

## Oncology Nursing Society Member Joins Johns Hopkins Medicine International



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Jane C. Shivnan, MScN, RN, AOCN®, has been named executive director of clinical quality and nursing at Johns Hopkins Medicine International (JHI), the international arm of Johns Hopkins Medicine. Shivnan has more than 20 years of healthcare leadership experience, including service as executive director of the Institute for Johns Hopkins Nursing and as the director of the Institute's Office of Global Nursing. In her new role, Shivnan will provide strategic oversight and leadership in JHI's clinical, consulting, and knowledge-transfer activities. She also will continue to serve the Institute for Johns Hopkins Nursing as executive director, which will create synergy to further leverage the expertise of Johns Hopkins nurses.

"We are pleased to welcome Jane Shivnan to Johns Hopkins Medicine International," said Steven Thompson, MBA, chief executive officer of JHI. "She is well qualified to take on this new role. We believe that her vast experience with the Institute for Johns Hopkins Nursing and its Office for Global Nursing and her expertise and experience with Hopkins' national and international programs will help to facilitate new opportunities aimed at elevating the standards of nursing and patient care globally."

Shivnan holds certification in advanced oncology nursing from ONS and was recognized for her leadership in oncology nursing with the Roxane Laboratories/ONS Linda Arenth Award for Excellence in Cancer Nursing Administration.

JHI facilitates the global expansion of Johns Hopkins Medicine's mission to improve the health of the community and the world by setting the standard of excellence in medical education, research, and clinical care. JHI provides personalized, culturally appropriate care for patients traveling from outside the United States and for local patients with limited English proficiency. JHI also leverages Johns Hopkins Medicine's extensive knowledge base in medicine,

nursing, public health, business, and healthcare administration to provide services in hospital management, healthcare consulting, and clinical education through strategic alliances and affiliations throughout the world.

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

## American Society for Radiation Oncology Honors ONS Member



ONS member Linda Meyer, RN, BSN, OCN®, a nurse manager with West Penn Allegheny Health System's (WPAHS) radiation oncology network, received the American Society for Radiation Oncology's (ASTRO's) 2011 Nurse Excellence Award. Each year, ASTRO's Nurse Excellence Award recognizes a nurse and ASTRO member who goes above and beyond the normal standards of nursing practice, promoting excellence in direct patient care and positively portraying the nursing profession.

"Linda is dedicated to patient service and to both patient and nursing education," said David S. Parda, MD, chair of the WPAHS radiation oncology network. "She has truly been a primary leader and driving force within our program to optimize and advance patient care and has done so with expert level competencies and the values of service and collegiality."

Meyer received the award, a \$1,000 grant, this past October. She works to improve care throughout the WPAHS radiation oncology program via the development of specified care plans and processes for treatment assessment and follow-up, as well as clinical trial accrual. Meyer also takes a leading role in implementing electronic medical record processes throughout the radiation oncology network, streamlining operations to benefit the network's 3,000 patients.

In addition to her daily work, Meyer serves on the board of the Greater Pittsburgh chapter of ONS and serves as cochair for "Camp Raising Spirits," an annual weekend getaway for cancer patients and their families. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Duquesne University and coordinates

with Duquesne to provide clinical rotations for second-degree nursing students pursuing their BSN degrees.

Founded in 1958, ASTRO's mission is to advance the practice of radiation oncology by promoting excellence in patient care, providing opportunities for educational and professional development, promoting research and disseminating research results, and representing radiation oncology in a rapidly evolving healthcare environment. Radiation oncologists, radiation oncology nurses, medical physicists, radiation therapists, dosimetrists, and biologists comprise ASTRO's more than 10,000 members, making it the largest radiation oncology organization of its kind.

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

## ONS Members Receive Nurse Faculty Scholar Awards



Alexa Doig

The RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholars program is providing \$28 million over five years to outstanding junior nursing faculty to promote their academic careers, support their research, and reduce the severe nurse faculty shortage in the United States. This is the fourth cohort of RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholars.



Emily Haozous

Each Nurse Faculty Scholar receives a three-year \$350,000 grant to pursue research, as well as mentoring from senior faculty at his or her institution. The following ONS members received Nurse Faculty Scholar awards in 2011.

- Alexa Doig, PhD, RN, assistant professor, University of Utah College of Nursing, *Simulation Training to Reduce Medication Errors Caused by Interruptions*

- Emily Haozous, PhD, RN, assistant professor, University of New Mexico College of Nursing, *Digital Storytelling and Medical Mistrust in American Indian Women*

"Several Scholars in earlier cohorts have published their research and are already helping to improve healthcare and advance nursing and nursing education," said Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN, national program director for the RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholars Program. Campbell is the Anna D. Wolf Chair and a professor in the School of Nursing at Johns Hopkins University, which provides technical direction to the program. "It's exciting to begin the work with this newest group of Scholars and I look forward to seeing where their work, their enthusiasm, and their skills take them."

As the largest U.S. philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care, RWJF works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, measurable, and timely change. For almost 40 years, RWJF has brought experience, commitment, and a rigorous, balanced approach to the problems that affect the health and healthcare of those it serves.

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

## Cancer Patient Education Network Recognizes Nurse

The Cancer Patient Education Network (CPEN) awarded its prestigious Distinguished Service Award to ONS member Lynda Tunon, RN, MSN, OCN®, the director of cancer center education at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Cancer Centers in Pennsylvania. The award is CPEN's highest form of recognition given for outstanding contribution to the practice and profession of patient education.

"I've loved working with cancer patients ever since I began nursing school at Cornell University," Tunon said. "It's incredibly inspiring to work with patients and staff at an institution where the latest

cancer care and research is offered. It was very exciting to move into the Hillman Cancer Center in 2002 and develop a first-class Patient and Family Resource Center, as well as ongoing educational classes. I am proud to say the Resource Center has become the home of patient navigation, providing patients with convenient access to supportive care services and referrals to community organizations."

Each week day, Tunon teaches a chemotherapy education class at the Hillman Cancer Center. After class, she serves as the go-to nurse for patients with questions about managing side effects of cancer treatment. Tunon also updates cancer education materials and is an active member of CPEN's Learning Resource Center and marketing and membership committees.

Tunon began working as an information specialist in 1993 and then became an oncology educator. Over the course of her tenure, she earned her MSN from Duquesne University and her oncology nursing certification.

Affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences, UPMC is using innovative science, technology, and medicine to invent new models of accountable, cost-efficient, and patient-centered care. UPMC is committed to developing and delivering life-changing medicine.

For more information, visit [www.upmc.com](http://www.upmc.com).

## RWJF Calls for Nursing Research Proposals

RWJF is soliciting research proposals that address nursing practice, care, and education for consideration by RWJF and its partners in a multifunder initiative. Research proposals will be considered in the context of a national research agenda developed to help RWJF and its partners confront the issues facing the nursing profession and build on approaches to care in which nurses play a central role in improving quality and transforming the way Americans receive health care.

The RWJF Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative is managing

the initiative for RWJF and is accepting proposals until January 3, 2012.

Among the types of research projects being considered are quick studies and scans, policy analyses, secondary data quantitative analyses, descriptive studies and case studies, demonstrations and evaluations, and theoretical modeling. To be considered, projects should address at least one of the following.

- Remove scope-of-practice barriers for advanced practice RNs.
- Expand opportunities for nurses to lead and diffuse collaborative improvement efforts.
- Implement nurse residency programs.
- Increase the proportion of nurses with a bachelor's degree to 80% by 2020.
- Double the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020.
- Ensure that nurses engage in lifelong learning.
- Prepare and enable nurses to lead change to advance health.
- Build an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of interprofessional healthcare workforce data.

More information on the program and application requirements are available online at [www.thefutureofnursing.org/research](http://www.thefutureofnursing.org/research), or by contacting Heather Kelley-Thompson at +1-215-573-2981 (phone) or [hkelley@nursing.upenn.edu](mailto:hkelley@nursing.upenn.edu) (e-mail).

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