

Candidate for Director at Large
Beth Savage, PhD RN CPNP CPON®



Current Position

Pediatric Advanced Practice Nurse
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
New Brunswick, NJ

APHON Membership

APHON member since 1997

Local Chapter Membership

New Jersey Chapter member since 2008

Education

PhD, 2019, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
MSN, 1999, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ
BSN, 1992, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ

Qualifications

APHON National

- Advocacy/Health Policy: Member, 2015–2018
- Nominating Committee
 - Chairperson, 2013–2014
 - Member, 2010–2013
- Steering Council: Member, 2007–2010
- Annual Conference
 - Poster Presenter: *“The influence of social determinants of health on serious infections in the hospitalized child with cancer,”* 2018
 - Poster Presenter: *“Desferasirox and Fanconi Syndrome: a case study and implications for the pediatric hematology oncology nurse,”* 2015
 - Breakout Session Presenter: *“Sickle cell research: where we have been and where we plan to go,”* 2010
 - General Session Presenter: *“Caring for the child with thalassemia: the role of the nurse,”* 2008
- Publications
 - *“Immune Thrombocytopenia Purpura: A Handbook for Families,”* 2017
 - *“Sickle Cell Disease: A Handbook for Families,”* 2014
 - *“Telephone Triage Guidelines (1st Edition),”* Co-Author, 2013
 - *“Essentials of Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nursing: A Core Curriculum (3rd Edition),”* 2008
- Awards
 - Nurse in Washing Internship Scholarship, 2015
 - Dr. Patricia Greene Leadership Award, 2013

- Family Education Award, 2010
- Writer's Award, APHON Quarterly Newsletter, 2009

APHON Local Chapter

- Long Island/Metro New York/New Jersey Chapters: Annual Meeting Presenter
 - *"Not just another patient: sickle cell emergencies,"* 2015

Other Nursing Leadership

- Professional Organizations
 - New Jersey Department of Health: Advisory Board Member, 2006–Present
 - Council on Inborn Errors of Metabolism and Newborn Screening
 - Children's Oncology Group: Advanced Practice Nurse, 2001–Present
 - Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
 - Merit Reviewer: Sickle Cell Transitions, 2017
 - Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC)
 - Chairperson, 2012–2014
 - CPHON® Passing Score, 2013–2014
 - CPHON® Role Delineation, 2012–2014
 - CPHON® Test Development, 2009–2014

Candidate Statement

I am excited for the opportunity to serve as a member of the APHON Board in the role of Director-at-Large. My first national position with APHON was membership on the Steering Council. This was my introduction to the functions and responsibilities of Board members and I quickly came to realize that APHON is a cooperative organization with a grassroots history and a visionary future. My service to the organization moved from there to the Nominating Committee. It was in the role of chairperson that I came to appreciate the full scope of the responsibilities of the Director-at-Large position and I am fully cognizant of what the job entails. Most recently, I served as a member of the Legislative and Policy Committee, which I joined in the initial stages and was fortunate enough to watch an idea formulate into an important component of APHON's far-reaching organizational goals. Parallel to my committee membership, I have contributed to our organization's publications including the Family Guide series, our Foundations courses, and the APHON counts newsletter. I also have presented on hematology subjects at both the local chapter and national organization level. My professional career, spanning the last 25 years, has been spent providing direct care for children and young adults with cancer and blood disorders, particularly sickle cell disease. I recently completed my doctoral dissertation in nursing on the topic of racial disparities in childhood leukemia outcomes. It is my hope to develop the nursing science around this topic in the future.