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US Oncology Honors ONS CEO and Members for Leadership and Service



US Oncology, one of the nation's largest healthcare service networks dedicated exclusively to cancer treatment and research, recognized several oncology nurses at its annual meeting held in

Houston, TX, in March. A special recognition went to 2005 US Oncology Honoree Pearl Moore, RN, MN, FAAN, chief executive officer of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) in Pittsburgh, PA, for her 30-plus year career in oncology nursing.

Moore holds a BSN and MN from the University of Pittsburgh, with a clinical specialization in oncology nursing. She has published more than 20 editorials and is an international guest speaker. She has been described as a philanthropist, humanitarian, contributor, mentor, community leader, and, first and foremost, a caring, kind, compassionate, and intelligent person.

Moore is the namesake for US Oncology's Pearl Moore Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award, which was presented to ONS member Bridget Babu, BSN, RN, OCN®, an oncology nurse at Texas Oncology PA in Bedford. The Pearl Moore Award is given to an oncology nurse who personifies the qualities of Moore. Those qualities include courage and the ability to affect change and ensure that the needs of patients are placed before the needs of anyone else.



Babu was chosen because she emulates true leadership and serves as a role model and trusted mentor. She developed and facilitated new guidelines and systems, creating improvements in

patient flow, communication, and treatment, benefiting both patients and nurses. She also created and implemented guidelines for an injection clinic, allowing patients to wait only minutes instead of hours and giving them more time to spend with family.



In addition, ONS member Jan Draper, RN, OCN®, was announced as the winner of the Overall Excellence Award for the Betsy York Memorial OCN® of the Year Award. Draper is the lead staff nurse at Arizona Oncology Associates in Tucson, where she is responsible for patient assessment, education, and support to patients receiving radiation therapy treatments. She was chosen for the award based on her overwhelming recommendations and her instrumental role in the development of a Head and Neck Support Program, a support group for patients with head and neck cancer.

The Betsy York Memorial OCN® Award is given to a staff nurse who exemplifies excellence in oncology nursing. Recipients are chosen based on their ability to display the courage, determination, and character that was personified by Betsy York, an OCN®-certified nurse at the Cancer Centers of the Carolinas in Greenville, SC.

ONS Members Recognized for Work in Hospice and Palliative Nursing

Several ONS members were honored at the Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA), which was held in Nashville, TN, in February.



Hazel Jackson, APRN, BC-CHPN, received the 2006 HPNA Innovation in End-of-Life Nursing Care Award. The award recognizes the work of an HPNA member who has made a major contribution in shaping end-of-life nursing care, improving some aspect of hospice and palliative nursing, and enhancing the practice of others.

A nursing veteran, Jackson was honored for her work at the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Decatur, GA, where she

developed and helped to implement a comprehensive hospice program that improved quality of care and care options available to dying veterans. She was the only RN invited to serve on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Hospice and Palliative Care Initiative. She has shared her expertise in the development and implementation of contract hospice care with other VAMCs around the country.

Jackson holds an associate degree in nursing from Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY; a bachelor in nursing from Alfred University in Alfred, NY; and a master of nursing from Emory University in Atlanta, GA. She is certified in hospice and palliative care nursing and is an HPNA-approved educator.



Maryjo Prince-Paul, MSN, APRN, BC-PCM, received the 2006 Outstanding Research Abstract at Annual Assembly Award. Each year, this award is given to a researcher who has positively

influenced end-of-life nursing care and has had his or her presentation or poster accepted at the AAHPM/HPNA annual assembly. The award recognizes the outstanding efforts that the recipient has made in identifying, clarifying, and investigating a research problem relevant to hospice and palliative nursing. This year, Prince-Paul provided a poster on "Understanding the Meaning of Social Well-Being at the End of Life."

Prince-Paul is a palliative care advanced practice nurse on the Palliative Care Team of the Hospice of the Western Reserve in Cleveland, OH, where she also serves as an advanced practice nurse and education coordinator. A full-time doctoral student in the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at the Case Western Reserve University, Prince-Paul recently received a \$60,000 grant from the American Cancer Society (ACS) to support her research in the area of social well-being at the end of life.

In addition, three ONS members were honored with the 2006 "Leading the Way" award at the assembly. In recognition of HPNA's 20th anniversary, the HPNA Board of Directors recognized all past Hospice Nurses

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