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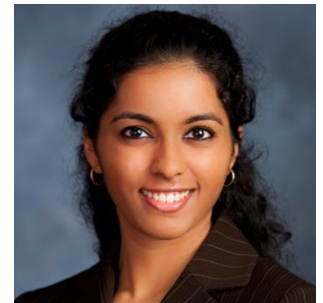
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## Bay Area Chapter

### Optimizing CAR-T Cell Therapy for Pre-B Cell ALL

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Sneha Ramakrishna, M.D., is an Instructor of Pediatrics in the Division of Hematology and Oncology at Stanford University. Dr. Ramakrishna obtained her B. A. from the University of Chicago and her M.D. from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. She completed her residency training in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and her fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Johns Hopkins/National Cancer Institute combined program. Her research focuses on identifying mechanisms of relapse following chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T cell therapies and optimizing both CAR design and tumor sensitivity to improve long-term success of CAR-T cell therapies.



### SAVE THE DATE

Fall CEU Dinner: Tuesday, November 12, 2019  
"Immunotherapy: The Next Generation of ALL Trials"  
Tres Agaves Restaurant, 130 Townsend St, San Francisco



Elliot Stieglitz, MD and Erica Southworth, PNP  
UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital

**Registration opens soon! Please visit <https://baphon.wildapricot.org/events>**



## Run, walk, & cycle this September during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month! September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Turn awareness into action by joining The Million Mile, the largest childhood cancer challenge that funds researchers so they can find better treatments and more cures for children battling cancer.

Whether you are a casual walker or jogger, an avid cyclist or marathoner, YOU can make a difference in the lives of children fighting cancer. To show support and bring awareness to Childhood Cancer Month, participants of all ages will walk, run, or cycle as many miles as possible all month long while raising money to help children with cancer, with the collective goal of a million miles during the month of September.

In 2018, over 7000 participants raised over \$1.3 million for childhood cancer research. This year, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) hopes you will help them to reach their goal of \$1.5 million!

Join BAPHON for our fifth year supporting ALSF by participating in Alex's Million Mile! Team BAPHON has already created a page. Please join our team today!

Our fundraising page: <https://www.alexslimonade.org/mypage/1677705>

**How to join:** Visit <https://www.alexslimonade.org/mypage/1677705> (join button on top right). Enter and confirm your email address. Add new participant info and enter goals for running and fundraising (no pressure to raise a certain amount!). Confirm contact information and review your details. Set up a donation page (only if you'd like to!) on Saturday 9/1, and start logging miles!!

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## Join BAPHON for a WALK at Land's End for Alex's Million Mile!

**What:** 1.5 mile leisurely walk surrounded by coastal views to help move us closer to finding a cure for children with cancer

**Who:** BAPHON

**When:** September 14, 2019 at 10:30 am

**Where:** Meet at the Parking Lot at Land's End (Eagle's Point)

**Address:** 2599 El Camino Del Mar, San Francisco

**Contact:** Shannon Gaine, (631) 848-9662 for questions/directions



## BAPHON's Becky Allen Scholarship

BAPHON sponsored the inaugural Becky Allen Scholarship in honor of the superb nurse, educator and tireless patient & family advocate for which the scholarship was named. Becky Allen was a true champion for kids with cancer. Becky was compassionate and energetic. She was pure sunshine; the kind of human being that made you a better person just by being in her presence. For 25 years, Becky's pediatric oncology career in the Bay Area touched many of us who knew her, from her role as a pediatric oncology nurse at Kaiser, past president and active member of BAPHON, and as a volunteer nurse at Camp Okizu.



Becky's untimely death in late 2017 has led to the establishment of the Becky Allen BAPHON Scholarship. The BAPHON Board is pleased to announce the winner of the scholarship: Morgan Driskill. Morgan is the Secretary of the BAPHON Board and was formerly the Secretary on the National Capital Chapter of APHON in DC. Morgan is passionate about the pediatric oncology profession and brings that energy to work every day at the Pediatric Infusion Center at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. As winner of the scholarship, she will receive \$500 in reimbursement for APHON's annual conference in September. Congratulations again, Morgan!



## ***National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month - September***

Did you know the month of September was proclaimed as *National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month* on August 31, 2012 by then-president Barack Obama? He proclaimed...

*This month, we pay tribute to the families, friends, professionals, and communities who lend their strength to children fighting pediatric cancer. May their courage and commitment continue to move us toward new cures, healthier outcomes, and a brighter future for America's youth.*

There are numerous ways to celebrate this commitment, including: wearing a gold ribbon on your work uniforms; sharing gold ribbons with your colleagues and/or families; planning a celebratory event with the children in your hospital, clinic, or homecare service; and/or conducting a memory ceremony honoring children who are no longer with us. Something as simple as spending a few moments jotting down previous experiences with patients, families, and colleagues and how they have impacted you as a caregiver honors the work you and other do on a daily basis. In 2018, the staff at Benioff Children's Oakland chose to plan numerous child-focused activities, including the much-loved 'pie in the face' day. Children were encouraged to pick a favorite staff member and reward them with a whipped cream pie in the face!

As care providers for children, we are often called upon to use our creativity to engage them in unpleasant tasks, tolerate repetitive exams, swallow nasty medicine, and accommodate for illness' impact on daily life. Let's switch that focus and use our creativity to celebrate the work we do - EVERYDAY! Take a moment this month to honor the care, commitment, energy, sorrow, and joy that you experience as providing care to children with cancer (and those with blood disorders and stem cell transplant, too)!

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



**September 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** APHONs 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibit  
Hilton San Jose, CA

<http://aphon.org/meetings/future-conferences>



**September 19-21<sup>st</sup>, 2019:** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Education Conference for NPs, PAs, & Fellows  
Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, MO



**October 23-26<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** International Society of Paediatric Oncology Annual Conference  
Lyon, France

<https://siop-congress.org/>



Children's  
Healthcare of Atlanta

**November 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** International Society of Paediatric Oncology Annual Conference  
CPHON Review Course (Pre-conference)  
Atlanta, GA

<https://web.cvent.com/event/2cad38d1-3ec5-4ff7-b221-e257d2bec517/summary>

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