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Award:

The Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) Evidence-Based Practice/Research Committee selected **Dr. Laurie Linder** as the recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Researcher Award. This award was created to recognize an APHON member who has excelled as a nurse scientist. In addition, APHON leadership chose **Dr. Lauri Linder** to receive the Dr. Patricia Greene Leadership Award. Dr. Linder will receive her awards on October 29, 2021 at the [45th Annual Conference and Exhibit: A Virtual Experience](#).

Presentations:

Dr. Katarina Felsted co-hosted the Gerontological Society of America's Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization's Informal Chat, and presented *Zoom Fatigue? Teaching through Trauma? An Informal Chat on Reintegration into the Classroom*. She and co-host Dr. Danielle Waldron discussed how to reintegrate into the classroom after trauma, loss, and the many challenges of the past 18 months; and how to make the current school year an effective learning experience for students and faculty.

The Health Sciences Strategy Kickoff Retreat for 2022 Directed Steps was held on October 22, 2021. **Dr. Valerie Flattes** presented the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Pillar during the opening session. **Dr. Mollie Cummins** facilitated the Discovery breakout session, and **Dr. Rebecca Wilson** facilitated the Education breakout session.

Dr. Youjeong Kang presented *The Utility of Nursing Notes Versus Discharge Summaries among Patients with Heart Failure to Predict 30-Day Rehospitalization: A Pilot Study* at the virtual [Greater Plains Collaborative 2021 Learning Engagement Conference](#).

Dr. Lauri Linder and colleagues presented two peer-reviewed papers – *Single-Institution Practice-Based Evidence Project Using Targeted Interventions to Reduce Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections in Children with Cancer and Those Undergoing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant*, and *Aromatherapy in the Pediatric Oncology Population* – at the [Virtual International Society of Pediatric Oncology Annual Congress](#).

Dr. Lauri Linder was invited to present *Symptom Assessment and Management for Adolescent and Young Adult Patients* at the Virtual International Society of Pediatric Oncology Annual Congress, Nursing and Supportive Care Joint Education Day: Supporting Adolescent and Young Adults with Cancer.

Dr. Lauri Linder was invited to present *Home Monitoring Using Telemedicine and Teleconsultation* during [The Use of Technology in Children's Palliative Care webinar](#). Fondazione Maruzza, which is based in Rome, Italy, hosted the webinar.

Dr. Michelle Litchman was a diaTribe Musings panelist alongside industry leaders in diabetes care. The panel was titled [Personalizing Your Diabetes Toolkit: New Solutions to Persistent Problems](#). Afterwards, the diaTribe founder communicated, "Michelle (!!)" – for all the patients to feel, at least for an hour, like we are YOUR patient – very cool. So many of your points helped me remember the power of the peers – such an important ongoing message."

In Other News:

Megan Whittaker and her husband Matt welcomed beautiful Elliott Dean into their family on October 9, 2021. Elliott weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz.

In the Media:

Dr. Michelle Litchman was a guest on the Johnson & Johnson Nursing See You Now Podcast titled [*Prescribing Technology and Social Media*](#). She reviewed several research projects that she led or is leading.