



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 2023

2023 APPHON/ROHPPA Conference:

APPHON/ROHPPA will be hosting its annual conference this fall beginning **November 2 -4, 2023**, at the IWK.

It will be available for you to attend virtually, as well as in-person.

Over the course of the three days, we will be providing various updates on Hematological/Oncological therapies, guidelines, supportive care, as well as requested topics from members of the APPHON/ROHPPA community.

The agenda (working titles and some speakers to be confirmed) and **details are now available on our website**. Click here to see the **AGENDA** and **REGISTER**. In-person registration deadline is **October 3rd**, and the virtual registration deadline is **October 20th**.

There will be a variety of topics and discussions, and we will once again be hosting our provincial and discipline specific breakout sessions. We look forward to seeing everyone!

IWK Hematology/Oncology Division Welcomes Dr. Meghan Pike



Dr. Meghan Pike joined the Department of Pediatrics at IWK Health/Dalhousie University as a Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist in July 2023. She completed her medical degree, pediatrics residency and subspecialty training at Dalhousie University. Dr. Pike's clinical practice will include subspecialty clinic coverage in solid tumour oncology. Her research interests include patient-reported outcome measures, and the impacts of cancer treatment on reproductive and menstrual health. She is a passionate advocate for menstrual equity and in 2021, she launched an app, called

WeThrive, that can identify adolescents who have heavy menstrual bleeding.

She was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba and over the last decade has made Nova Scotia her home. She is married to Keith, and they have a sweet pug named Luca. Dr. Pike is thrilled to be joining the IWK team to advance care of pediatric patients with cancer and blood disorders.

APHON Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Provider Course:

The IWK will be holding a virtual APHON course **October 26 and 27, 2023**. The deadline for registration is **September 29, 2023**. Please see our website for the **Information and Registration Form**.

Please note, if you require a staff member to take an APHON course, it is now possible via another facility. Dates for upcoming courses can be found at **Upcoming Provider Courses | APHON**

APPHON/ROHPPA pharmacy and nursing information on BPMH/medication reconciliation:

For each child treated at your hospital we ask that a BPMH/medication reconciliation is completed by your staff and shared with the onsite pharmacists to ensure safe administration of chemotherapy. Although the chemotherapy orders are generated and directed from the pediatric oncologist at the tertiary center the supportive care medications are prescribed by various practitioners in the care of each child.

As medications may be prescribed for a child by any practitioner it is important to ensure all medications are reviewed by an onsite pharmacist for potential interaction with the chemotherapy prior to administration each visit. If you have any questions, please contact tamara.macdonald@iwk.nshealth.ca

Guideline Updates:

Click the link below for the highly anticipated presentation on **Sickle Cell/Asplenia APPHON/ROHPPA Fever Management Guideline for the Emergency Room with Tamara MacDonald** Now available at www.apphon-rohppa.com