

Journal of Clinical Nursing Appoints Oncology Nursing Society Member as Editor



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member and former *Oncology Nursing Forum* editorial board member Cynthia King, PhD, NP, MSN, RN, FAAN, a professor in the Nursing Department at Queens University of Charlotte in North Carolina, was appointed editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Clinical Nursing*. Her term begins this month.

King has published many articles and three books, including *100 Questions and Answers About Communicating With Your Healthcare Provider*. Her research focuses on quality of life and symptoms. King's nursing experience includes clinical care, education, administration, and research. She has owned a consulting business and worked in hospitals, nursing homes, home care, and hospice.

The *Journal of Clinical Nursing* seeks to promote the development and exchange of knowledge that is directly relevant to all spheres of nursing and midwifery practice. The primary aim is to promote a high standard of clinically related scholarship that supports the practice and discipline of nursing.

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Comprehensive Cancer Center Recognizes Nursing Excellence



ONS member Anne Dunlap, RN, BSN, OCN®, a head nurse clinician in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center in Chapel Hill, received UNC Cancer Care's 2011 Oncology Nursing Excellence Award. In addition, Betty Hinshaw, BSN, OCN®, CHTC, a coordinator with the UNC Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplantation Program,

also received the award, which recognize employees who exemplify the best in cancer care.

Shelley Earp, MD, professor of medicine and pharmacology and director of UNC Lineberger, said, "These honorees represent the best of the best at providing compassionate care and dedicated service. Selecting each year's winners becomes increasingly challenging because of the large number of exemplary nominees. We are proud to honor the 2011 winners as superb examples of all those who serve UNC Cancer Care patients and families."

Dunlap has worked in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology for 34 years. One of her nominators said, "If I were a cancer patient, survivor, or family member, I would want someone like Anne working with me and my family. The comfort and strength that she imparts is unique." Another stated, "Anne is a resource that the fellows, residents, and faculty can access without limitations and, importantly, without hesitation."

Hinshaw has been with the Stem Cell Transplantation Program for 16 years. A colleague said, "One trait that sums Betty up: She's always taking care of others and has the absolute best community spirit." Colleagues cited her participation in numerous community activities and fundraisers for worthy causes. Another described Hinshaw's role in UNC's designation as a National Marrow Donor Program–approved apheresis center. This designation allows UNC to facilitate the cell and marrow collection process for unrelated donors. A colleague noted Betty's "persistence in getting the application completed and educating nurses and staff on new procedures, managing this feat in addition to her other contributions to the program."

Winners of the Nursing Excellence Awards receive a \$1,500 stipend for professional education activities. The Oncology Nursing Excellence Award is presented in memory of Charmayne S. Gray, an outstanding oncology nurse who died in 2002.

As one of only 40 National Cancer Institute–designated comprehensive cancer centers, UNC Lineberger was rated as exceptional, the highest category, by the National Cancer Institute. The center brings together expert physicians and scientists to investigate and improve the

prevention, early detection, and treatment of cancer.

For more information, visit <http://unclineberger.org>.

ONS Members Receive Nurse Navigator Awards

ONS members Carol G. Boyer, MSN, APN-C, CBPN-IC, AOCNS®, and Cindy Krasnecky, BSN, OCN®, earned honors from the Academy of Oncology Nurse Navigators, Inc. (AONN) at the Second Annual Excellence in Navigation and Survivorship Awards. Recipients were selected from more than 60 nominations in a variety of categories. "All of these award winners represent a great example for those just starting in this profession to emulate, whether they are navigators or administrators responsible for developing these patient services at their center," said Sean T. Walsh, executive director.



Carol G. Boyer

Boyer, the clinical program manager at Summit Medical Group in New Jersey, was awarded the Breast Cancer Navigator of the Year award. Nominated by several colleagues, Boyer helped to establish the breast cancer navigator program, as well as many other extended patient services, such as targeted support groups and exercise classes. In addition, Boyer was key in Summit Medical Group earning a designation of Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence through the National Consortium of Breast Centers.



Cindy Krasnecky

Krasnecky, a nurse navigator at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Massachusetts, received the Multisite Tumor Navigator of the Year award. She exemplifies the importance of navigation for optimal patient care across the cancer continuum. Through her efforts, the navigator program has instituted several clinical and patient services, including increased nutrition and psychosocial support, the growth of a genetic counseling program

for high-risk patients, and survivorship plans and services. Krasnecky strikes the important balance of advocacy, empathy, and perseverance, with the end result of greatly improved communication and patient care.

AONN is the largest national specialty organization dedicated to improving patient care and quality of life by defining, enhancing, and promoting the role of oncology nurse and patient navigators. The organization, comprising more than 1,900 members, was founded in May 2009 to provide a network for all professionals involved and interested in patient navigation and survivorship care services. As an organization of professional patient advocates, AONN strives to help its members better manage the complexities of the cancer care treatment continuum for their patients.

For more information, visit www.AONNOnline.org.

ONS Member Earns Creighton University Alumni Award



ONS member Ann Malone Berger, APRN, PhD, AOCNS®, FAAN, has earned the 2011 Alumni Merit Award from the School of Nursing at Creighton University in Omaha,

NE. Berger, holder of the Professor Dorothy Hodges Olson Endowed Chair in Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), earned her undergraduate degree in nursing from the School of Nursing at Creighton University in 1971.

Berger's background includes more than 10 years in all levels of coronary care and more than 20 years in oncology nursing care. She has held positions in Washington, California, and Nebraska.

Berger has distinguished herself most notably for her work in fatigue, particularly as it relates to cancer and chemotherapy. She and her research team received a \$1.5 million grant from the National In-

stitute of Nursing to study chemotherapy fatigue, the first research of its kind. The study, involving 220 women with breast cancer, identified the need for more sleep and healthy eating habits to directly affect physical and mental well-being.

Berger has been described as a "splendid example of nursing—inquisitive, compassionate, dedicated, and a consistent patient advocate." In 2005, she received UNMC's Outstanding Teacher Award and was named a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

The School of Nursing at Creighton University has achieved a national reputation for its innovative programs that keep pace with the ever-changing field of nursing. Creighton University was the first nursing school in Nebraska to offer the doctor of nursing practice degree and preparation for the new nursing role, clinical nurse leader. The school offers both undergraduate and graduate nursing education. In 2001, the School of Nursing's undergraduate and master's programs received accreditation from the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

For more information, visit www.creighton.edu/nursing.

ONS Member Receives Grant to Train Russian Nurses



ONS member Frances Marcus Lewis, RN, MN, PhD, a professor of Family and Child Nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle, will co-

direct a partnership with Bashkir State Medical University in Russia to train nurses in evidence-based oncology nursing practice.

Through a \$161,000 grant funded by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, Lewis and codirector Leyla Akhmadeeva, MD, PhD, will work to implement training workshops to more than 200 practicing nurses in Bashkortostan, Russia. More than \$900,000 was awarded to six differ-

ent international organizations that will improve cancer nursing skills in Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Russia. Of those six organizations, the School of Nursing at UW was the only U.S. school to receive funding.

"Nurses are an integral part of the healthcare system and have the potential to significantly influence patient outcomes," said John Damonti, president, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and vice president, Corporate Philanthropy, Bristol-Myers Squibb. "The projects we selected will improve education and training for nurses and patients and, ultimately, maximize the role nurses play in reducing the burden of cancer and helping to control the disease."

"Only by engaging with nurses who are actively assisting patients with cancer can oncology nurses' skills and practice competencies be advanced," said Lewis. "We are thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to undertake this project."

Since 2007, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation has directed grant making and partnership development to cancer disparities in Central and Eastern Europe with programs including psychosocial support, disease information, and palliative care. Beginning in 2010, the Foundation has focused on making grants for projects that improve nursing skills and build nurse-community partnerships.

For more information, visit www.bms.com/foundation.

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