

SIOP PODC

Co-Chairs:

Muhammad Saghir Khan

Sandra Luna-Fineman (completing 3 years tenure in October 2020)

Michael Sullivan (starting his term in October 2020)

SIOP PODC as an integral subcommittee of International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) is represented in SIOP Board of Directors by its co-chairs. It has more than 1100 members from around 100 countries, and constitutes 11 working groups (WGs) and 5 task forces (TFs); including newly launched Onco-pharmacy and AYA TFs. Potentially three new TFs (IPSO LMIC, YI LMIC and Neuro oncology) will be launched within SIOP PODC very soon. Each WG/TF is led by two co-chairs; at least one of them must be representing low and lower middle-income countries (L&LMICs). Over the years, SIOP PODC has been engaged in several educational, research and advocacy activities, and provide ample opportunities for pediatric oncology care providers serving in developing countries to stay engaged. In recent times, several WGs (particularly Nursing, Palliative Care, Supportive Care and PROS LMIC) have been regularly conducting online educational sessions through www.cure4kids.org, and Education and Training (POINTE) WG is playing an instrumental role in publicizing and posting educational contents through their website (<https://cancerpointe.com>).

SIOP PODC leadership highly acknowledges the great efforts and contributions of physicians and nurses from L&LMICs in combating with recent COVID-19 Pandemic, with utilization of minimal resources. We have participated in drafting the early advice and disease directed guidance papers lead by SIOP, and also contributed in SIOP/St. Jude Global Alliance COVID-19 forum. One peculiar feature of SIOP PODC, and its WGs/TFs has been the regular periodic leadership transition (Annexure 1). We welcome the new leaders of the WGs/TFs and look forward to their contributions for improvement of standard of care and survival outcomes within L&LMICs.

SIOP PODC is striving for better alignment of L&LMIC work force with SIOP's new strategic planning, and aiming at fostering the engagement of it's WG/TF members and leaders towards WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer. In this context, SIOP PODC Strategic Planning Meeting will be scheduled in November 2020 to discuss various collaborative perspectives and also the proposed name change of SIOP PODC.

SIOP-ST JUDE GLOBAL ARIA PROJECT: ADAPTED MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES:

In a collaboration between St Jude Global and SIOP, the ARIA project is developing a shared online platform for hosting detailed Adapted Management Guidelines for the diagnosis, treatment and supportive care of children with cancer. Led by Drs. Nickhil Bhakta, Manoo Bhakta, Miguel Bonilla and Professor Michael Sullivan, with the support of St Jude Global, ARIA will integrate the revised SIOP PODC adapted treatment regimens (ATRs) with a resource adapted platform to produce practical treatment guidance. The focus till now has been developing and testing the platform and we are now completing the initial phase of developing AMG for the 6 index cancers for the WHO GICC. The ARIA team is also partnering with PROS, IPSO and the PODC nursing group.

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Supportive Care WG

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Paola Angelini (UK)
Sadaf Altaf (Pakistan) *
Caniza Miguela (USA) *

Palliative Care WG

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Justin Baker (USA)
Shahzadi Resham (Pakistan) *

Nutrition WG

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Katina Viani (Brazil)
Ligia Fu (Honduras)

Abandonment of Treatment WG

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Paola Friedrich (USA)
Nuria Rossell (El Salvador)

Nursing WG

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Yuliana Hanaratri (Indonesia)
Liz Sniderman (USA)

Education and Training (POINTE) WG

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Neil Ranasinghe (UK)
Elianeth Kiteni (Tanzania)

Adapted Treatment Regimens (ATR) WG

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Michael Sullivan (NZL)
Sandra Luna-Fineman (USA) *

Twinning, collaboration and Support WG

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Nihad Salifu (Ghana)
Vikramjit Kanwar (India) *

Psychosocial TF

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Nuria Rossell (El Salvador)
Nicole Schneider (USA)

PROS LMIC WG

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Natia Esiashvili (USA)
Jeannette Parkes (South Africa)

Patient, Family and Stakeholder Engagement (PFSE) TF

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Alta Bence (South Africa)
Marcela Zubieta (Chile) *

Essential Drugs WG

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Federico Antillon (Guatemala)
Scott Howard (USA) *

Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) TF

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Elysia Alvarez (USA) *
Ligia Estefanía Ríos López (Peru) *

SIOP Africa/PODC Collaborative WT

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Trijn Israel (Netherlands)

Onco-pharmacy TF

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Sherif Kamal (Egypt) *
Brooke Bernhardt (USA) *

T&CM / Integrative Medicine TF

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Glenn Mbah (Cameroon)
Mohammad Al-Qudimat (Canada) *

Working Group

Taskforce

* New co-chairs