Maritimes.



**Fellow: Dr. Meghan Pike**

Meghan Pike is so excited to be starting her first year of subspecialty training in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the IWK Health Centre! She is originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba but has lived in Nova Scotia for over a decade. She received her Medical Degree from Dalhousie University in 2017 and recently completed her Pediatrics residency at the IWK, where she served as Co-Chief Resident for the Pediatric program. Meghan has research interests in the use of therapeutic drug monitoring for chemotherapy, quality of life for adolescents with heavy menstrual bleeding and medical education.

Meghan lives in Halifax with her husband, Keith, who owns a local business (*Oh My Sole! Footwear and Orthotics*). When not at the hospital, Meghan loves to travel, try new foods,

make gourmet charcuterie boards, read fiction and visit the beach.

Meghan is looking forward to her subspecialty training at the IWK as hematology/oncology is her true passion in medicine. She is excited to meet many of you and to work together to create a better life for children living with cancer and blood diseases.

**Upcoming APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Provider Course**

The next APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Provider Course will be offered **September 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at the IWK Health Centre. The registration deadline is **August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

For more information and registration please visit our APPHON/ROHPPA website at: <http://www.apphon-rohppa.com/en/system/files/u5/APHON%20brochure%20April%202020.pdf>

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