

# APHON 2023 HEALTH POLICY AND ADVOCACY AGENDA

Promote the development of a sustainable pediatric hematology/oncology nursing workforce, capable of meeting increasingly complex healthcare demands through education, research, and best practices.

- Ensure workplace safety, including safe handling of hazardous materials.
- Promote interventions that nurture a healthy and sustainable workforce.
- Support the promotion and implementation of the Health and Medicine Division (HMD), a division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the National Academies) report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*.
- Foster a nursing workforce that reflects APHON's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) values.
- Empower nurses through ongoing education and subspecialty certification.
- Promote implementation of best practices and generation of new knowledge through research.

Promote expanded access to comprehensive care of cancer and blood disorders for children, adolescents, young adults, and their families, from diagnosis through survivorship or end-of-life.

- Eliminate barriers to innovative and emerging therapies for compassionate use.
- Promote patient- and family-centered care.
- Support efforts to address quality of life, symptom management, survivorship, and late effects.
- Ensure access to comprehensive care that is in alignment with APHON's DEI goals.
- Support holistic palliative and end-of-life care.

Support research efforts in the field of pediatric hematology/oncology that aim to expedite discovery of cures, optimize patient outcomes, and enhance quality of life.

- Ensure adequate funding for research objectives.
- Increase interprofessional opportunities for collaboration.
- Encourage quality of life and survivorship research.
- Ensure research is in alignment with APHON's DEI goals.
- Support efforts for the ethical inclusion of children in medical research.

APHON recognizes the essential role of health policy in supporting and advancing pediatric hematology/oncology nursing and improving outcomes for children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders and their families.

