

Oncology Nursing Society Member Named Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing*



The Hospice and Palliative Nurse Association (HPNA) announced Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Betty Ferrell, RN, PhD, FAAN, FPC, as the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing* (JHPN), the official journal of HPNA. Ferrell will assume the official role on January 1, 2010.

Ferrell has been in oncology nursing for 32 years, with clinical expertise and research in the areas of pain management, quality of life, and palliative care. Ferrell is a research scientist at the City of Hope in Duarte, CA, and principal investigator of the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) project. She has obtained fellow status with the American Academy of Nursing and HPNA. Ferrell also is chair of the National Consensus Project.

Ferrell has authored five books, including *Cancer Pain Management* (1995), *A Text on Suffering* (1995), *Pain in the Elderly* (1996), the *Textbook of Palliative Nursing Care* (2001), and the *Textbook of Palliative Nursing Care* (2nd ed.) (2006). Ferrell also has more than 300 publications in peer-reviewed journals and texts.

"We are honored to be working with Dr. Ferrell as we strive to continually advance our official organizational publications," said Judy Lentz, RN, MSN, HA, chief executive officer of HPNA.

Focusing on the clinical, educational, and research aspects of care, *JHPN* offers information on hospice and palliative nursing, contemporary nursing practice, education, research, and administration. For more information, visit www.hpna.org.

ONS Member Becomes Director at City of Hope

ONS member Mary L. Scott, RN, a nursing director with more than 30 years of experience in management and administration, joined City of Hope as director



of clinical practice and education. She is responsible for ensuring the delivery of the highest quality patient care through staff development and ongoing clinical nursing training.

"Mary Scott brings decades of knowledge and experience in nursing administration to the benefit of City of Hope patients and staff," said Shirley Johnson, RN, chief nursing and patient services officer.

Prior to joining City of Hope, Scott served as the director of oncology patient services at Siteman Cancer Center in the Barnes-Jewish Hospital at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Scott has written numerous chapters on nursing management and practice improvements for nursing education textbooks and has delivered presentations to hospital administrators and patient care staff on topics related to cancer care, medication administration, and the effect of automation on patient care.

As an ONS member, Scott has held several committee positions, including International Congress Team chair, chair of the Managed Care Summit, and associate editor for the *Oncology Nursing Forum*. She also is a member of the American Academy of Oncology Administrators, the American Organization of Nursing Executives, and the American Cancer Society.

For more information, visit www.cityofhope.org.

ONS Member Elected to Pennsylvania State Nurses Association Board of Directors



ONS member Mary Louise Kanaskie, MS, RN-BC, AOCN®, has been elected vice president of the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) Board of Directors for a two-year term. The PSNA Board of Directors oversees the activities of the

association, which include advocating and supporting the nursing profession with Commonwealth policy makers, legislators, and regulators; providing access to education and improving nursing knowledge and skills; and offering valued information and services for professional practice.

Kanaskie previously served the PSNA Board of Directors as a trustee and representative to the Nursing Foundation of Education. She also was a member of PSNA's Continuing Education Reviewer Unit and joined the Continuing Education Committee, serving several terms as chairperson.

Kanaskie is a nurse educator at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. She has been an active member of ONS since 1987, serving as coordinator of the Staff Education Special Interest Group and presenter at ONS Congress. She is a past recipient of the ONS Mary Nowotny Excellence in Cancer Nursing Education Award and is the coeditor of the second edition of ONS's *Continuing Education Activities—A Planning Manual* (2005).

For more information, visit www.panurses.org.

ONS Member Receives Research Grant

ONS member Ann Marie Dose, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, received the 2009 End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant from the Hospice of Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (STTI) for her proposed research project, "Transition from Hospital to Home Hospice: The No-Care Zone."

The purpose of Dose's qualitative study is to describe the issues identified by patients and primary family caregivers as they experience the transition from hospital discharge to onset of home hospice (i.e., the no care zone) using participant-generated photography and semistructured interviews of patients and family caregivers. The study addresses significant, previously unaddressed gaps in the foundation of hospital discharge planning practices.

Dose is a clinical nurse researcher at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She is a frequent lecturer on topics related to end-of-life care and spiritually and