

PEOPLE & EVENTS

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American Academy of Nursing Nominates ONS Members as Fellows

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) recently announced its fellows for 2004. Of 63 fellows, 7 Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) members were selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to nursing and health care. The new fellows were formally inducted into AAN during the Academy's 31st Annual Meeting and Conference at a dinner on November 13 in Washington, DC.

The following ONS members were inducted as AAN fellows: Terry A. Badger, PhD, APRN, BC, Tuscon, AZ; Patrick J. Coyne, MSN, APRN, BC-PCM, Richmond, VA; Sarah H. Kagan, PhD, RN, CS, AOCN®, Philadelphia, PA; JoAnn Maklebust, MSN, APRN, BC, AOCN®, Detroit, MI; Brenda M. Nevidjon, MSN, RN, Durham, NC; Patricia Reid Ponte, RN, DNSc, Boston, MA; and Linda H. Yoder, RN, MBA, PhD, AOCN®, Bethesda, MD.

The criteria for selection of fellows require evidence of outstanding and broad contributions to nursing and health care, as well as evidence of strong potential for continuing influence on nursing practice and health policy aimed at improving the health of Americans. Each nominee was sponsored for membership by two current AAN fellows.

"AAN is comprised of highly qualified and savvy nurse leaders who are literally at the top of their profession, having accomplished extraordinary milestones in their nursing careers," said AAN President Joan L. Shaver, PhD, RN, FAAN. "The 2004 inductees are nurse leaders who have been identified by their peers as pathfinders in the nursing discipline. We are privileged to welcome them into the Academy and look to them to help us shape 'forward thinking' change for nursing and health care."

For more information about AAN, visit www.aannet.org.

ONS Members Honored at International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care Conference

ONS members Frances Marcus Lewis, RN, PhD, MN, FAAN, and Linda P. Sarna, RN, DNSc, FAAN, OCN®, were honored with

awards at the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care 13th International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ISNCC), which was held August 8–12 in Sydney, Australia.



Lewis, the Elizabeth Sterling Soule Professor of Health Promotion and Nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of Washington in Seattle and an adjunct professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, received the Robert Tiffany Lectureship, which was created in memory of Robert Tiffany, founding member of ISNCC and the initiator of the Biannual International Cancer Nursing Conference. The award is presented to an RN who has made a significant contribution to cancer practice, education, research, or management at a national or international level. Lewis presented "The Impact of Parental Cancer on Children: Risk and Protective Factors for Their Healing."

"Cancer control activities include patient and family education and psychoeducational counseling by nurses," said Lewis. "ONS outlines the role of oncology nurses in these areas in both entry and advanced level standards of practice. Operationally, these services and programs in real-life settings, both in the United States and in the world, have been a major challenge for all of us. It has been my privilege to work with nursing and medical teams in Ukraine, Russia, and Japan toward these goals. My life has been



Linda P. Sarna (right) accepted the Distinguished Merit Award from International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) President Margaret Fitch at ISNCC's annual conference in Sydney, Australia.

blessed and transformed because of my association with them."

Sarna, a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of California, Los Angeles, received the Distinguished Merit Award for her contributions to cancer nursing in the area of tobacco and lung cancer. This award is presented in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the international advancement of the art and science of cancer nursing. Sarna presented a lecture about tobacco as an issue for oncology nursing as well as her international work in this area. She recently completed a survey of tobacco control content in 554 schools of nursing in the United States and 232 schools of nursing throughout Asia.

"Tobacco is a critical global health issue. The lack of knowledge and skills, expectation, and accountability for clinical intervention, limited research, an absence of professional policies, and minimal nursing leadership have diminished the critical role that nurses can play in confronting this epidemic," said Sarna. "Swift action is needed to ensure that all nurses are prepared to effectively engage in activities to prevent tobacco use, provide evidence-based cessation interventions, and support efforts to prevent exposure to secondhand smoke. Oncology nurses can lead the way."

To learn more about ISNCC, visit www.isncc.org.

Baptiste Receives Rebound From Anemia Oncology Nursing Award

ONS member Jennifer Baptiste, RN, BSN, OCN®, head clinical oncology nurse and research nurse coordinator at Clarksville Regional Hematology-Oncology Group in Tennessee, recently was presented with the Rebound From Anemia Oncology Nursing Award. The award recognizes an oncology nurse who excels at helping patients manage their chemotherapy-



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related anemia. Rebound From Anemia is a national educational program spearheaded by Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) player Edna Campbell designed to raise awareness of anemia and encourage those at risk to seek appropriate treatment.

"Each day, oncology nurses witness the triumphs and struggles that patients with cancer face during chemotherapy, including the overwhelming fatigue that frequently results from chemotherapy-related anemia," said Baptiste. "To be formally recognized for the time I take with patients to help them overcome anemia is a true honor."

Sponsored by Ortho Biotech Products, LP, the Rebound From Anemia Oncology Nursing Award was launched at the ONS Annual Congress in Denver, CO, in May 2003 by Campbell, who plays for the Sacramento Monarchs. Campbell was diagnosed with breast cancer in February 2002 and later developed chemotherapy-related anemia. The fatigue that she experienced as a result of the anemia was debilitating. With treatment and determination, she was able to return to play in the final game of the 2002 season, making history by being the first breast cancer survivor to play in a WNBA basketball game.

Ortho Biotech presented Baptiste with a \$1,000 donation toward her chosen charity, Ronald McDonald House, and a \$500 American Express gift check at the ONS Fifth Annual Institutes of Learning in Nashville, TN, on November 6.

Rebound From Anemia is a national campaign developed to educate and motivate the millions of people at risk for anemia to seek diagnosis and treatment. For more information, visit www.reboundfromanemia.com.

Harwood Honored for Excellence in Nursing Mentorship




ONS member Kerry Harwood, MSN, RN, has received the Duke University Health System Friends of Nursing Wilma Minniear Award for Excellence in Nursing Mentorship.

Harwood is the director of the Duke Cancer Patient Education Program, a team leader in the Department of Advanced Practice Nursing, and a clinical associate in the Duke School of Nursing. The award was presented at the Friends of Nursing Gala on October 2 in Durham, NC.

The award is given annually to recognize a nurse who demonstrates excellence in professional attributes, knowledge, and interpersonal skills and contributes significantly to the advancement of nursing practice

through mentoring relationships that have a direct impact on the professional growth and development of others.

Harwood's colleagues nominated her for her collegial relationships, thoughtful strategizing, and clear guidance to help others accomplish their goals. "Kerry is the consummate professional role model and mentor for all levels of nursing, from the brand new RN graduate to the seasoned advanced practice nurse," said Beth Stewart, MSN, RN, director of the Department of Advanced Practice Nursing. "She is genuinely committed to and cares about helping nurses strive for and reach their professional goals. Her proudest moments are not when she personally achieves a major milestone but when one of her interns, students, or colleagues whom she has gently and patiently mentored finally reaches his or her goal."

The Friends of Nursing at Duke University Health System was established to recognize professional excellence in nursing practice, education, and research to enhance the status of nursing and promote the image of nursing as a positive career choice. 

Corrections

In the September 2004 *Oncology Nursing Forum* article titled "Coming to Terms With Language" (pp. 913–925) by Kathleen S. Ruccione, RN, MPH, FAAN, CPON®, the sponsorship of the ONS Foundation Mara Mogensen Flaherty Memorial Lectureship was inadvertently omitted. Sanofi-Synthelabo, Inc., provided generous support for this lectureship.

In "Patient Control and End-of-Life Care Part I: The Advanced Practice Nurse Perspective" (pp. 945–953) by Deborah L. Volker, RN, PhD, AOCN®, David Kahn, RN, PhD, and Joy Penticuff, RN, PhD, FAAN, an omission was made in Figure 1, "Indicators for Dignified Dying." The category "Indicators Related to Personal Control" should have included "Reconciles previous relationships." We apologize for the omission.

Bravo! Job Well Done! Pat Yourself on the Back!

Have you been awarded recently for your dedication and commitment to oncology nursing? Have you been appointed to a new leadership position at your institution? Are you helping to coordinate an event that is particularly relevant to oncology nurses? If so, the *Oncology Nursing Forum (ONF)* wants to share these and other achievements with its readers.

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