

## 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 2005. Of 60 fellows, 6 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 32nd Annual Meeting and Conference at an awards ceremony on November 12 in Scottsdale, AZ.

The following ONS members were inducted as AAN fellows: Ann M. Berger, PhD, RN, AOCN®, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha; Donna L. Berry, PhD, RN, AOCN®, University of Washington, Seattle; Cecelia Marie Gatson Grindel, PhD, RN, CMSRN, Georgia State University, Atlanta; Pamela S. Hinds, PhD, RN, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN; Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, University of Texas at Austin; and April Hazard Vallerand, PhD, RN, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

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 the American people. Each nominee was sponsored for membership by two current AAN fellows.

"The 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. "We are privileged to welcome [the 2005 inductees] into the Academy and look to them to help us shape 'forward thinking' change for nursing and health care."

### Dow Recognized as Endowed Chair in Oncology Nursing



ONS member Karen Hassey Dow, PhD, RN, FAAN, a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, was recognized as the first Beat M. and Jill L. Kahli

Endowed Chair in Oncology Nursing at a reception on August 17 at the Orlando Art Museum. The reception honored Dow's new appointment and her more than 30 years of work to improve the care of patients with cancer. The endowed faculty position is one of only five in oncology nursing in the nation.

"Karen's tremendous dedication and compassion have positively impacted the lives of people around the world," said Jean Leuner, PhD, RN, director of the UCF School of Nursing. "Her appointment to the Kahli chair will help further her important work."

Dow has made many outstanding contributions in support of breast cancer education for both patients and nurses. Since joining the UCF School of Nursing faculty in 1995, Dow has developed and implemented WebONE, an Internet-based oncology nursing educational program for nurses around the world. She is an internationally recognized writer and editor, having authored or coauthored four textbooks and more than 100 publications and book chapters. An accomplished nurse researcher, Dow is testing the effects of a behavioral intervention for breast cancer survivors with support from a \$1.6 million grant from the National Institute of Nursing Re-

search and National Cancer Institute. She also is developing, implementing, and evaluating the effects of an Internet-based support and education program for young women with breast cancer concerned about fertility with a \$250,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In 1992, Dow was appointed to the President's Cancer Panel, Special Commission on Breast Cancer, and, in 2000, to the Florida Biomedical Research Council by Governor Jeb Bush.

Dow has received many national research, education, and achievement awards, including the 2004 Excellence in Breast Cancer Education Award from ONS.

The Beat M. and Jill L. Kahli Endowed Chair in Oncology Nursing was established in March 2005 with a generous gift from Beat M. Kahli, president and chief executive officer of Avalon Park, a master-planned community in Orange County, FL, to UCF. The chair title recognizes Kahli and his wife, Jill, whose mother died at an early age from cancer. The position will support a research program in nursing care for patients with cancer in UCF's School of Nursing.

### Conley Elected Secretary of Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses



ONS member Susanne Conley, RN, BSN, CPON®, a nurse program manager for pediatric oncology in the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund Clinic in Boston, MA, has been elected secretary of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses's (APON's) Board of Directors.

APON is the leading national professional organization for RNs caring for children and adolescents with cancer and blood disorders.

Conley has more than 30 years of nursing experience. After joining Dana-Farber in 2002 from Maine Medical Center's children's cancer program, she started her Dana-Farber career as a clinical nurse specialist before quickly moving up the ranks.

### 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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