



It's Time to Shake Things Up!

Describe the typical nurse caring for patients with cancer. Is she or he a staff nurse, inexperienced, very experienced, in ambulatory or inpatient care, an advanced practice nurse (APN), a researcher, or a faculty member who cares for patients a day or two a week? Yes! Oncology nurses are found in all of these categories and many more. One of my goals as editor of the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing* (CJON) is to expand the content to meet the needs of oncology nurses in all stages of their careers. The CJON Editorial Board met in Pittsburgh, PA, last November and spent a great deal of time talking about how to best meet your needs while enhancing the clinical applicability of the journal. We have some exciting changes ahead, and I am happy to give you a preview here. Some of the new feature columns are making their debut in this issue.

Case Analysis: This is one of two new columns geared to highly experienced nurses, APNs, and those who aspire to become APNs. The content will update readers on current therapies to treat a variety of disorders that often coexist in patients with cancer. Comorbidities such as diabetes mellitus, hypertension, obesity, and asthma will be featured, with emphasis on integrating the nursing care needed for those disorders into the oncology plan of treatment. The associate editor (AE) for this column is Joyce Marrs, MS, APRN-BC, OCN®.

A Day in the Life: This new column will focus on one oncology nurse and her or his career path to describe unique careers and roles. It may give you some ideas on what to do with the rest of your life!

Diagnostic Reasoning: This is CJON's second new column geared toward experienced nurses and those in advanced practice roles. The emphasis will be the steps needed

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to make complicated diagnostic conclusions. Interpreting scans and pathology or bone marrow slides and analyzing which tests are appropriate for particular symptomatology will be some of the content highlighted in this column. The AE is Catherine C. Burke, MS, APRN, BC, ANP, AOCN®.

Evidence-Based Practice: Formerly known as "From Research to Clinical Practice," this column will continue to focus on applying the research literature to your practice. Suzanne M. Mahon, RN, DNSc, AOCN®, APNG, continues to serve as AE of this column.

In My Own Words: I have received many queries from nurses who have had personal experiences with the healthcare system, such as a major illness themselves or of family members. The style of this column will be more narrative than clinical. I encourage you to e-mail me if you have an experience that could enlighten other oncology nurses.

Integrated Care: No changes have been made to this column describing a wide spectrum of complementary and alternative therapies. CDR Colleen O. Lee, RN, MS, AOCN®, continues to serve as AE of this column.

Leadership Corner: This new column will describe a variety of leadership and management challenges, with practical strategies to address them. The AE is Colleen L. Corish, RN, MN, OCN®.

Novel Modalities: Formerly known as "Cancer Treatments," this column will describe the nursing implications of new treat-



ments and pharmacologic therapies. Innovative clinical trials also will be included in the content. The AE for this column is Deborah Davison, MSN, NP-C, CRNP.

Patient Education: This new feature will include a variety of patient education

materials. The AE is Jeannine M. Brant, RN, MS, AOCN®.

Picture This: No changes have been made to this wildly popular column, which describes a clinical scenario both visually and in writing. The AE for this column is Jeannine M. Brant, RN, MS, AOCN®.

Test Your Knowledge: This column will continue to offer a multiple-choice format to answer questions about a variety of clinical topics. The AE for this column is William P. Hogle, RN, BSN, OCN®.

Many opportunities are available for you to contribute to CJON. Sharing your experiences with difficult patients, nursing management of a new therapy, strategizing a complicated management problem, clinical applications of a research study, or updated therapy options for a variety of cancers are possibilities that you may consider submitting for publication. The e-mail addresses for all of the CJON Editorial Board members can be found in the Publications area of the ONS Web site (www.ons.org), and you can communicate with an AE or me about a particular column. Feel free to e-mail me with your questions (CJONeditor@jsobel.com). I look forward to hearing from you.