

Health Policy and Advocacy Agenda

Through awareness, advocacy and action, we can make a difference. Following are APHON's three key objectives in our health policy and advocacy agenda:



Champion the development of a sustainable pediatric hematology and oncology nursing workforce capable of meeting increasingly complex healthcare demands.

- Empower nurses to expand their knowledge and raise their voices through ongoing advocacy education.
- Demand workplace safety, including promotion of safe handling of hazardous materials, efforts against nursing violence, and interventions that create a stable and sustainable workforce.
- Foster a collaborative nursing workforce that reflects the spirit of diversity, equity, inclusion, and acceptance.
- Promote best practices, education, and research for the nursing community through the support of appropriate healthcare legislation.
- Protect the rights of nurses to practice at the top of their license and to be recognized as a critical contributor in furthering evidence-based, scientific, and innovative practices.



Campaign for 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.
- Support efforts to address quality of life, symptom management, survivorship, and late effects.
- Ensure access to comprehensive care that reflects the spirit of diversity, equity, inclusion and acceptance.
- Support holistic palliative and end-of-life care.



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

- Advocate for adequate funding for research aligned with this health policy and advocacy agenda.
- Increase interprofessional opportunities for research collaboration.
- Encourage quality of life and survivorship research.
- Support efforts for the ethical inclusion of children in medical research.

APHON will achieve the above through the work of members, chapters, and our valued nursing and healthcare community partnerships.