

Candidate for Director-at-Large
Heidi Abendroth, MSN CPNP-BC CPHON®



Current Position

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Boston Children's Hospital
Boston, MA

APHON Membership

APHON member since 2007

Local Chapter Membership

Boston Chapter member since 2014

Education

MSN, Emory University School of Nursing,
Atlanta, GA
BSN, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI

Qualifications

APHON National

- Conference Program Planning Committee
 - Chair, 2017 – 2019
 - Member, 2014 – 2017
- Nominating Committee
 - Chair, 2018 – 2019
 - Member, 2016 – 2018
- Education Provider Unit Committee: Member, 2017 – 2019
- Steering Council: Member, 2010 – 2013
- Annual Conference
 - Poster Presenter: "A Global Nursing Fellowship: Pediatric Oncology Nurse Education in Uganda," 2018
- Publications
 - APHON Patient and Family Handbooks, Co-Author: *Non-Oncologic Blood Disorders*, 2014
 - *APHON Counts*
 - Author
 - "Sibling Grief: The Ups and Downs," 2011
 - "Care of the Child with Aplastic Anemia," 2007
 - Co-Author: "Hematopoietic Stem Cell Sources: Engraftment and Complications," 2007

APHON Local Chapter

- Boston Chapter: Member, 2014 – Present
- Metro New York Chapter
 - Vice President, 2010 – 2011
 - Member, 2007 – 2010
- North Carolina Chapter
 - Member, 1994 – 1998
 - Program Chair, 1994

Other Nursing Leadership

- Professional Organizations
 - New England Pediatric Sickle Cell Consortium
 - Secretary, 2016 – 2019
 - Patient/Family Seminar Planning Committee Member, 2018
 - Member, 2011 – 2015
 - Massachusetts General Hospital, Global Health: Global Nursing Fellow, 2017 – 2018
- Presentations
 - American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (formerly American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation), Annual Meeting: Presenter, 2011
 - “Preliminary experience with Plerixafor for PBSC Mobilization in Pediatric BMT”

Candidate Statement

For approximately 30 years, I have had the privilege of spending my nursing career caring for pediatric hematology/oncology and stem cell transplant patients. Upon graduating from nursing school, I accepted my first position as a staff nurse on the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Duke University Medical Center and from that first opportunity I have dedicated the majority of my nursing career caring for this amazing patient population. Over the years, I have sought opportunities professionally that have challenged me, enhanced my skills and helped make me the nurse I am today. In the case of my global health work, I learned how the passion for caring for children with cancer, is universal and I have been fortunate to share with my international colleagues not only my experiences, but also some of the wonderful resources that I am fortunate to have access to through APHON. I currently work as nurse practitioner on the inpatient stem cell transplant unit and a member of the Boston APHON chapter.

I joined APHON in 2007 and over the years have had the opportunity to become more involved as a member of several committees and was honored to serve. I was honored to later serve as chair of the Programming and Nominating Committee. The

opportunities I have been afforded have made me a stronger leader, educator and mentor.

I would be proud to serve APHON in the Director at Large position. I wish to continue to build on the core principles and mission of improving the care of children, adolescents and young adults with cancer and blood disorders through evidence based practice and standards of care. I would like to advance our global outreach initiatives and further the advocacy work that is so important for pediatric hematology/oncology patients and their families.