



# 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.*

### **Fall 2021**

#### **Welcome Back, Dr. Fernandez!**

APPHON/ROHPPA is pleased to announce that Dr. Conrad Fernandez has returned to his position at the IWK Health Centre after a temporary leave of absence. Dr. Vicky Price will remain as interim Division Head of Hematology/Oncology until further notice.

Orders and Treat Promptly cards were emailed for review. The deadline to review, **September 28**, is fast approaching. If you have not completed the survey for clarity on these documents, don't delay. If you have not received the email, contact [schoel.strang@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:schoel.strang@iwk.nshealth.ca)

#### **Friendly Reminder: Importance of Timing of Bloodwork/Heights/Weights for IWK Chemotherapy Orders**

This is a friendly reminder that heights, weights, and relevant lab investigations etc... are to be received at IWK Health Centre **by 10:00 am**, to ensure chemotherapy orders can be signed and returned to your centers **by 2:00pm** same day.

Many thanks for your consideration.

*Vicky Price, Interim Division Head IWK Hem/Onc*

#### **Sickle Cell Review**

APPHON/ROHPPA has adopted the Can/Haem Consensus Statement on the Treatment of Sickle Cell Disease in Canada. On **September 7**, Pre-Printed

#### **2022 APPHON/ROHPPA Conference**

We have chosen the tentative dates for our Spring Bi-Annual Conference - **May 12-14, 2022**. We are currently hoping to offer a hybrid of virtual and in-person model. If anyone is aware of a conflict with a major conference scheduled for those dates, please let [carol.digout@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:carol.digout@iwk.nshealth.ca) know as soon as possible.

#### **Upcoming Educational Sessions:**

##### **September 29 Canadian Cancer Society**

September's educational session will be held on **September 29 - 12pm-1pm** via **GoToMeeting**. The presentation will focus on pediatric/AYA services available through CCS, presented by **Laura Burnett, Vice-President of**

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**Cancer Support, National Programs.** If you have not received a meeting invitation, please contact [schoel.strang@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:schoel.strang@iwk.nshealth.ca)

### **October 27 - Sickle Cell Disease**

October's educational session will be held **October 27, 12pm-1pm** via **GoToMeeting**. **Tamara MacDonald** will be presenting the new Pre-Printed Order sets and Guidelines for Sickle Cell Disease. Calendar invites will be sent out in the next week. If you do not receive one please contact, [schoel.strang@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:schoel.strang@iwk.nshealth.ca)

### **November 24<sup>th</sup> COG KidsCare Mobile APP**

The November educational session will be on the new COG KidsCare Mobile app that has become available for patients and families. The presentation will take place on November 24, 12pm-1pm via GoToMeeting. **Katrina MacDonald** will present on the app and customization by the IWK Health Centre; **Jill Mitchell** will present on customization at the Janeway Hospital. Calendar invites will be sent out in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

### **Thrombosis/Nausea and Vomiting Working Groups**

APHON/ROHPPA is forming two working groups to look at adopting/adapting a Thrombosis guideline and Nausea and Vomiting Guidelines. This will include the development of supportive materials. We are looking for a multi-disciplinary group. If anyone has an interest and would like to be involved, please contact [carol.digout@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:carol.digout@iwk.nshealth.ca)

### **APHON Biotherapy/Chemotherapy Course**

The next APHON course will be held in 2022. No dates have been confirmed at this time. If you anticipate the need to send staff in the near future, please keep an eye on our [www.apphon-rohppa.com](http://www.apphon-rohppa.com) for the next date, or email [christa.mcguirk@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:christa.mcguirk@iwk.nshealth.ca) to have your name added to the wait list.

### **2021 APHON Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Renewal Opens in October**

Current Pediatric Chemotherapy/Biotherapy providers whose status **expires on or before December 31, 2021**, will be able to renew their provider status from **October 1 - December 31, 2021**. The provider renewal program **will close at 11 pm Central Time on December 31, 2021**. More information regarding the renewal process can be found here: [Provider Renewal | APHON](#) If you are unsure when you are due for renewal, click here: [Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Directory | Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses \(aphon.org\)](#)

### **POGO - Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario Conference**

POGO will be holding their multi-disciplinary conference virtually this year, **November 18-19**. The theme is **'Advancing Care in a Post COVID World'**. Registration is open with an **early bird deadline of September 30, 2021**. Click the link below to register:

<https://event-wizard.com/pogosymposium2021/0/register>