Seminar Highlights

The Florida Association of Pediatric Tumor Programs, Inc. (FAPTP)’s 34th annual seminar, *Advances in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology* was held on November 17-19, 2011 at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida. The seminar was a great success with attendees participating from all over the United States.

This year’s seminar Medical and Nursing Directors, Dr. William Slayton and Hematology/Oncology Nurse, Cathy Stegall, RN, BSN, OCN came from University of Florida & Shands, Gainesville, Florida. They both did a superb job and FAPTP wants to take this opportunity to thank them for donating their valuable time and expertise.

FAPTP would also like to thank all of the wonderful presenters that helped to make this year’s event successful.

The seminar kicked off with author and keynote speaker, Janie Walters, MS, from Champion Communications in Madison, Mississippi. Ms. Walters spoke about *Booster Shots for the Medical Soul*, reminding the attendees about the history of nursing and the philosophical foundations for the science of care.

Michelle Witkop, FNP-BC, DNP, ACHPN from Munson Hospital in Traverse City, Michigan, spoke to us next on the *The Long Road to Diagnosis: von Willebrand Disease and Beyond*.

Next we heard from Hector Rodriguez-Cortes, MD, pediatric hematologist/oncologist from Chris Evert Children’s Hospital at Broward Health in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Dr. Rodriguez-Cortes spoke on the *General Aspects of Aplastic Anemia in Children* and also moderated a lively game of *Jeopardy, Name that Disease*, testing the attendees medical knowledge.

Following Dr. Rodriguez-Cortes’ presentation, Judith Simms-Cendan, MD, with the UCF College of Medicine in Orlando, Florida, spoke on *Menorrhagia and Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding in Adolescents.*
Starting up the Oncology Session was Gregory Hale, MD, Medical Director from All Children’s Hospital, in St. Petersburg, Florida. His presentation was titled, *Hot Topics in Nursing Care of the Transplant Patient.*

We then heard from Robert Lavey, MD, from the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, in Tampa, Florida. Dr. Lavey spoke on *Radiation Therapy in Children.*

Again, Dr. Gregory Hale, presented on the topic of *Asparaginase Therapy for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, (ALL),* brought to us from EUSA Pharma USA, Inc.

After a very delicious Italian buffet provided by FAPTP, the *Oncology Session* resumed with a presentation by Craig MacArthur, MD, entitled, *Neuroblastoma: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.*

Next we heard from Maura Fitzgerald, RN, MS, MA, CNS, from Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ms. Fitzgerald spoke on *Complementary Alternative Therapies for Symptom Management.*

Following Maura Fitzgerald, we learned about the *Psychological Adaptation in Children with ALL while Receiving Maintenance Therapy given by Julie Fitzgerald, PhD, RN,* from William Paterson University, in Wayne, New Jersey. Ms. Fitzgerald presented on.

The final presentation for the day came from Melissa Kennell, DDS, from Childrens’ Dentistry of the Lakes Region, Gilford, New Hampshire. She spoke on *Dental Management for Patients with Hereditary Bleeding Disorders.*

Our final day of the seminar began with a presentation from Joan O’Hanlon Curry, RN, MS, CPNP, CPON, (picture not available) from Children’s Hospital at Montefiore, Bronx, New York. Ms. O’Hanlon Curry’s talk was titled, *I Can Eat that When? Neutropenic Diet: The Who, What, Where, When and Why?*

Following O’Hanlon Curry we heard from Julie Eggen, LCSW, from Nemours Children’s Clinic at Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital, Pensacola, Florida. Her lecture was on, *Staying Afloat on Stormy Seas: Dealing with Difficult People in Medical Settings.*

Donna Eull, RN, BSN, MA, from Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, then presented on *Beyond Opioids – Managing Complex Pain Through an Interdisciplinary Approach.*

Wrapping up the seminar, was Janie Walters, our Keynote Speaker, with her presentation on, *This Little Engine Did…And So Can You!*

Ms. Walters helped to send all of the attendees home with a message of hope and inspiration, along with a smile on their faces.
Each year we have a daily drawing for 3 gift baskets. This year the baskets were provided by All children’s Hospital. Each basket contained luxurious "Spa" items, gift certificates, wine, cheese, sparkling cider, crackers, cookies, chocolates and Autumn/Fall themed knick-knacks to take home as a remembrance of their Seminar experience. The following are the names and pictures of the three winners. Congratulations to all three winners!

Thursday, November 17th. the winner of the first basket was: **Lucky Hollingsworth, RN, CPON**, from Dell Children’s Hospital in Austin, Texas.

Friday, November 18th. the winner of the 2nd basket was: **Diane Bowen, RN-C, AAS**, from Chris Evert Children’s Hospital at Broward Health in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Last but not least, Saturday, November 19th. the winner of the 3rd basket was: **Carolyn Bell, RN, MS, CCRP, CPON**, from Children’s Hospital of SW Florida at Lee Memorial Health System in Ft. Myers, Florida.
FAPTP gratefully acknowledges the following organizations for their educational donations provided in support of the 2011 Seminar.

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- The American Cancer Society, Florida Division
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- MedEx Biocare Pharmacy
- Novartis Hematology
- Sigma Tau Pharmaceuticals
Our institution is thrilled to have memberships in both the Neuroblastoma and Medulloblastoma Translational Research Consortium (NMTRC) and our newest affiliation, the Pediatric Oncology Experimental Therapeutics Investigators' Consortium (POETIC). Through these early phase pediatric oncology research groups, we are able to complement the wide range of studies available through the Children's Oncology Group (COG). We offer many options for innovative therapy.

Examples of the many studies that are currently recruiting patients or will be within the next 6 months:

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For more information on these groups please visit:
* POETIC website: [www.poeticphase1.org](http://www.poeticphase1.org)

We are excited to announce the opening of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Program, at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. Led by pediatric neuro-oncologist Dr. Amy Smith, this program treats children, adolescents, and young adults battling brain and spinal cord tumors while aggressively protecting their quality of life. The program includes dedicated nursing, social work, and research support specific to pediatric neuro-oncology.

Our team members bring together different perspectives to create a custom plan that covers the many needs families have during and after treatment. You can find out more about the team at: [www.arnoldpalmerhospital.com/braintumorprogram](http://www.arnoldpalmerhospital.com/braintumorprogram)

We would like to share the recent addition of Lissette Murillo-Aristondo, ARNP to our practice. Lissette will be focusing on care for the sickle cell and hemophilia patients seen at our institution. Lissette is a native Floridian, who obtained her undergraduate nursing degree and training from the University of Miami. After practicing in the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, at Miami Children’s Hospital, she decided to pursue her Advance Practice degree at Florida International University, from where she obtained her Master’s Degree. We are thrilled to have Lissette as part of our team!

For more information contact: Emily Owens Pickle, CCRP, Project Coordinator/CRA (321)843-5498
The I Can Cope Support Group, in collaboration with American Cancer Society, is piloting the group in the pediatric setting at our center. The support group meets once a month and is open to parents of active patients, and parents of patients off therapy.

Monica Nebel has taken the position of KidsTRACK Program Manager, for Nemours Children's Hospital. Aynalem Amare BSN, RN, joined the Hematology/Oncology clinic as Case Manager on February 27, 2012. Jamie Wagner BSN, RN, joined the Hematology/Oncology clinic as Case Manager on March 26, 2012.

For more information, contact: Kristen Gibbs, RN, BSN, Clinical Research Nurse
Nemours Children's Clinic-Orlando • 407-650-7652

Patient Outreach

R.O.C.K. Camp 2011 Hosted the Most Children Ever!

The American Cancer Society celebrated the 35th anniversary of R.O.C.K. Camp (Reaching Out to Cancer Kids) with partner Camp Boggy Creek during the summer of 2011. A total of 286 campers attended, which was the most children with cancer to attend camp since the program started in 1976.

We are gearing up for another fun and exciting summer with R.O.C.K. Camp in partnership with Camp Boggy Creek. The First Session took place on June 26-July 2nd for children from South Florida, including Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Fort Myers and Tampa. The Second Session will took place on July 24-30th serving children from North Florida, including Pensacola, Panama City, Tallahassee, Gainesville, Jacksonville and Orlando. R.O.C.K. Camp is free to Florida children, ages 7-16, diagnosed with cancer and recommended by their physician.

R.O.C.K. Camp, in partnership with Camp Boggy, would not be possible without the generous volunteers and medical staff that give their time to be at camp. In 2011, FAPTP doctors volunteering their time and talent at camp included Brain Cauff, Kelly Sawczyn, Craig MacArthur, Bill Slayton, Eric Sandler and Cindy Gauger. They were assisted by the support of oncology nurses from around the state.
R.O.C.K. College Scholarship

The American Cancer Society will celebrate its 20th anniversary of the R.O.C.K. College Scholarship Program in 2012. Last year, 213 scholarships were awarded to young cancer survivors across the state of Florida.

Families R.O.C.K. Weekend

Families R.O.C.K. Weekend was held on October 28-30, 2011, in Orlando. This was the 11th anniversary of this event. The American Cancer Society welcomed 95 families who had a child newly diagnosed with cancer to this weekend retreat providing education and fun. Parents had the opportunity to learn more about the cancer disease from medical professionals in a casual setting while their children (patients and siblings) participated in scheduled activities.

The next Families R.O.C.K. Weekend will be held on October 26-28, 2012, at the Universal Orlando Royal Pacific Resort. For more information about volunteer opportunities or attending the American Cancer Society’s R.O.C.K. Families Weekend or other programs, please contact Susan Lee, Director of Childhood Cancer at the American Cancer Society, 800-444-1410 ext. 4405.
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### Conference Events

(The Registration Fee includes the following meals and social functions)

- **Thursday, November 15**
  - [ ] Light Snack  11:15 - 11:45 am
  - [ ] Barbecue, DJ & Dancing-Poolside  6:00 - 9 pm

- **Friday, November 16**
  - [ ] Continental Breakfast  7:30 - 8:30 am
  - [ ] Sponsored Lunch  11:55 - 12:55 pm

- **Saturday, November 17**
  - [ ] Continental Breakfast  7:30 - 8:30 am

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### Registration Fees

**General Session Fees** include program materials, Light snack, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks and at least one luncheon and one dinner.

**Early Seminar Registration**
Postmarked on or before October 1, 2012
- Healthcare Professionals: $250.00
- Full-time Students*: $200.00
  *Letter from faculty advisor must accompany registration.

**Late Seminar Registration**
Postmarked after October 1, 2012
- Healthcare Professionals: $275.00
- Full-time Students*: $225.00
  *Letter from faculty advisor must accompany registration.

Single Day Rates are available. For more information on the single date rates, contact the Central Office at 813-396-9528.

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**Cancellation/Refund Policy**: Written cancellation of registration received in the FAPTP Central Office on or before **October 15, 2012** will result in a refund minus a $50 processing fee. After October 15th, no refund will be issued.

**Registration Confirmation**: You should receive confirmation of your registration by mail, fax or email. Registrations received after **November 2nd** will be processed on site.

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### Hotel Reservations

**Please make room reservations directly with**

**Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel**
- **Direct Line**: (407) 239-1234  •  **Toll Free**: (800) 233-1234
- **Website**: [http://grandcypress.hyatt.com](http://grandcypress.hyatt.com)

Ask for the “Advances in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology - FAPTP” rate of $139.00 for Single or Double Occupancy.

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