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ONCC Names Jean Wolf 2016 Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year

PITTSBURGH (May 17, 2016) The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) has chosen Jean Wolf, RN, BSN, MSN, OCN®, as the 2016 Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year. Wolf, of Greensboro, North Carolina, was selected based on her contributions to oncology nursing and oncology nursing service, and her support and promotion of oncology nursing certification. She is an Assistant Director of Nursing Inpatient Oncology at Cone Health's Wesley Long Community Hospital.

Wolf has been a registered nurse for 35 years, and has been OCN® certified since 2004. She is an avid promoter of certification. Along with the Shared Governance Committee at her institution, she created a bulletin board, "Are You Certifiable?" that displayed information about becoming certified, featuring testimonials of certified nurses. Each year, she creates a list of nurses that she believes are ready to be certified, and talks with each about achieving that goal. Wolf also assigns each certified nurse to a non-certified nurse to act as a mentor. As a result, 38% of all eligible nurses are certified.

The system she created to increase the number of certified nurses was adopted by the nursing leaders in her hospital and health care system.

Wolf has served in multiple roles at her institution, as charge nurse, mentor, preceptor, chair of Shared Governance Committee, and the Assistant Department Director. She also serves on the Oncology Continuous Process Improvement committee and frequently acts as a clinical expert for her peers.

Wolf has provided oncology education to her local running group, both informally and formally. She also volunteers at her local cancer center with cancer screenings as well as for the annual survivor's day celebration.

"Being recognized in this way has helped to reaffirm my belief that a certification in oncology nursing is vitally important for nurses caring for cancer patients across the health care continuum," says Wolf.

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

Wolf 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 (s)he has promoted certification; 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.

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