

## American Academy of Nurses Honors Seven Oncology Nursing Society Members

The American Academy of Nursing inducted 92 nurse leaders as fellows during the Academy's 35th Annual Meeting and Conference on November 8, 2008, in Scottsdale, AZ, including Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) members Jane M. Armer, RN, PhD, Debra L. Barton, RN, PhD, AOCN®, Cynthia N. Rittenberg, RN, MN, AOCN®, Susan M. Schneider, RN, PhD, AOCN®, APRN BC, Kevin W. Sowers, RN, MSN, and Margaret C. Wilmoth, PhD, MSS, RN. ONS member Wendy L. Hobbie, RN, MSN, CRNP, will be inducted in 2009.



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"The Academy is comprised of many of the nation's top nursing executives, policy makers, scholars, researchers, and practitioners," said Academy President, Pam

Mitchell, PhD, RN, FAAN. "Being selected as an academy fellow is an important recognition of one's contributions to nursing and health care."

Selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care, sponsorship by two current academy fellows, and the extent to which nominees' nursing careers influence health policies for the benefit of all Americans.

The Academy is comprised of more than 1,500 nursing leaders in education, management, practice, and research. Leadership positions held by academy fellows include university presidents, chancellors, and deans; state and federal political appointees; hospital chief executives and vice presidents for nursing; researchers and entrepreneurs; and practicing nurses.

The American Academy of Nursing anticipates and tracks national and international trends in health care, while addressing resulting issues of healthcare knowledge and policy. The Academy's mission is to serve the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge.

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## ONS Member Named *NurseWeek* 2008 California Excellence Award Winner

ONS member Linda Gorman, RN, MN, CNS-BC, CHPN, OCN®, received *NurseWeek*'s California Excellence Award in the clinical care category. Gorman, a palliative care clinical nurse specialist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, was one of six award winners chosen from 30 finalists. Other categories included advancing and leading the profession, community service, management, mentoring, and teaching. As an award winner, Gorman will go on to compete in *NurseWeek*'s Nurse of the Year program.

Gorman has worked in the nursing profession for more than 30 years. She was a coeditor of the ONS book *Psychosocial Care Along the Cancer Continuum* and the former president of Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.

For more information about *NurseWeek*'s Excellence Awards, visit [www.nurse.com](http://www.nurse.com).



## ONS Member Appointed to Joint Position

ONS member Mary E. Cooley, RN, PhD, has been jointly appointed as nurse scientist and assistant professor within Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Phyllis F. Cantor Center for Research in Nursing and Patient Care Services and the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Boston School of Nursing and Health Sciences.



Cooley has practiced as a clinician, educator, and researcher in oncology for 25 years. In her new role, Cooley will grow her program of research at Dana-Farber and will teach doctoral nursing students in the accelerated Bachelor of Science-to-PhD program at UMass Boston. The program, which began admitting students in 2007, is co-directed by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. The curriculum focuses on cancer care and health disparities.

"As we continue to advance our joint program, top notch faculty recruitment is the key element for assuring excellence," says Patricia Reid Ponte, RN, DNSc, FAAN, NEA-BC, Dana-Farber's senior vice president for Patient Care Services and chief nurse.

Greer Glazer, RN, CNP, PhD, FAAN, dean and professor of UMass Boston's College of Nursing and Health Sciences added, "We are pleased that our PhD students have a scholar of Dr. Cooley's acclaim to provide research mentorship and education for nurse scientists in the 21st century."

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute ([www.dana-farber.org](http://www.dana-farber.org)) is a principal teaching affiliate of the Harvard Medical School and is among the leading cancer research and care centers in the United States. It is a founding member of the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, designated a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute.

## American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Executive Director Announces Retirement

Judith Dempster, DNSc, FNP, FAANP, has announced her retirement from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)

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