

Candidate for Director-at-Large  
Mary Newman, MSN RN NE-BC CPON®



**Current Position**

Director of Nursing, Nemours Center for Cancer  
& Blood Disorders  
Nemours Children's Hospital  
Wilmington, DE

**APHON Membership**

APHON member since 2005

**Local Chapter Membership**

First State Chapter member since 2005

**Education**

MSN, 2018, University of Delaware, Newark, DE  
BSN, 2013, Gwynedd Mercy College, Gwynedd  
Valley, PA  
ASN, 1986, Gwynedd Mercy College, Gwynedd,  
PA

**Qualifications**

APHON National

- Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Program Committee: Member, 2020 – Present
- Professional Development Committee: Member, 2019 – Present
- Local Chapter Committee: Member, 2019 – Present
- Nominating Committee
  - Chair, 2017
  - Member, 2015 – 2017
- APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Program: Instructor, 2009 – Presenter
- Annual Conference
  - Co-Moderator
    - Town Hall
      - “Managers and Administrators,” 2020 and 2021
      - “Nurse Managers,” 2016
      - “Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation,” 2011 and 2012
    - Panel Discussion: “PhD/DNP,” 2017
  - Poster Judge, 2015

- Publications
  - *APHON Counts*, Author
    - “Local Chapters: Resiliency and Response,” 2021
    - “Self-Care and Resilience: Giving to Ourselves What We Give to Others,” 2020
  - *Resource for Ancillary Staff*, Lead Author: “Overview of Cancer and Blood Disorders in Children,” “Psychosocial Support for Patients with Cancer and Blood Disorders and their Families,” “Care of the Child and Family at the End of Life,” 2021

#### APHON Local Chapter

- First State Chapter
  - Treasurer, 2017 – 2020
  - Director of Membership Activities, 2014 – 2017
  - President, 2007 – 2013
- APHON First State Chapter/Greater Philadelphia Chapter Regional Conference
  - Planning Committee: Member, 2013 – 2019 and 2011

#### Other Nursing Leadership

- Presentations
  - Nursing of Children Network, Regional Conference: Poster co-author, 2021
    - “Moving Standardized Handoff to the Bedside”

#### Additional Qualifications for Office

- American Organization of Nursing Leadership: National Member, 2019 – Present
- University of Delaware: Nursing Alumni Network, 2020: STARS Award, 2020
- Nemours Children’s Hospital (formerly Nemours/Al duPont Hospital for Children): Transformational Leadership Nurses Week Award, 2014
- Nursing Spectrum Excellence Awards: National Nurse of the Year Winner – Clinical Care, 2007
- Delaware Excellence in Nursing Practice Award/Delaware Nurses Association: State Winner – Acute Care, 2007
- Marie L. Des Barres Award/ Nurse of the Year, 2006 Nemours duPont Hospital for Children

#### **Candidate Statement**

Thank you for the opportunity to run for Director-at-Large. Having been a member of APHON since 2005, I have eagerly volunteered to serve APHON in numerous roles, both locally and nationally. With each experience, I have seen APHON through a different lens, networking with professionals across the country, learning more about APHON, and realizing how I might contribute to advancing the role of pediatric

hematology/oncology nurses. Most importantly, we are collectively advocating for a vulnerable patient population to achieve the highest standards of care.

In my professional role, being a thought leader and strategic thinker is essential. As I review APHON's strategic plan, it would be my honor to represent our membership to help grow a diverse and inclusive professional community. I value the connection APHON has with its membership, creating opportunities to serve in leadership roles and I see this as an opportunity to give back to APHON, and I take that responsibility seriously.

I feel confident that I possess the experience to serve on the APHON Board of Directors, with a commitment to contribute to thoughtful, respectful discussion of APHON's goals and objectives, and moving the strategic plan forward. I also feel that I would bring fresh ideas, representing the voice of our membership. My willingness to serve wherever needed demonstrates my professional commitment and dedication to APHON, and I will bring that same energy and passion to this position. Thank you for considering my application for Director-at-Large.