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King Honored With *New York Times* Tribute to Nurses Award



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Pauline King, APRN, RN, director of children's programs at The Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute in

Columbus, has been recognized for outstanding patient care with one of four *New York Times* Job Market Tribute to Nurses awards. The awards recognize nurses and nurse educators nominated by their peers and patients for extraordinary achievements in the nursing profession and in patient care. The four winners were featured in a special advertising section of *The New York Times Magazine* on Sunday, November 19.

King, a pioneer in using art therapy to help grieving children, was selected from more than 500 award nominations collected through a print and online campaign. Award winners were determined by a panel of nurse professionals and by *The New York Times*.

During the past 12 years at The James, King has designed and developed the Healing Journey for Children program, which helps children ages 2–19 cope with the illness and death of family members from cancer. The program serves more than 250 children each year. She has created a variety of programs to help children understand cancer and has shared her expertise with audiences worldwide. Some of the most popular programs at The James include Balloon Brigade, which introduces children to cancer treatment and prevention through a hands-on tour of the cancer hospital; Hand in Hand, where children learn to cope with a family member's diagnosis and treatment; Good Grief, which helps children deal with the death of a loved one; and Good Grief and Beyond, a monthly support group open to children for one year after a loved one's death.

King presented the 2003 Mara Mogenson Flaherty Memorial Lecture, "Listen to the Children and Honor Their Pain," at ONS's 28th Annual Congress in Denver, CO. One of her goals is to teach others via the "Honoring Pain Institute: Developing a Continuity of Care Model to Help Children Grieve During the Illness and Death of a Loved One," which will be held May 7–11. For more information

about the training institute, visit www.jamesline.com/go/children.

Kaplan Appointed to American Cancer Society's Manhattan Regional Board of Advisors



In September 2006, ONS member Marcelle Kaplan, RN, MS, OCN®, AOCN®, was appointed to the Manhattan Regional Board of Advisors of the American Cancer Society's (ACS's) Eastern Division as its first nurse member. In her role, Kaplan brings nursing insights to the work of the board, raises awareness of the contributions of oncology nurses to quality patient care, and informs patients, community members, and healthcare professionals about the educational and support services available from ACS. Kaplan is a clinical nurse specialist in breast oncology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York, NY.

In July 2003, Kaplan was recognized for her contributions to the Reach to Recovery program of ACS's Manhattan office. She received the New York Mets Magic Award for outstanding volunteer work on the field at Shea Stadium, where she threw the first ceremonial pitch of a winning game. In addition, she was instrumental in encouraging and facilitating a \$10,000 patient donation to support oncology nursing certification activities at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center. A portion of the funds has been used to sponsor an onsite OCN® review course for more than 20 nurses.

Rogers Named 2006 Hematology-Oncology Nurse of the Year



ONS member Barbara Barnes Rogers, CRNP, MN, AOCN®, recently was named the 2006 Hematology-Oncology Nurse of the Year by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Eastern

Pennsylvania Chapter. The award, now in its fourth year, recognizes a professional nurse for exemplary practice in caring for patients with blood cancers.

Rogers has been a dedicated oncology nurse for the past 28 years and an advanced practice nurse in oncology for the past 22 years. A retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, Rogers has cared for and educated patients with cancer and their families across the nation about hematologic malignancies and how diseases are best managed. Since 1988, she has been a staff member at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA, and has held the positions of clinical manager of the Clinical Research Unit, clinical nurse specialist and adult oncology nurse practitioner of the Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Program, and, most recently, adult hematology-oncology nurse practitioner.

Rogers has authored numerous publications and provided hundreds of presentations regarding the care of patients with malignancies, including presentations on chronic myelogenous leukemia sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She is an active ONS member at the local and national levels and has held various leadership positions within the organization as well as serving as its representative to the U.S. Pharmacopeia.

Higgins to Lead Dana-Farber's Women's Cancers Program



ONS member Joy Higgins, RN, MSN, MBA, has been named the new nurse program leader for the Women's Cancers Program at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA. Higgins moved into the permanent position in August 2006 after serving in an interim role since May, when Wendy Makrides, RN, BSN, MSc, OCN®, left Dana-Farber.

A nurse for 33 years, Higgins has experience as a staff nurse and research nurse, in addition to clinical operations and management skills. She joined Dana-Farber in 2005 as a nurse leader for the New Patient Access

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