

## Oncology Nursing Society Member Receives Amazing Nurses Award



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Lillie Shockney, RN, BS, MAS, CBCN®, CBPN-C, administrative director of the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center in

Baltimore, MD, was selected as an Amazing Nurse in a national contest to celebrate and reward nurses' value, sponsored by the Johnson and Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future.

Shockney, a two-time breast cancer survivor and RN who has been employed by Johns Hopkins since 1983, has worked to improve the care of patients with breast cancer around the world. She is responsible for quality-of-care programs; patient education programs; the survivor volunteer team; community outreach at a local, regional, and national level; the breast center's Web site; and patient advocacy. She also is certified as a breast cancer oncology nurse and a breast cancer patient navigator. In 2008, the Johns Hopkins Board of Trustees appointed her as the University Distinguished Service Assistant Professor of Breast Cancer—the first time in the history of the institution that a hospital nurse had received a distinguished service designation. She was promoted to associate professor in 2010.

"I am so excited about this," Shockney said. "The title really made me feel good. I hope one of the outcomes is that more people making a career decision will consider nursing."

For more information, visit [www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases).

## American Cancer Society Elects ONS Member

The High Plains Division of the American Cancer Society (ACS) elected ONS member Patti Moser, RN, MPH, BSN, OCN®, an oncology services administrator from Via Christi Hospital in Wichita, KS, to serve as a member on their



board of directors. Moser will help set division-wide goals and provide insight and leadership to the High Plains Division, which includes Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, and Hawaii. She will serve a two-year term on the 26-member board.

Moser has a long history of involvement with ACS. In 1999, she served on ACS's Midwest Cancer Conference planning committee, and in 2001, she completed an internship with ACS, focusing on physician practice for colorectal cancer screenings. She has continued her involvement with ACS, partnering on cancer prevention and early detection projects. In 2009, she was invited to serve on ACS's community advisory board.

In addition, Moser received the ACS Patient Issues Award in 2001 in appreciation for addressing patient issues in development of the Via Christi Cancer Resource Center. In 2008, she also led the team that received ACS's Harold P. Freeman Award for the Colorectal Cancer Screening Project, which was selected for the Kansas Partnership Model Program.

For more information, visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## ONS Member Selected as Nurse Expert in Singapore



ONS member Susan Weiss Behrend, RN MSN, AOCN®, an oncology clinical nurse specialist at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA, was selected to serve as the 2011 Health Manpower Development Program (HMDP) Nurse Expert at the National Cancer Center Singapore (NCCS). Specifically, she developed and taught a comprehensive program of educational topics related to the subspecialty of radiation oncology nursing. Together with the Department of Nursing

at NCCS, Behrend gave plenary sessions and workshops related to nursing care for patients receiving radiation therapy.

The three-week program encompassed the trajectory of cancer care delivery from a professional oncology nursing perspective. The program began with a foundation of the radiobiology of radiation, principles of treatment planning and delivery, patient assessment, education, side-effect management, and multidisciplinary care along the continuum of radiation treatment for patients and caregivers. Behrend also consulted at two additional institutions in Singapore: KK Hospital for Women and Children and the National University Cancer Institute.

Behrend said, "It was my esteemed honor to have served in the capacity of HMDP expert 2011 at NCCS Singapore. The practice of professional oncology nursing in Singapore is superb. . . . I remain humbled and grateful to both the Department of Nursing at Fox Chase Cancer Center as well as my colleagues in The Department of Radiation Oncology for support of this endeavor."

For more information, visit [www.oncprofessional.com](http://www.oncprofessional.com).

## Louisiana Civil Service League Recognizes ONS Member



ONS member Colleen Lemoine, APRN, MN, AOCN®, RN-BC, a clinical nurse specialist—oncology in the Department of Professional Development, Practice Excellence, and Clinical Affiliations at the Interim Louisiana State University Public Hospital in New Orleans, received a 2011 Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Service Award from the Louisiana Civil Service League. The award is the highest honor bestowed to classified state employees for their service to the citizens of Louisiana. Nominees are judged on their commitment to classified service, contributions to workplace improvement, personal initiative, and volunteer community service.

For more information, visit <http://lacsl.com/charles-e-dunbar-jr-career-service-award>.

## ONS Member Receives Wholeness of Life Award



ONS Member Ann Culkin, RN, OCN®, a nurse on the Thoracic Oncology Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, NY, received a 2011

Wholeness of Life Award from the HealthCare Chaplaincy. Mark G. Kris, MD, chief of the Thoracic Oncology Service, also received the award. The physician-nurse team was honored for balancing a commitment to scientific excellence with the compassionate care of people with lung cancer.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering received many letters supporting the nominations of Kris and Culkin for the award. During the course of any given year, patients send numerous letters extolling the extraordinary kindness and compassion they experience while in the care of those two professionals.

The HealthCare Chaplaincy provides certified chaplains for more than a dozen hospitals in the New York City area. With the annual Wholeness of Life Award, the HealthCare Chaplaincy honors individuals at its partner institutions who demonstrate exceptional respect for the whole person—patients, family members, and colleagues alike. Honorees also are recognized for promoting health of mind, body, spirit, and valuing the entire care team in enhancing a patient's quality of life.

For more information, visit [www.mskcc.org/news](http://www.mskcc.org/news).

## Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation Executive Director Receives Leadership Award

Cynthia Miller Murphy, RN, MSN, CAE, executive director of the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) in Pittsburgh, PA, received the



2011 Credentialing Industry Leadership Award from the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated innovative leadership in the field of credentialing or licensure by developing, implementing, and researching programs or practices.

Murphy has guided ONCC to a position of leadership in the field of nursing professional certification by developing innovative new programs in advanced practice and subspecialty certification. ONCC realized substantial growth during the past two decades with Murphy leading the organization. When she first joined ONCC, the OCN® certification was the only credential offered. Today, ONCC administers seven certification programs, and more than 32,000 nurses are currently certified.

In addition to her work with ONCC, Murphy has extended her reach to have an influence on the broader credentialing industry through board work and other volunteer activities with leading national credentialing and accrediting organizations. She has served as a commissioner on the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, the accrediting body for certification programs, and has held the offices of secretary, treasurer, and president of the ICE Board of Directors.

For more information, visit [www.credentialingexcellence.org](http://www.credentialingexcellence.org).

## Alex's Lemonade Stand Awards Nurse Researcher Grants

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), a leading driver of research for pediatric cancer, announced the recipients of the 2011 Nurse Researcher Grants, designed to improve the quality of care and life for young patients with cancer and their families. The grants will total more than \$100,000.

The grants will support the projects of ONS member Pam Hinds, PhD, RN, FAAN, director of the Department of Nursing Research at the Children's Research Institute in Washington, DC, to examine preliminary content validation steps for self-report in pediatric patients with cancer. The grants also will support research by Celeste Phillips-Salimi, PhD, of the University of Kentucky Research Foundation in Lexington, KY, to study the development of a connectedness with healthcare providers scale for adolescents and young adults with cancer, and Gloanna Peek, RN, MSN, of the University of Arizona in Tucson, for her work to facilitate coping interviews in parents of children newly diagnosed with cancer.

"We feel that finding the causes and cures for kids with cancer is vitally important, but also recognize the importance of their quality of care and life as they face the disease," said ALSF Co-Executive Director Liz Scott. "Through our own experience, we know that nurses have a unique view into the lives and struggles of patients and their families as they undergo treatment and the effects they will face after. These grants allow us to tap into the nurses' wealth of knowledge to improve these young lives as we take strides toward finding cures."

For more information, visit [www.alexlemonade.org/newsroom](http://www.alexlemonade.org/newsroom).

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