

## PEOPLE & EVENTS

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### Hayes Receives Community Scholarship Award



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Shirley R. Hayes, RN, MSN, AOCN®, received the Community Scholarship Award at the Joan Ashley Fiffick Memorial Lectureship, which was held in

Akron, OH, on April 16. This award honors outstanding oncology nurses for their contributions to the field of cancer care and provides additional educational experiences. Hayes is a clinical nurse specialist and coordinator of pain and symptom management services for Hospice and Palliative Care of Visiting Nurse Service in Akron.

Hayes demonstrates her expertise daily by helping patients with cancer and their families with treatment issues. Her articles on pain management and cancer have been published in the *Akron Beacon Journal*, *The Bulletin of the Summit County Medical Society*, and *Northeast Ohio Oncology Nurses News*. Since 1984, she frequently has addressed clinical audiences locally and nationally on a range of pain-related topics.

Hayes' distinguished career includes teaching positions in the Western Pennsylvania School of Nursing in Pittsburgh and the Timken Mercy School of Practical Nursing in Canton, OH; staff development with Aultman Hospital in Canton; and serving as a clinical nurse specialist with the practice of Sandra Hazra, MD, in Akron. Hayes earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of Akron and her bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati.

### ONS Members Receive Nurse Excellence Awards

Baton Rouge General Medical Center in Louisiana recently honored the 2003 Nurse Excellence Award winners at a banquet held for more than 70 nominees who exhibited professional excellence and leadership. Of the 10 winners, 5 were Baton Rouge General oncology nurses, 3 of whom are ONS members.

- **Teresa Rehmeier, RN, MN, OCN®** (cancer research) was awarded RN of the Year, Non-Traditional Role.
- **Christy Mitchell, RN, BSN, OCN®** (oncology) was awarded RN Mentor of the Year.

- **Judy Owens, RN, BSN, OCN®** (outpatient oncology) was awarded Community Nurse of the Year.

Rehmeier, Mitchell, and Owens are members of the Baton Rouge Chapter of ONS. In addition, Jessica Bailey, BSN, RN (oncology), was awarded RN Rookie of the Year, and Bobbie Jean (B.J.) Gouedy, LPN (outpatient oncology), was awarded LPN of the Year.

### Western New York Neuro-Oncology Center Announced

Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Dent Neurologic Institute announce the formation of the Western New York (WNY) Neuro-Oncology Center. These two organizations, in association with the Department of Neurosurgery at the University at Buffalo, are collaborating to create a brain tumor treatment center and a center of excellence in neuro-oncology to enhance quality of health care and scientific knowledge.

The WNY Neuro-Oncology Center will provide diagnostic, consultative, and treatment services to patients with primary and metastatic tumors of the brain and spine and cancer-related neuromuscular complications and pain. The center will develop and participate in clinical trials of new and innovative treatments for nervous system cancers. For more information, visit WNY Neuro-Oncology Center's Web site at [www.wnyneurooncology.org](http://www.wnyneurooncology.org).

### Lance Armstrong Foundation Continues Survivorship Support

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) recently awarded community grants to two Austin, TX, nonprofit organizations for their support of cancer survivorship issues. The programs, which are managed by the Seton Cancer Care Team and the American Cancer Society (ACS), work to improve the quality of life of adult patients with cancer and their families.

LAF supports two rehabilitative programs through its grant to the Cancer Care Team of Seton Healthcare Network: the Fatigue Management Program and the Peripheral Neuropathy Rehabilitation Program. LAF also joined with ACS and the Foundation of Lone Star Hospice in supporting the Building Bridges Family Weekend Retreat, which was held in the spring. The retreat offered 25 couples and families living with the diagnosis of an adult family member an opportunity to receive support, education, recreation, and connection with families in a similar situation.

For more information on LAF, visit its Web site at [www.laf.org](http://www.laf.org).

### US Oncology Opens New Cancer Center in Ohio

US Oncology, Inc., has opened a new cancer-care facility in the Dayton, Ohio, area as part of its nationwide network of community-based, outpatient cancer centers. The center, part of the Dayton Oncology and Hematology practice managed by US Oncology, is the region's first freestanding, fully integrated, comprehensive cancer-care facility. The facility provides integrated cancer care, including medical oncology, radiation therapy, diagnostic testing, clinical research programs, clinical laboratory services, continuing medical education programs, and weekly patient and family education programs. For more information, visit US Oncology's Web site at [www.usoncology.com](http://www.usoncology.com).

### Visit ISNCC Web Site for Important Announcements

**Call for abstracts:** The International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) has announced its call for abstracts for the 2004 conference being held in partnership with the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia. The deadline for submitting abstracts is **September 30**.

**Small research grants:** Applications are invited for research grants offered by ISNCC and sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb. The \$5,000 grants are offered annually to promote clinical cancer-nursing research. Applicants must be RNs and belong to a member organization of ISNCC (ONS is a member organization). The application deadline is **October 15**.

**Directory of nurse researchers:** The ISNCC directory of oncology nurse researchers, available online, is in the process of being updated. Oncology nurse researchers are encouraged to make sure that their names and information are included in the update. The directory was created under the auspices of the ISNCC Research Committee as a benefit for members, with the primary purpose of enhancing networking and communication among cancer nurses interested or engaged in research concerning the nursing care of patients with cancer and their families.

To download submission forms, obtain a copy of the directory, or make updates to directory information, visit ISNCC's Web site at [www.isncc.org](http://www.isncc.org).

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