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### ONCC Names C. Lynn Cole 2015 Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year

PITTSBURGH, PA – May 12, 2015 – The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) has chosen C. Lynn Cole, RN, BSN, OCN®, as the 2015 Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year. Cole, of Boiling Springs, SC, was selected based on her contributions to oncology nursing and oncology nursing service, and her support and promotion of oncology nursing certification.

Cole serves as a Thoracic Clinical Navigator at the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System and Gibbs Cancer Center and Research Institute in Spartanburg, SC. In her inpatient oncology unit, she has increased the percentage of certified nurses by acting as a Clinical Unit Educator and a Certified Instructor for the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Chemotherapy/Biotherapy course.

Cole established and coordinated a program to provide low dose CT (LDCT) lung cancer screening. Through her efforts, 91 patients have received the screening - two of which were diagnosed with early stage lung cancer. Her focus on lung cancer goes beyond work, as she also initiated an event, “Shine a Light on Lung Cancer” to provide patients and their caregivers an opportunity to celebrate life.

“I don’t think I do anything special; this is just what a good oncology nurse does,” says Cole.

The award was presented during the ONCC Recognition Breakfast at the 40th Annual ONS Congress on April 24, 2015 in Orlando.

Cole 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 Certified Nurse of the Year Award is presented annually to an outstanding Oncology 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 oncology care and oncology nursing; and demonstrate accomplishments in at least one area of oncology nursing practice – clinical practice, education, or research.

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](http://www.oncc.org).

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