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ONCC Celebrates Oncology Certified Nurses on Certified Nurses Day, March 19

PITTSBURGH, PA – March 9, 2015 – The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) is joining with more than 70 nursing organizations throughout the world on March 19 to recognize the role of oncology certified nurses in delivering high quality patient care as part of Certified Nurses Day™.

“Certified nurses demonstrate a strong commitment to providing the best care possible to patients with cancer and their families. They should be recognized for their professionalism, and for their specialized knowledge.” said Lauri Linder, PhD, APRN, CPON®, president of the ONCC Board of Directors. “Many certified nurses receive little recognition from their employer for attaining certification. We’re pleased to honor them on Certified Nurses Day™.”

More than 37,000 registered nurses are currently certified in oncology by ONCC. According to the American Board of Nursing Specialties there are more than one half-million certified registered nurses worldwide, representing more than twenty areas of specialty nursing.

Certified Nurses Day™ is an annual day of recognition for and by healthcare leaders dedicated to nursing professionalism, excellence, recognition, and service, according to the American Nurses Credentialing Center. ANCC first proposed the event in 2008. They chose the date to honor the birthday of the late Margretta “Gretta” Madden Styles, a pioneer in nursing certification. Styles designed the first comprehensive study of nurse credentialing.

For more information about Certified Nurses Day, visit oncc.org.

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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