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Laura Vogeli Honored as 2016 Certified Breast Care Nurse of the Year

PITTSBURGH, PA – June 6, 2016 – Laura Vogeli has been an oncology nurse at Stony Brook University Hospital for almost 30 years. She became a CBCN® in 2009 – the first year the certification was available. Over the past six years, Vogeli has co-instructed CBCN® and OCN® review courses, and she was also was an ONS-certified instructor for the ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Biotherapy Provider course.

Committed to a productive and healthy work environment, Vogeli worked with staff at the Breast Center and Cancer Center to develop the “Fast 5 Program.” The program helps to expedite appointments for patients with a BIRAD-5 abnormality on a mammogram in order for a biopsy, analysis, and consultation appointment to be completed in just five business days.

In addition, Vogeli co-facilitated a program called “Vital Hearts,” which taught staff self-care skills to help them manage emotional trauma as a result of caring for cancer patients.

Vogeli devotes her volunteer time to her patients, by helping with the National Cancer Survivor’s Day celebration and the annual “Walk for Beauty,” which raises funds for breast cancer research.

The award was presented during the ONCC Recognition Breakfast at the Oncology Nursing Society’s (ONS) 41st Annual Congress on April 29, 2016, in San Antonio.

The Certified Breast Care Nurse of the Year Award is presented annually to an outstanding CBCN®-certified nurse. To win the award, nominees must have recommendations from two colleagues in the nursing profession; prepare an essay describing how certification has been promoted; summarize services offered that enhance breast care nursing and nursing service; and demonstrate accomplishments in at least one area of oncology nursing practice – clinical practice, education, or research.
Laura Vogeli is one of more than 36,000 nurses certified as an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®), Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON®), Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN®), Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP®), Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS®), Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN®), Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON®), or Blood and Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN®).

The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote excellence in patient care and professional practice by validating specialized knowledge in oncology nursing and related specialties. ONCC administered the first Oncology Certified Nurse examination in 1986. Today, ONCC offers basic and advanced certification in adult oncology nursing, basic certification in pediatric oncology/hematology nursing, and specialty certification in breast care nursing and blood and marrow transplant nursing. Learn more about ONCC at www.oncc.org.

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