



Bay Area Chapter

“Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) Therapy” Kara Davis, D.O.

Kara Davis, D.O. is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Hematology and Oncology. Dr. Davis obtained her B.A. from Pennsylvania State University and her D.O. from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her clinical training in Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University/A.I. DuPont Children’s Hospital, and her Heme/Onc fellowship at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital at Stanford. During her fellowship training, Kara worked in the laboratory of Garry Nolan, Ph.D. where she utilized single-cell, high-dimensional analysis platforms to study healthy human B cell development and B cell leukemia. Her research focuses on using single-cell analysis to organize tumor heterogeneity in pediatric cancers.



Clinically, Dr. Davis sees patients with leukemia and is involved with the Cancer Cellular Therapies program with experience in treating children with chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cells.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

BAPHON is extremely happy to report that we are ending 2017 with our largest membership EVER! We now proudly boast **119** BAPHON members. We continue to be incredibly thankful to all of our dedicated members who are helping to grow our organization. We hope to continue to expand our membership throughout the Bay Area and Northern California in the coming year. Our goal is to offer greater access to networking and educational opportunities to our BAPHON members and colleagues. Please continue to spread the word to your friends and coworkers about the benefits of BAPHON membership! We thank you all for your support!

2018 SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

January 27th, 2018

BAPHON is excited to announce our second annual educational symposium, “Bridging Excellence in Nursing” to be held on Saturday, January 27th, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Emeryville, CA. We look forward to seeing you all there!

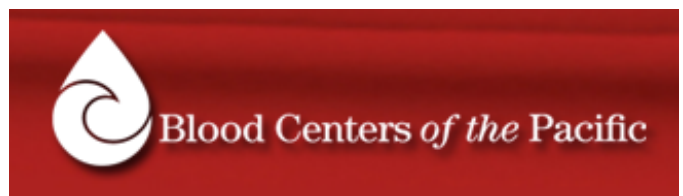
For more information and to register, please visit our website: <http://baphon.org/2018symposium>



Congratulations to everyone who joined BAPHON's Alex's Million Mile team! Our team helped the organization reach \$1 million for research to help end childhood cancer!

Team BAPHON was comprised of 28 members who raised \$2,582 and logged 681 miles during the month of September. Way to go! BAPHON is looking forward to what we can accomplish next September.

To see photos, please visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/AlexsMillionMile/photos/a.366335086813545.1073741825.328049907308730/1472398969540479/?type=3&theater>



BAPHON is proud to sponsor:

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Friday, February 2nd, 2018

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Auditorium

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Rich Ramos, RN, MS, CNS, CPHON

RN at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital
By Nichole Mosher



I first met Rich as a new RN at LPCH. In addition to being a great nurse, I was inspired by his involvement in both local and international pediatric oncology nursing. Rich has taken part in projects promoting the education of pediatric oncology nurses on 5 different continents and is a wealth of knowledge for anyone aspiring to be involved in global missions such as this.

On a local level, Rich is the co-facilitator of a Latino Family Support Group for kids with cancer. He also facilitates family outings for this group in conjunction with Camp Okizu. Rich has also served on multiple leadership committees and provided lectures for new nurses at LPCH. In 2010, Rich was selected as a candidate to join the LPCH response team to the earthquake in Haiti. He and his team landed two weeks after the quake and provided care for civilian's young and old. This was a very defining moment for Rich in his nursing career.

Rich got his feet wet for international nursing during a UCSF School of Nursing project. The project involved providing primary care in remote towns and villages of Guatemala after the country's civil war. In Central and South America, Rich has also taken part in needs assessments and trainings in various hospitals and clinics through a former foundation known as Tomorrow for Children. This was a collaborative effort with St. Jude's to assist in oncology clinics in Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Venezuela, and Paraguay. More recently, he was involved in the translation and vetting of the Spanish APHON Chemotherapy Provider course. He co-instructed the first two pilot classes to Latina(o) nurses in Chile and in St. Jude's. For his work in adapting the APHON Provider course for nurses in Latin America, Rich was recently awarded as one of two APHON Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Instructors of the Year in 2017.

In 2013, Rich assisted with a two week nursing training program at Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He has also served as a nurse educator in India in 2014 and 2016.

Rich attributes much of his involvement in international oncology to his mentor from UCSF nursing school, Julia Challinor, RN, Ph.D. He has collaborated with her on multiple projects and she has continued to provide opportunities for Rich to remain active in oncology on a global level.

Rich has several suggestions for BAPHON members who are aspiring to be involved in pediatric oncology nursing projects. First, "start small", such as finding local organizations with which to volunteer. He recommends networking at educational events for BAPHON and APHON, as well as being active online on the bulletin boards on the APHON website. If you are currently involved in a graduate degree program, ask your faculty members about open projects. He also recommends the website Société Internationale d'Oncologie Pédiatrique (SIOP) for international nursing projects, particularly in resource-limited countries. This year the SIOP conference is being held in Washington D.C.

If you have any further questions for Rich or would like to get involved, please contact him at jayhawker0216@gmail.com

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For future issues of the BAPHON newsletter, we are looking to highlight local BAPHON members who demonstrate a commitment to our pediatric hematology/oncology patients. If you know of such a nurse, please let us know. We also welcome clinical tidbits or news that will be useful to share with your colleagues. If you have ideas to share, please email us at baphon2012@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!