

## American Academy of Nurses Honors Seven Oncology Nursing Society Members

The American Academy of Nursing inducted 92 nurse leaders as fellows during the Academy's 35th Annual Meeting and Conference on November 8, 2008, in Scottsdale, AZ, including Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) members Jane M. Armer, RN, PhD, Debra L. Barton, RN, PhD, AOCN®, Cynthia N. Rittenberg, RN, MN, AOCN®, Susan M. Schneider, RN, PhD, AOCN®, APRN BC, Kevin W. Sowers, RN, MSN, and Margaret C. Wilmoth, PhD, MSS, RN. ONS member Wendy L. Hobbie, RN, MSN, CRNP, will be inducted in 2009.



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"The Academy is comprised of many of the nation's top nursing executives, policy makers, scholars, researchers, and practitioners," said Academy President, Pam

Mitchell, PhD, RN, FAAN. "Being selected as an academy fellow is an important recognition of one's contributions to nursing and health care."

Selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care, sponsorship by two current academy fellows, and the extent to which nominees' nursing careers influence health policies for the benefit of all Americans.

The Academy is comprised of more than 1,500 nursing leaders in education, management, practice, and research. Leadership positions held by academy fellows include university presidents, chancellors, and deans; state and federal political appointees; hospital chief executives and vice presidents for nursing; researchers and entrepreneurs; and practicing nurses.

The American Academy of Nursing anticipates and tracks national and international trends in health care, while addressing resulting issues of healthcare knowledge and policy. The Academy's mission is to serve the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge.

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

## ONS Member Named *NurseWeek* 2008 California Excellence Award Winner

ONS member Linda Gorman, RN, MN, CNS-BC, CHPN, OCN®, received *NurseWeek's* California Excellence Award in the clinical care category. Gorman, a palliative care clinical nurse specialist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, was one of six award winners chosen from 30 finalists. Other categories included advancing and leading the profession, community service, management, mentoring, and teaching. As an award winner, Gorman will go on to compete in *NurseWeek's* Nurse of the Year program.

Gorman has worked in the nursing profession for more than 30 years. She was a coeditor of the ONS book *Psychosocial Care Along the Cancer Continuum* and the former president of Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.

For more information about *NurseWeek's* Excellence Awards, visit [www.nurse.com](http://www.nurse.com).



## ONS Member Appointed to Joint Position

ONS member Mary E. Cooley, RN, PhD, has been jointly appointed as nurse scientist and assistant professor within Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Phyllis F. Cantor Center for Research in Nursing and Patient Care Services and the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Boston School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Cooley has practiced as a clinician, educator, and researcher in oncology for 25 years. In her new role, Cooley will grow her program of research at Dana-Farber and will teach doctoral nursing students in the accelerated Bachelor of Science-to-PhD program at UMass Boston. The program, which began admitting students in 2007, is co-directed by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. The curriculum focuses on cancer care and health disparities.

"As we continue to advance our joint program, top notch faculty recruitment is the key element for assuring excellence," says Patricia Reid Ponte, RN, DNSc, FAAN, NEA-BC, Dana-Farber's senior vice president for Patient Care Services and chief nurse.

Greer Glazer, RN, CNP, PhD, FAAN, dean and professor of UMass Boston's College of Nursing and Health Sciences added, "We are pleased that our PhD students have a scholar of Dr. Cooley's acclaim to provide research mentorship and education for nurse scientists in the 21st century."

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute ([www.dana-farber.org](http://www.dana-farber.org)) is a principal teaching affiliate of the Harvard Medical School and is among the leading cancer research and care centers in the United States. It is a founding member of the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, designated a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute.

## American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Executive Director Announces Retirement

Judith Dempster, DNSc, FNP, FAANP, has announced her retirement from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)





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following 12 years of service as the first executive director of the organization. During her tenure that began in 1996, Dempster has worked to position AANP as the largest and only full-service national professional membership organization for nurse practitioners (NPs) of all specialties.

Dee Swanson, MSN, NP-C, FAANP, AANP president, stated "As the first executive director of AANP, Dr. Dempster has worked tirelessly to move the organization from a small group of immensely dedicated NPs to the large national organization that is today recognized as the voice for NPs. She has given her time, talents, and heart to move the organization from a few thousand members to approximately 25,000 today. She has overseen multiple initiatives to advocate for NPs and their delivery of high-quality health care. She constantly worked to forge new relationships with other organizations and groups. Today, under her leadership, AANP is truly representing the interests of all NPs."

The Breckenridge Group Executive Search, a national search firm based in the Washington, DC area, will work with the AANP Board of Directors to conduct a national search for the new executive director.

## Reel Lives: The Cancer Chronicles Film Festival Awards Prizes to Top Filmmakers

*Chrigu* from Switzerland has been awarded the grand prize in the first Reel Lives: Cancer Chronicles Film Festival at a ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland. Runner-up prizes also were awarded to *The Truth About Cancer* (United States) for best reportage, *The Art of Living* (India) for best personal story, *The Children of Avenir* (Morocco) for best organizational film, and *Hookah* (Israel) for the best public service announcement.

Award winners were chosen from an impressive lineup of 33 finalists from 16 countries. More than 250 films were entered into the competition.

"We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of these outstanding documentary filmmakers. Not only are they innovative and notable artists, they have all been touched by cancer in some way," commented Ann Steyn, chair of the festival jury.

Grand prize winner *Chrigu* tells the story of a young man who once had great plans for the future until, at the age of 21, an advanced-stage tumor was discovered in his neck. Director Jan Gassmann follows

Christian Ziörjen's fight to live and creates a moving and surprising portrait of his best friend.

The Reel Lives festival aims to raise awareness of the complex realities of cancer globally, to shatter taboos and myths surrounding the disease, and to challenge stigma. For more information, visit [www.reellives.org](http://www.reellives.org).

## Moffitt Cancer Center Named a 2008 Working Mother 100 Best Company

*Working Mother* magazine named Moffitt Cancer Center one of the 2008 *Working Mother* 100 Best Companies. From flextime and telecommuting to backup child care and parental leave, Moffitt is expanding the concept of family-friendly benefits to ensure they cover adoptive parents, fathers, and grandparents as well as working mothers. Moffitt is the only cancer center ever to be featured on the 22-year-old list.

"We're very proud that *Working Mother* magazine has recognized Moffitt as one of the nation's best places to work," said Yvette

Tremonti, vice president of Human Resources. "At Moffitt, we believe in making it a priority to recognize and support the needs of working parents. We are committed to providing the kind of benefits and employee-related programs that are important to our entire workforce."

Moffitt formed a working mother work group to address growing concerns felt by its own working mothers. Tremonti, a mother of four, is one of them. Her youngest child, four-year-old Michael, has Down Syndrome. She has depended on Moffitt to help her balance life as a professional and a mother of a child with special needs.

"My boss immediately asked what he could do for me," said Tremonti. "My husband and I decided right away that we wouldn't treat our son any differently. I knew I wanted to give him every possible opportunity. That meant I had to keep working to provide him with the best resources."

Moffitt promoted Tremonti to a senior executive position when her son was a year old. She and other working mothers shared their stories and helped to improve many of the current programs and create new ones.

Tremonti pointed to the hospital's on-site daycare center, its employee assistance program, and the tuition up-front program as examples of programs that address work and life needs of employees.

Moffitt was selected for the 2008 *Working Mother* 100 Best Companies based on an extensive application with more than 500 questions. The application included detailed questions about workforce, compensation, child care, flexibility programs, leave policies, and more. It also checked the usage, availability, and tracking of programs, as well as the accountability of managers who oversee them. Seven areas were measured and scored: workforce profile, compensation, child care, flexibility, time off and leaves, family-friendly programs, and company culture. For this year's 100 Best, particular weight was given to family-friendly policies, flexibility, leave policies, and benefits for part-timers.

A complete list of the 2008 *Working Mother* 100 Best Companies can be found at [www.workingmother.com](http://www.workingmother.com).



Employees of Moffitt who participate in the working mother work group and their children

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

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