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HELLO THERE!
FROM THE EDITORS AND CO-CHAIRS

FROM THE EDITORS
SIOP Kyoto was a fantastic conference and enjoyed by all who attended. Members of the PODC Nursing Committee were well represented as both participants and invited presenters over the four days. There were numerous oral abstracts and posters which reflected the hard work and dedication of nurses throughout the world. Congratulations to all! In this issue, we would like to share with you feedback from nurses who attended the SIOP Kyoto congress. Reading the comments submitted by our colleagues makes us realize how lucky we are to be a part of this organization and how we as nurses can make an impact on the care of pediatric oncology patients wherever we live.

Here’s to a wonderful and productive 2019.

Linda Abramovitz and Liz Sniderman
Co-editors,
Making Global Connections Newsletter

FROM THE CO-CHAIRS
At SIOP Kyoto, we took over as co-chairs of the SIOP PODC Nursing working group, following a meeting in which 22 nurses from 11 countries sat in a circle and talked about the challenges, opportunities, and needs we have as pediatric oncology nurses. It was a powerful reminder of how important it is to have time to join together and share our stories of caring for children with cancer around the world.

Although this can feel like such an isolating profession at times, our shared experiences bring us together, and give us strength. We are so excited to lead this group of inspiring nurses, and can’t wait to see all the progress we will make in the coming years!

Liz Sniderman and Yuliana Hanaratri
Co-chairs, SIOP PODC Nursing
“Since quite some time I had been hearing about SIOP Conference, of how grand they are, how the multi-disciplinary teams put their heads together to attain the same goal 'no child should fight alone'. I was privileged to be able to see it and more importantly experience the event. I was fortunate to be able to attend the 50th SIOP conference held in Kyoto, Japan. It was an intellectual experience, one which cleanses your soul and motivates you, brings you back on track.

During those few days, I attended various session from Nursing to key note speakers. The innovative ideas put forward from all across the world were mind boggling. It kept on pushing me that I have a long way to go. Few ideas that I personally was attracted were symptoms assessment screening tools and discharge teaching guidelines.

There were moments during these days that we laughed and we also cried, sang a lovely song composed by a deceased cancer patient and played drums to the beats of tiger band. It was a serene experience in the realm where nothing is impossible, where no child will die of cancer, where WE won’t let them fight this battle alone.”

Shenila Anwarali
Recipient of SIOP Nursing Scholarship
Karachi, Pakistan

Nant Win Kyi, nurse manager of the Hematology/Oncology Unit (HOU) at Yangon Children’s Hospital (YCH) presented in Kyoto on "Monitoring Extravasations as a Quality Indicator in Yangon, Myanmar". Nant Win Kyi has overseen the YCH extravasation reduction program since 2015. Thanks to her diligent work, along with staff education provided by the HOU nurse leaders, the extravasation rate has dropped from 8.89 per 1000 vesicant doses in 2015 to .9 per 1000 vesicants in 2019. Congratulations to Sister Mary and her team on this fine work!

Lisa Morrissey
SIOP Nursing Committee Chair
Boston, USA
“Among the highlights for me was getting to meet some of our wonderful international colleagues, learn about our shared research interests, and celebrate the work we are all doing.”

Lauri Linder
Salt Lake City, USA

Congratulations to all of the 2018 Award Winners:

**Nursing Scholarships:**
Glenn Mbah Afungchwi (Cameroon)
Komang Y. Triana (Indonesia)
Bashir Khan (Pakistan)
Win Kyi Nant (Myanmar)
Shenila Anwar (Pakistan)

**Sanofi-Espoir My Child Matters Nursing Awards**
(pictured at right):
Angelica Lissette Hernandez Romero (El Salvador)
Elianeth A. Kiteni (Tanzania)
Lomunzi Chidziwa (Zimbabwe)
Ratha Mils (Cambodia)
Tram Hoang Thi An & Nguyen Thi Thanh Nhan (Vietnam)

**PODC Nursing Recognition Awards:**
Susanne Wollaert (Kenes)
Linda Abramovitz (USA)
Yuliana Hanaratri (Indonesia)

“SIOP Kyoto was indeed fantastic. My most memorable experience of the Kyoto conference is when I was called on to the stage to receive the My Child Matters Award sponsored by SANOFI ESPOIR FOUNDATION. Being one of the five winners, I felt humbled and honoured. The realization that I could, through the project, impact on children’s lives gave a huge meaning to it all. Sharing experiences with fellow professionals from the various countries of the world was in itself fulfilling. Coming from my beautiful and emerging Zimbabwe, I learnt a lot from all other participants I came into contact with. Looking forward to the 2019 Conference.”

Lomunzi Chidziwa
Recipient of My Child Matters Grant
Harare, Zimbabwe
Veronica De La Maza
Santiago, Chile

“I think this congress is of high quality in content and organization. Congratulations! I appreciated very much the presentation of M. Perry, about the discharge education for parents in USA. Even I would like to contact her for replay her idea in my hospital. SIOP is a great opportunity to meet people around the world and work together, to improve the quality of health care. It was very good for me.”

“This is the first time I’ve participated in SIOP. It was such a wonderful conference and deeply felt all the nursing sections focused on sharing, encouraging, connecting, and elevating. People can sit down and talked to each other during the lunchtime, at round table discussions, and during the PODC meeting time. I did not feel the distance between nurses who were in the high, and in the low and middle-income countries. This made me confident. SIOP Kyoto is an unforgettable memory. I think I must do better as a head nurse. I know I can. It will be wonderful if I have an opportunity to participate in the next SIOP. The conference has lots of meaning not only for me but also for the doctors, nurses, and parents, from hundreds of countries. They worked together to find out the problems and then discussed how to deal with them. It will have a better influence on the system.”

Nguyen Thi Thanh Nhan “Nhan”
Recipient of SIOP Nursing Scholarship
Recipient of My Child Matters Grant
Hanoi, Vietnam
ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS DUE APRIL 2

Scholarships available for nurses from LMICs with high scoring abstracts: https://siop-online.org/nurse-scholarships/
Application deadline April 2 (*note: you must both submit an abstract and submit scholarship application)

Want to write an abstract, but don’t know where to start? Mentors available!
Email liz.sniderman@gmail.com or hanaratri@yahoo.com to find a mentor

SIOP NURSING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PROF. FAITH GIBSON (UK)

Congratulations to Professor Faith Gibson (UK), Winner of the 2018 SIOP Nursing Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to making substantial contributions to the goals of SIOP Nursing, Dr. Gibson has made significant achievements in the scientific, clinical and educational realms to advance pediatric oncology nursing.
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The initial idea to develop the Baseline Nursing Standards for nurses working in low and middle-income countries began in 2012, at a pre-conference workshop at SIOP in London. Six years later, at the Kyoto SIOP Congress, in 2018, a website was launched to increase awareness about the Baseline Nursing Standards, focusing on providing information and tools to further promote and disseminate this important information.

Explore the Baseline Standards Advocacy Toolkit, which includes an overview of the baseline standards as well as a PowerPoint presentation, publications, awareness campaign information and information on endorsements. We are still building our toolkit, and additional components will be added over the year. Stay tuned!

Please join our efforts to promote the standards. You can make a difference!

- Visit the website and learn more: https://siop-online.org/baseline-nursing-standards/
- Give a presentation about the baseline standards using the PowerPoint presentation and attached guidelines
- Campaign for further endorsements
- Follow us on social media: @nubaslinestds
The globalization of clinical research and clinical trials presents a unique opportunity for clinical nurses to participate in the process of developing and evaluating new medications and therapies for patients. Nursing can be a valuable partner in the clinical research efforts as they are in a unique position to understand the patient, unit workflow and provide real time assessment of the clinical condition. Providing a basic understanding and education to clinical nursing in the elements of clinical research such as; phases of clinical trials, informed consent elements, documentation practices of research interventions is some of the material that is useful for nursing.

The collaboration between the clinical team and the research team is essential in assuring successful protocol implementation and compliance. Following the outlined protocol requirements for timing of study drug administration, laboratory sample collections, monitoring for side effects and documenting all in a timely way will aid the study team in collecting the study data needed for properly assessing the safety and efficacy of the medication or intervention.
Cure4Kids is a professional medical education website developed by the Cure4Kids team at the Department of Global Pediatric Medicine at the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Cure4Kids has hundreds of online seminars and courses, and group collaboration workspaces. Cure4Kids is free of charge.

Oncopedia, part of the Cure4Kids website, has freely available articles on a wide range of pediatric hematology and oncology subjects, including nursing content. Oncopedia articles are written by various experts in the field from around the world and are available in several languages.

Register at [www.cure4kids.org/register](http://www.cure4kids.org/register)

The Paediatric Oncology International Training and Education Network (POINTE) was launched on October 18, 2016. The goal for the website is to have existing educational materials and training opportunities accessible to resource limited settings in an open access site requiring no passwords or members-only restrictions. The site currently has downloadable PowerPoint presentations and modules available for training pediatric oncology nurses. If you wish to share prepared educational materials, please send it to Rehana Punjwani (rehana_punjwani@yahoo.com) and Liz Sniderman (liz.sniderman@gmail.com)

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