



APPHON/ROHPPA NEWSLETTER

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

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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

Winter 2019

Save the Date - 2019 Conference

Our annual APPHON/ROHPPA Conference will be held **May 9, 10 and 11, 2019**. This year's theme is "**Barriers to Access to Care**". We will also provide up-dates on current guidelines and practices. Dalhousie University bio-ethicist, Christy Simpson, will present on the ethics of social media. A complete agenda will follow. The registration deadline is **April 5th**. Visit www.apphon-rohppa.com to download the registration form. Stay tuned for more information.

IWK Welcomes New NP

We are delighted to welcome **Marge Ancliffe**, Nurse Practitioner, to the IWK.

Marge comes to us from London Children's Hospital where she practiced as a Nurse Practitioner with the Pediatric Complex Care Program where she was heavily involved in NP-led clinics and establishing satellite clinics in remote areas of Northern Ontario. Prior to that, she was the first Nurse Practitioner in the Transitional and Lifelong Care Program at St. Joseph's

Health Care in London, ON. Marge enjoyed establishing the Nurse Practitioner role and program development in this unique clinic for youth and adults with childhood-onset illnesses.

Originally from Cape Breton, Marge is excited to return to the Maritimes and to the IWK where she initially began her nursing career as a Registered Nurse on the Pediatric Medical Unit in 2008.

Dr. Conrad Fernandez & Elizabeth Schurman



Marge Ancliffe, NP

Upcoming APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Provider Course

The APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Provider Course will be offered on **April 24 and 25, 2019** at the IWK Health Centre. The registration deadline is **March 1st**.

For more information visit our APPHON/ROHPPA website at: <http://www.apphon-rohppa.com/en/news-events/event/aphon-pediatric-chemotherapy-and-biotherapy-provider-course>

Guidelines/Website

UPDATES to existing guidelines include the **Nutrition Algorithm**, now available on our web-site <https://www.apphon-rohppa.com/en/system/files/u5/nutrition%20algorithm%20May%202004%20revision%20updated%20sept%202018.pdf>.

Links to resources for **Sexually Mature Youth** have also been added to our website.

The Guideline Committee has agreed to endorse the **POGO Fatigue Guideline**, and is developing a list of recommendations. It will be posted on our website in the near future. **Guidelines for Varicella Zoster/Herpes Zoster in Immunocompromised Children** and **Guidelines for Vaccination in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Patients** will be completed and put on the website in the spring.

Stay tuned for recent updates on the **Tumor Lysis Syndrome** algorithm as we will be distributing it along with NEW

ITP and Iron Deficiency Anemia algorithms for external review in the coming weeks.

Faxing to the IWK

A reminder to all who fax bloodwork directly to the IWK. Please ensure it is faxed to both **Pharmacy at (902) 470-6701** and **Nursing at (902) 470-7208**. This will help improve efficiency for chemotherapy orders.

Pediatricians Wanted!

The Guideline Committee is seeking volunteer pediatricians to be corresponding members to assist with determining priorities and scopes of guidelines. For those interested, please contact Carol at carol.digout@iwk.nshealth.ca

Dr. Jack Hand Education Fund

Congratulations to **Maureen Hutchinson** IWK RN, recipient of 2018's Jack Hand Award. Maureen attended the APHON Conference in Savannah, Georgia this past September. The deadline for this year's funding request is **June 30, 2019**. The application can be found at www.apphon-rohppa.com

Levels-of-Care Site Visits

We had a busy fall conducting several Levels-of-Care site visits to **Chaleur Regional Hospital** in Bathurst, **Saint John Regional**, **Campbellton Regional Hospital**, **Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital** in Fredericton, and **Miramichi Regional Hospital**. Thank you to everyone at their respective sites for your assistance with planning and executing these visits. It was wonderful to see everyone, and the great work being done in New Brunswick!