ONCC Nurses Participate in Public Awareness Campaign
Michael Smart, RN, BSN, OCN®

ONCC, in partnership with the National Certification Corporation (NCC) and eight other certifying organizations, has launched a national PSA campaign, Certified Nurses Are Everywhere!

The Certified Nurses Are Everywhere campaign, which launched in January 2014, includes television commercials, internet ads, and transit ads in airports and bus stations across the country. The television commercials alone are anticipated to have 100–300 million views.

The purpose of the program is to teach the public that nurses can be nationally certified in their nursing specialty and to empower patients as knowledgeable participants in their care.

A previous television campaign by NCC in 2011 and 2012 focused on maternity nursing and encouraged patients to ask if the nurses at their hospital were certified.

The program was associated with an almost 50% increase in website traffic as people sought additional information about certified nurses from NCC.

The new commercials will more broadly promote certification across nursing specialties. Although certified nurses work in all specialty areas in every part of the country and in every healthcare setting, the public generally is unaware of certified nurses and their effect on health care, patient advocacy, and patient safety. The campaign will showcase ONCC certified nurses among others.

The website, certifiednurses.org, provides education regarding the differences between licensure and the additional requirements of certification. ONCC has a link to its own page on the site that features a video that describes what certification means to patients with cancer, their families, and the nurses who provide their care.

Learn more about the campaign at certifiednurses.org.

CPHON® of the Year Demonstrates Commitment
Michele Farrington, BSN, RN, CPHON®

Every day that she works, Colleen Leonard, MS, RN, CPHON®, CNL, shows absolute dedication to pediatric patients with cancer and their families in her role as a clinical nurse leader (CNL), as well as encouraging colleagues to become certified. That is exactly why she was nominated for and received the 2013 Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON®) of the Year Award.

The award was presented last fall at the 37th Annual Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) conference held in Louisville, KY.

Approximately four years after she entered the field of nursing, Leonard found her career niche in pediatric oncology. She obtained CPHON® certification in 2010 and has provided care for this patient population throughout her nursing career. Leonard’s commitment (See “Leonard” on page 7)
Get Ready to Vote!

Who will you vote for in the next ONCC Board of Directors election? You can make your choice from three candidates who have been slated on the ballot. The election opened on February 18, following the close of the Oncology Nursing Society election. Nurses who are ONCC certified as of February 1 were sent an email with information on how to access their online ballot.

Each of the candidates was asked by the ONCC Nominating Committee to respond to the question, “How would you fulfill the mission of ONCC?” The following are their responses. You can find a brief biography of each candidate’s leadership experience on the ballot and on the ONCC website.

Voting will continue through March 26. Be sure to cast your vote.

Denise Friesema
MS, RN, OCN®
Clinical Director
University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, IL

“I knew in high school due to the death of an aunt at the age of 40 from lung cancer that I wanted to be an oncology nurse. My passion for cancer culminated the summer before my senior year of college when a second aunt was diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer. I cared for her that summer until her passing three days before classes started. In August of 1995, I began my career at University of Chicago Medical Center as a staff nurse on the autologous bone marrow transplant unit.

To this day, I remember fondly the patients I cared for and the challenges they and their loved ones faced. I also highly value the collegial relationships I’ve developed with nurses across the country. Oncology nurses are faced with a tough challenge to care for patients and their families, yet they routinely give their time and energy without concern for their own needs.

In my role as director, I consider it a privilege to advocate for oncology nursing. I am passionate about nurses pursuing professional development through education and certification. My staff went from 10% certification in 2000 to 74% in 2013.

As a member of ONS since 1997, I have served on the ONCC Passing Score Task Force and as coordinator for the Clinical Trial Nurses Special Interest Group.

My family experiences have resonated with me throughout my career. In November of 2012 when my brother-in-law was diagnosed with metastatic colon cancer, I became his advocate, navigator, educator, and translator of medical terms.

I’ve been able to witness firsthand how oncology certified nurses provide outstanding care and support to a patient and family with endless questions and concerns. When he asked me, “How do you deal with patients with cancer all the time?,” the answer was quite simple: It’s my passion; it’s what I’ve been called to do in life.

To promote the mission of ONCC, I would be your voice advocating for the professional meaningfulness that certification provides to each of you and your organizations.”

Jeannine Arias
MSN, MBA, CBCN®, AOCNS®, CBPN-IC
Associate Director, Oncology Services and Navigation
Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospitals
Hinsdale, IL

“Aligned with ONCC’s vision and values, my goal is to live ONCC’s mission alongside every member, every day. To illustrate the mission, my united energies are to ease oncology certification access, enhance professional recognition, and expand oncology certification.

To facilitate ease of access, the plan is to meet the oncology nurse at her dynamic motivation level, discerning her timeline. One of ONCC’s many strengths is providing review opportunities that capture the individual nurse’s motivational style. This access can be based upon her individualized needs that offer several multimedia options with various instruction module styles and sample test questions to encompass all learning styles. Advanced technological self-paced instructions can heighten customization to capitalize each candidate’s strengths while automatically polarizing the knowledge base necessary to elevate her weaknesses.

Promoting certification programs through advertisement and marketing are to be blitzed at the office, unit, and hospital, reawakening local, regional, and national levels. My

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good is to tap into the untapped proportion of healthcare services delivered in ambulatory settings. Innovative re-design centers on the high-performing nurses’ ability to effectively design and implement all types of progressive certification models. The overall cost of certification is to be reasonable and incentivized. For example, as the number of certified nurses rises, the cost proportionately decreases, encouraging facilities to promote certification. Simply, certification builds nursing credibility, professional confidence, and accredited oncology programs... better care for us, our children, and our great grandchildren.

My plan is to fortify the national media push, strategically partnering with all service lines and certification organizations. Integrating nursing certification programs can be the catalyst to professional and community partnerships.

Specifically, my two-year plan is to expand the oncology certification programs to sister service lines, beginning with oncology navigation programs. Navigation is a newer oncology service line gaining momentum. Boasting the unprecedented ONCC’s reputation for test reliability and validity, it is a natural fit. Within five years, my plan is to build an integrated matrix to involve additional services lines.

Together, we can strengthen the oncology nursing profession alongside every member, every day. Thank you.”

Diane Otte
RN, MS, OCN®
Director, Cancer Center and Dermatology
Mayo Clinic Health System – Franciscan Health System
La Crosse, WI

“I have been a strong believer in the value of certification even prior to the initial OCN® examination development. Working with colleagues to develop test questions and serving on the initial cut score committee only served to enhance my interest in this work. While some of my involvement and work on test development did occur a number of years ago, I have been in a position to support oncology certification in the workplace for more than 40 years.

As a staff nurse, I encouraged my colleagues to join me in becoming an oncology certified nurse. Since moving into various nursing leadership positions, I have had the opportunity to coach and mentor other staff members who care for patients/families experiencing cancer.

I have also been able to establish policy related to certification requirements. I have advocated for financial resources to enable nursing staff to become certified initially and then to re-certify as required. Even though there has been occasional resistance on the part of nursing staff, they are very proud of their certification.

I have maintained my own certification consistently throughout the years as well. As resources become “tighter” and “quality” becomes a part of our vocabulary and an expectation of patients, it is critically important that we demonstrate our worth and value by our oncology certification.

Through my daily work as a leader of oncology nurses, I believe the work of ONCC to validate and continually promote certification practices and knowledge remains very relevant. Patients and families expect the best, and I believe oncology certified nurses are essential to provide this care.

If elected to this ONCC Board position, I will work tirelessly to promote certification and its importance to the future of oncology nursing.”

Employer Spotlight
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital: 100% Certified and Going for More

Jeri Ashley, MSN, RN, AOCNS®, CHPN

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, a 638-bed hospital in northern Illinois, is the home of a 34-bed medical oncology unit including five bone marrow transplant beds. What is so special about this oncology service? The cancer care team consists of well-respected physicians, social workers, and chaplains, but applause is due to the nursing team. On staff are 28 registered nurses, and all 28 nurses are oncology certified!

The journey to achieve 100% oncology certification began with the manager. A 22-year nursing veteran, Paula Goff, RN, BSN, OCN®, has supervised this unit for nine years. She is passionate about lifelong learning and the benefits of specialty certification. She believed that oncology certification could set her unit apart and have a positive impact on patients and families experiencing cancer. She has been a strong believer in the value of certification since the initial OCN® examination development and has advocated for financial resources to enable nursing staff to become certified initially and then to re-certify as required. Even though there has been occasional resistance on the part of nursing staff, they are very proud of their certification.

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Certified Nurses in the News

Oncology certified nurses have made headlines throughout the United States as recipients of prestigious honors and awards. Join ONCC in congratulating your colleagues who were recently recognized for their achievements.

Kathleen Adlard
RN, MS, CNS, CPON®
Children’s Hospital of Orange County, regional winner of the Nursing Excellence GEM Award in Education and Mentorship

Carlton G. Brown
PhD, RN, AOCN®, FAAN
New York University, regional winner of the Nursing Excellence GEM Award, Advancing and Leading the Nursing Profession; inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing

Julie Cronin
MSN, RN, OCN®
Massachusetts General Hospital, national winner of the Nursing Excellence GEM Award, Clinical Nursing-Inpatient

Georgia Decker
APRN, ANP-BC, AOCN®, FAAN
Integrative Care, inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing

Suzy Lockwood
PhD, RN, OCN®, FAAN
Texas Christian University, inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing

Anita Nirenberg
DNSc, RN, AOCNP®, FAAN
Columbia University School of Nursing, inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing

Glenn Pascual
RN, DHSc, MSN, OCN®
Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills, regional winner of Nursing Excellence Award, Patient/Staff Management

Judith Payne
PhD, RN, AOCN®, FAAN,
University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing

Rita Secola
PhD, RN, CPON®, FAAN
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing

Lisa Hartkopf Smith
MS, RN, CNS, AOCN®
Riverside Methodist Hospital Columbus, Magnet Nurse of the Year Award for Transformational Leadership

Linda Yoder
PhD, RN, OCN®, FAAN
University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, regional winner of the Nursing Excellence GEM Award in Education and Mentorship

Employers Recognize Certified Staff

ONCC recently presented 61 organizations with plaques for staffing their facilities with oncology certified nurses. ONCC presents these plaques free of charge to any patient care setting where the majority of nurses are ONCC certified.

ONCC recognition plaques are an excellent way to demonstrate to patients and visitors that your organization values having certified nurses on the cancer care team. To request your plaque, go to oncc.org/Awards/Plaques.

Aurora Cancer Care in Racine, WI
Baptist Health Lexington, Outpatient Infusion in Lexington, KY
Baptist Health Lexington, Radiation Oncology in Lexington, KY
Blood and Cancer Center of East Texas in Tyler, TX
Bon Secours St Francis Health System, Batson in Greenville, SC
The Christ Hospital Health Network, Cancer Center in Cincinnati, OH
Community Howard Regional Health, Community Oncology in Kokomo, IN
Cornerstone Hematology/Oncology in High Point, NC
Duke Raleigh Hospital, Cancer Center in Raleigh, NC
Essentia Health Cancer Center, Infusion Center in Fargo, ND
Essentia Health, Infusion Center in Park Rapids, MN
Geisinger Medical Center, Bush Pavilion 8 in Danville, PA
Group Health Bellevue Medical Center in Bellevue, WA
Group Health, Oncology Infusion Center in Seattle, WA
Harold C. Simmons Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Ambulatory BMT Clinic in Dallas, TX
Harold C. Simmons Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Ambulatory BMT Infusion Clinic in Dallas, TX
Harold C. Simmons Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Ambulatory GYN On-(See “61” on page 8)
Getting Personal: One Nurse's Journey to OCN®
Michael Smart, RN, BSN, OCN®

Editor’s Note: ONCC Board of Directors member and Certification News Editorial Board member Michael Smart talked with Aubrey Smith, a newly certified nurse at Huntsville Hospital in Alabama, about her journey toward certification.

Aubrey Smith, RN, BSN, OCN®, began working as an oncology nurse at Huntsville Hospital in January 2012 and recently passed her OCN® test. She often credits her family for helping her overcome anxieties she had about testing.

Tell me about the morning of the exam.
I was nervous. My brother helped by driving me to the test site, and he even walked me into the building to make sure I found the right place.

I started at 7:30 and ended at 9:30. When I finished, my heart really started racing. “The test is done. I can’t go back.” So, I answered the survey questions . . . click, click, click . . . to find out if I passed.

I passed! I was so happy. I called my family. My sister answered, and I told her. She was like, “That’s great! Let me let you talk to Mama.” Mama was worried I had not passed because I had told her, “You know I just spent all this money, and now I’m gonna take the test . . . and not pass it.”

When she got on the phone, I told her, “Mama, I passed!” She started screaming, “She passed!” My dad and brother were cheering in the background, I could hear them all cheering. Oh, I couldn’t get over it.

Why do you think you found the idea of certification intimidating?
One of the things that scared me about taking the test was that I looked at all the nurses who have worked here for a while who haven’t sat for this test, and I thought, “They know so much more than I do. What makes me think that I can pass this test?” That was intimidating.

Having taken the test and passed, what would you tell nurses not pursuing certification out of fear?
The test is reasonable. I’ve told [my colleagues], “Y’all could take it tomorrow. What we do up here . . . our learning every day . . . the exam is all about the stuff we do every day.”

Any advice for getting prepared?
Plan ahead, and make time to prepare. That final week crept up on me, and I was like, “Oh, no! What have I done?” I had to remind myself that I was ready. I just had to overcome the anxiety.
The ONCC practice tests were helpful in getting comfortable with the way the questions were structured, so I knew what I could expect. That helped.

What initially motivated you to pursue certification?
Well, it was a good opportunity. There’s a 5% raise [for nurses becoming certified in oncology at Huntsville Hospital], and the test fees are paid when you pass.

Also, working with patients with cancer really drove me to want to learn more about what is going on with their illnesses. What could I do to help them? How could I give them a better understanding of what is going on with their condition? Preparing for certification helped me.

Having gone through the process, I feel like I know more about oncology nursing. Also, now when other nurses come and ask me for my opinion about their patients, I feel much more confident having those conversations.

Do you think employers supporting certification is important?
Yes. It supports growth for the nurse. It encourages them to learn as much as they can. If the employer supports the nurses and they become certified, it shows a commitment to helping the nurse provide better care to patients.

Up Close and Personal: Change in How We Deliver the Stories to YOU
Ashley Leak Bryant, PhD, RN-BC, OCN®

Engage readers. Invite them into an appealing space. Share their stories. These are discussions the ONCC Certification News Editorial Board had a few months ago on our conference call. We want the newsletter to be more appealing to YOU and include YOU as the story. One way we plan to accomplish this goal is to include you, your institution, or someone you know who is excelling in providing quality cancer care through certification. We want to share those stories with the oncology community and highlight the commitment to oncology nursing that is happening all over the globe. Contact us at oncc@oncc.org with your name and story.

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patient care. She has seen the results that can come from staffing with knowledgeable and discerning nurses.

Goff can demonstrate the patient care benefits provided by OCN®-certified nurses. Since the staff became certified, she reports a decrease in patient falls, a decrease in infection rates, and an increase in patient satisfaction—in the 95th percentile.

At the time the nurses achieved their certification success, the hospital reimbursed each nurse who passed the OCN® examination. It must be mentioned that this group maintains 100% OCN® certification in spite of the staff turnover among nurses that generally happens. New hires have an expectation to earn certification within two years for a new graduate, or one year for an experienced oncology nurse.

To recognize the certified nurses, Goff created a recognition wall where all 28 OCN® certificates are proudly displayed for patients and families to see the nursing expertise displayed. Each nurse proudly wears a lab coat with his or her name and OCN® credentials. Articles have been published in the hospital’s newsletters, and articles were sent to each individual’s hometown newspaper to declare the nurse’s success within community.

So as Paul Harvey would say, “And now, the rest of the story!” Advocate Lutheran General Hospital has since improved its way of honoring and encouraging nurses who strive for certification. They reimburse for review courses and test fees without regard to whether the nurse passes the examination.

As for the oncology nurses on the medical oncology unit, 18 have committed to taking the Blood and Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN™) test. These nurses have divided the content outline and are teaching each other in study sessions.

The oncologists on the unit also have offered their time and expertise for “question-and-answer” sessions to assist with understanding difficult content.

So here is the question that I have for each of you: “Can your facility boast these same statistics—100% certified nurses with greater than 60% of the staff sitting for a second certification?” If the answer is “no,” what will you do about it? Kudos to those who take steps in this direction and thanks to the nurses at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for leading the way!

### Nurses Become Advocates for Certification

Sixteen oncology certified nurses recently volunteered to promote the benefits of certification in their workplace, chapter, or community by joining the ONCC Advocates Program.

As advocates, they play a big role in motivating nurses to become certified. More than one-fourth of certification candidates last year indicated they applied for certification because a colleague recommended it.

These new program members bring the current number of advocates to 841.

Does your institution or chapter have an advocate? If not, consider joining the program. Learn more at oncc.org/Support/Advocates.

Welcome to the following new advocates.

Megan Allman, West Columbia, SC
Rosalinda Calong, Houston, TX
Theresa Gannon, Rochester, MN
Mamie Gothberg, Bellevue, MI
Margaret Grue, Houston, TX
Heather Harner, Lancaster, PA
Arlene Heitzmann, Cortlandt Manor, NY
Komo Ikuko, Stanford, CT
Amanda Isaac, Dallas, TX
Susan Moses, Gainesville, FL
Margaret Paolicelli, Bronxville, NY
Heather Pruim, New Lenox, IL
Alveta Reese, Tuskegee, AL
Susan Sakalian, Bronx, NY
Jimmie Wells, Jackson, MS
Nicole Wolf, Westerville, OH
Each child and family needs and deserves individualized nursing care based on their preferences and specific situation, which makes pediatric hematology-oncology nursing very rewarding, albeit challenging at times. The ability to provide nursing care and form ongoing relationships with children and their families during some of the most difficult times was what drew me to this field.

Impacting the lives of these children, as well as their family members, is something I did for 14 years at the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital in Iowa City, IA, first as a nursing assistant and then as a registered nurse. Even in my current position as a Clinical Healthcare Research Associate at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, I continue to participate on the Oral Mucositis Committee, which focuses on adult and pediatric patients with cancer. I also apply annually for funding to create oral care kits as an intervention aimed at promoting good oral care practices for all pediatric patients with cancer and also aimed at decreasing the severity and duration of oral mucositis for pediatric patients experiencing this distressing and painful side effect of cancer treatment. Once a pediatric nurse, always a pediatric nurse...I just can’t give these things up (yet anyway).

I obtained my Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON®) certification late in my career as a staff nurse. However, after I obtained my certification, I really wished I would have thought earlier in my career about the positive personal and professional benefits certification offers. For me, I took the certification exam in 2010 as a reaffirmation of the knowledge base I had developed in the care of pediatric patients with hematologic malignancies and cancer. I really felt that I should “know” the information that would be presented on the exam after taking care of patients and families in this area for more than 12 years.

When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my 7-year-old niece and 8-year-old nephew. I also enjoy reading, both medical and non-medical information, and have my Nook loaded with plenty of diverse reading options.

### Leonard Helps Other Pediatric Oncology Nurses

Patients and families on the pediatric oncology unit benefited from Leonard’s leadership “behind the scenes” at an organizational level as well. The environment where Leonard worked is predominately an adult oncology hospital, but Leonard was committed to maintaining a voice in the institution when speaking about pediatric hematology-oncology to medical staff, physicians, and directors.

Leonard firmly believes that CPHON® certification helps nurses who provide direct care to these vulnerable patients and families do so in a holistic manner. The patient and family must always remain the central focus when the plan of care is being developed or discussed to ensure that both the medical and psychosocial needs are addressed.

Leonard’s commitment does not end in the hospital environment but extends to community outreach initiatives. She has been involved in the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of APHON, where she has helped with back-to-school initiatives and worked with nurses at neighboring hospitals to raise scholarship funds for pediatric patients.

Perhaps another colleague, Patricia Wells, MSN, RN, CNS, PNP, expressed Leonard’s dedication best, “She is a responsive, sensitive, creative nurse professional who contributes to a more positive quality of life for each and every patient and family with whom she interacts.” Since receiving this award, Leonard has relocated to Austin, TX, to be closer to family but is still practicing in the field of oncology nursing and continues to promote certification!

Congratulations Colleen Leonard, 2013 CPHON® of the Year!
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... a brief description of what is working well at your institution, and we will share your story. We are open to new ideas for the newsletter and welcome suggestions.

We received several applications for open positions on the Editorial Board. Thank you to those who applied! The Editorial Board welcomes three new members for 2014.

Erica A. Fischer-Cartlidge, MSN, RN, CBCN®, is a clinical nurse specialist in breast cancer medicine at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Deirdre D. Young, BSN, OCN®, CBCN, is a manager for cancer programs for Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, SC. Theresa Gannon, BSN, RN, OCN®, is a clinical nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. You will learn more about them in upcoming issues.

As you work toward your personal and professional goals for 2014, consider mentoring a nurse in your organization to take one of the certification exams. The oncology and specialty certification exams have been developed by and for oncology nurses as a way to validate oncology knowledge and competence. We encourage you to travel the road of certification with a nurse in your organization and then share it with the readers of the newsletter.

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New Edition of Chemotherapy Guidelines Are Now Available

Order your copy of the fourth edition of the best-selling resource and keep up to date on the latest chemotherapy, biotherapy, and targeted agents. This new edition of the Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Guidelines and Recommendations for Practice (https://www.ons.org/products/chemotherapy-and-biotherapy-guidelines-and-recommendations-practice-fourth-edition) has been revised and updated to reflect the current procedures and practices in your specialty.

ONS member price is $69 and nonmember price is $96.50.

Latest Edition of Manual for Advanced Practice Nursing Coming Soon


This new third edition features 163 chapters—including 12 new to this edition—and over 1,400 pages filled with the type of comprehensive (and concise) information you have come to expect from leading experts in the field of oncology nursing. ONS member price is $99 and nonmember price is $138.50.

Looking for Mentoring, Feedback, or Your Next Great Idea?

Connect with the ONS journal editors, editorial boards, and staff on Facebook, where we provide additional content to help you in your publishing and professional endeavors.

Visit www.facebook.com and search for Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing and Oncology Nursing Forum. Join the groups for conversations on cancer care, the journals, and publishing.

By the Numbers

Here’s a look at the number of certified nurses at the start of 2014.

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Upcoming Test Dates & Application Deadlines

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