

International Honor Society Recognizes Given for Excellence in Nursing Research



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Barbara Given, RN, PhD, FAAN, a professor at Michigan State University who has dedicated her career to conducting distinguished research in nursing, has received the Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award for Excellence in Research from Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the honor society of nursing. Given received the award at STTI's biennial convention in November. The award is one of seven Founders Awards presented to six outstanding nurses and one chapter in recognition of the honor society's founders.

Given has focused her research in family caregiving around the central role nurses have in providing holistic care to patients and families who are facing chronic illness and death. "Dr. Given's research accomplishments place her at the top of the profession of nursing," said Marilyn Rothert, RN, PhD, FAAN, dean and professor at Michigan State University.

ACS Grants Funds to Evaluate Breast Screening Promotions for African American Women



ONS member Sandra Millon-Underwood, PhD, RN, FAAN, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Nursing are evaluating the effectiveness of a nurse-facilitated breast cancer screening

and early-detection program on the breast cancer screening behaviors of at-risk African American women. The American Cancer Society (ACS) has provided a grant to support this program.

The recognition of the relationship between culture, community, and cancer has led breast cancer advocates committed to reducing the breast cancer burden in African American women to design a number of community-based breast cancer screening programs. How-

ever, little published evidence is available that supports or refutes the effectiveness of these programs. This study aims to identify the best venues for the promotion of breast cancer screening in African American women.

ACS has recognized the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Nursing by granting the program \$25,000. The Midwest Division of ACS has provided an opportunity for organizations and community agencies to apply for funding. The grant money is being used to enhance the delivery of cancer control programs and interventions, with an emphasis on high-risk populations. Eleven grants totaling \$238,430 are being awarded in Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. The goals of ACS's cancer control grant are to strengthen the capacity of the Midwest Division to deliver community cancer control programs or interventions and to establish an awareness and lasting community presence for ACS.

Baptiste Receives Excellence in Patient Care Award

ONS member Mary Baptiste, RN, BSN, OCN®, received the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI) Excellence in Patient Care Award at a special luncheon held the day before the UPCI's Ninth Annual Leadership Dinner, which was held on October 29 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Baptiste was awarded for her "extraordinary sensitivity that has given patients with cancer under her care the strength and hope to battle their disease." A clinical nurse at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Shadyside, Baptiste says she sees the utmost importance in treating her patients with dignity and respect.

Baptiste is a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of ONS.

Ligand Recognized for Contributions to Lymphoma Education, Research, Treatment

Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc. has received the Third Annual "Trailblazer Award" from the Cure for Lymphoma Foundation for its contributions to lymphoma education, research, and treatment. The award was presented at the Seventh Annual "Cabaret for the Cure" fundraiser gala, which was held in New York City on October 29.

The Trailblazer Award was established in

1997 and recognizes pharmaceutical companies for their efforts in improving the quality of life for patients with lymphoma. Ligand was recognized for its support of lymphoma research and education and for bringing innovative lymphoma treatments to market in the last three years.

This year's "Cabaret for the Cure" was the seventh and final gala for the Cure for Lymphoma Foundation, which merged in October with the Lymphoma Research Foundation of America. These two groups have combined their resources to create the Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF), the only national organization devoted exclusively to conducting lymphoma research, committed to finding cures for lymphoma, and dedicated to individuals and families touched by these cancers. Ligand has played an instrumental role in helping these two organizations come together. LRF will deliver a full spectrum of outstanding professional and public programs to serve the informational, educational, emotional, and psychological needs of patients with lymphoma and their families.

For patient or professional information from LRF, call 800-500-9976. For research, advocacy, or fundraising information, call 800-235-6848. More information also can be found at www.cfl.org and www.lymphoma.org. For more information on Ligand Pharmaceuticals, visit its Web site at www.ligand.com.

New Resource Available for End-of-Life Education in Home Care

City of Hope (COH) National Medical Center is offering an educational resource for use by home-care agencies. The COH Department of Nursing Research and Education received funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for a training project titled "HOPE: Homecare Outreach for Palliative care Education." ONS members Betty Ferrell, RN, PhD, FAAN, and Tami Borneman, RN, MSN, have successfully implemented the program over the past three years.

The HOPE project was based on the need to provide end-of-life education for nonhospice homecare agencies, recognizing that many patients can benefit from the principles of pain management and other palliative care in the months prior to their referral to hospice.

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