

## Oncology Nursing Society Past President Selected as Visionary Nurse Leader



Karen J. Stanley, RN, MSN, AOCN®, FAAN, a program manager in pain and palliative care services at Stamford Hospital in Connecticut and a past president of the Oncology

Nursing Society (ONS), has been selected as a University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing Visionary Leader. The distinction recognizes Stanley's significant impact in nursing and health care.

Stanley received her undergraduate degree in nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and her master's degree in oncology nursing at the University of California in San Francisco. She served as ONS president from 2004–2006. Stanley has spoken nationally and internationally on issues in cancer care and has written many book chapters and journal articles on pain and symptom management, ethical issues in cancer care, and gero-oncology issues.

For more information, visit [www.uab.edu/son60](http://www.uab.edu/son60).

## Tool Developed With ONS Input Wins 2010 National Health Information Award

The Spanish language version of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship's (NCCS) Cancer Survival Toolbox®, a free, self-learning audio program that helps people develop important skills to better meet and understand the challenges of their illness, was selected as a winner in the 17th annual National Health Information Awards, which recognizes the best American consumer-health information programs and materials. Ruth Van Gerpen, RN, APRN-CNS, AOCNS®, a clinical nurse specialist at BryanLGH Medical Center in Lincoln, NE, and a past ONS director-at-large, served as ONS's board-appointed liaison in the toolbox's development.

The Spanish language version of the Cancer Survival Toolbox received a Bronze Award in the Patient Education

Information class for Other/Miscellaneous Material. The toolbox was selected from more than 1,000 entries judged by a national panel of health information experts.

The Cancer Survival Toolbox is available in audio in English and Spanish and in writing in Chinese. The tool addresses specific issues for people recently diagnosed with cancer or people who are facing difficult decisions or life changes caused by cancer. Topics covered in the toolbox include how to effectively communicate with one's doctor or healthcare team, how to make decisions about cancer treatment, how to find ways to pay for care, and caring for caregivers. A grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has enabled NCCS to provide disease-specific programs for hematologic cancers, including multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and chronic myeloid leukemia.

Cancer survivors and their loved ones, caregivers, and healthcare professionals can order a free CD version of the Cancer Survival Toolbox, listen to it, or read it online at [www.canceradvocacy.org/toolbox](http://www.canceradvocacy.org/toolbox).

## National Cancer Institute Awards ONS Member as First Woman, First Nurse Principal Investigator



Deborah Watkins Bruner, RN, PhD, FAAN, the independence professor in nursing education in the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania and co-program

leader in the Abramson Cancer Center, both in Philadelphia, has been awarded a U10 grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) as principal investigator of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP). Bruner is the first woman and first nurse to be awarded principal investigator of an NCI-sponsored cancer clinical trials cooperative group. The RTOG CCOP is the only CCOP research base focused solely on providing radiation and combination therapy-related symptom amelioration trials and state-of-the-art

radiation treatment trials to the CCOP community, accruing almost 2,000 patients since 2005.

Bruner has worked with the RTOG since the early 1990s and has been principal investigator or co-principal investigator for 10 clinical trials. Bruner serves on the NCI Clinical Trials Advisory Committee, which helps set the NCI clinical trials research agenda. In addition, Bruner is cochair of the NCI Symptom Management and Health Related Quality of Life Steering Committee, which reviews and prioritizes NCI-funded symptom management and quality-of-life research. As principal investigator of the RTOG CCOP, Bruner will be using a novel framework to combine patient-reported outcomes with translational science to improve symptom management after cancer therapy.

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

## International Society of Nurses in Genetics Elects Oncology Nursing Forum Associate Editor



Oncology Nursing Forum Associate Editor Ellen Giarelli, EdD, RN, CRNP, a research associate professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania

in Philadelphia, has been elected to the post of president-elect of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG). Giarelli was elected to a two-year term that will automatically succeed to the presidency at the conclusion of the current president's term of office. The slate of officers was presented to members at the 23rd Annual ISONG Conference in Dallas, TX, in October 2010.

ISONG is a global nursing specialty organization dedicated to fostering the scientific and professional growth of nurses in human genetics and genomics worldwide. For more information, visit [www.isong.org](http://www.isong.org).

## American Academy of Nursing Announces 2009–2010 Fellows

The American Academy of Nursing selected 23 ONS members as 2009–2010 fellows. New fellows will be inducted