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McLean, VA, October 23, 2026 — The Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) proudly announces its 2026–2027 Board of Directors. APHON looks forward to the leadership, expertise, and dedication this Board will bring to advancing the organization's mission and supporting the pediatric hematology/oncology nursing community.

APHON's 2026–2027 Board of Directors includes:

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“I am honored to serve alongside these impressive and dedicated individuals,” stated Amy Newman, APHON President 2025–2027. “This is a very special time in our history as APHON celebrates our 50th anniversary. Together, we will continue to enhance our programs, advocate for the needs of our members, and elevate the knowledge, care and compassion in the work that we do for our patients undergoing treatment for cancers and blood disorders.”

Learn more about the APHON Board of Directors on the APHON Board of Directors webpage.

For more information about APHON, its mission, and upcoming initiatives, please visit APHON.org or contact APHON at info@aphon.org.



About the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON):

The Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) is a 501(c)(3) public charity (EIN 23-7446224) committed to developing educational content, delivering informative programs, promoting evidence-based practice guidelines, and providing resources to pediatric, adolescent, and young adult communities and their families. APHON is the professional organization for pediatric hematology/oncology nurses and other pediatric hematology/oncology healthcare professionals. Its members are dedicated to promoting optimal nursing care for children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and blood disorders, and their families.