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ONCC Advanced Certifications Receive

Accreditation by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies

Pittsburgh, PA – January 26, 2007 – The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) is extremely pleased to announce its Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP) and Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS) programs have received accreditation by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) for a period of four years.

Founded in 1984, ONCC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and provide oncology nursing certification for the enhancement of patient care and professional practice. ONCC offers five certification credentials, including the Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN[®]), Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON[®]), Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN[®]), Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP) and Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS). All ONCC certification programs are accredited by NCCA.

NCCA is an independent organization that has identified the essential components of a national certification program and determines if certification organizations meet established standards based on those essential components. These standards are nationally recognized principles utilized by a variety of certification organizations for certification programs in diverse professions. Accreditation by NCCA indicates ONCC has been evaluated by the Commission and was found to meet or exceed all of its established standards.

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“I am very pleased that the AOCNP and AOCNS programs have received this accreditation. Just as certification demonstrates that an individual nurse has met the high standards set by the certifying body, NCCA accreditation demonstrates the AOCNP and AOCNS certification programs, like all of ONCC’s certification programs, meet the high standards of this accrediting body,” said Cynthia Miller Murphy, RN, MSN, CAE, Executive Director of ONCC. “Nurses who are certified by ONCC, as well as their employers and healthcare consumers, can be assured that the OCN[®], CPON[®], AOCN[®], AOCNP, and AOCNS certifications are sound and of the highest quality.”

ONCC, an affiliated organization of the Oncology Nursing Society, administers and evaluates programs for certification in oncology nursing.

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