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ONCC Celebrates Oncology Certified Nurses on Certified Nurses Day, March 19
Worldwide event promotes value of nursing certification

PITTSBURGH, PA – February 20, 2014 – The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) is joining with more than 70 nursing organizations throughout the world on March 19 to recognize the contributions of oncology certified nurses as part of Certified Nurses Day.

“Certification helps to protect the public by contributing to higher standards of patient care. Certified nurses demonstrate a strong commitment to their patients and their specialty, and they should be recognized for their professionalism,” said Susan Bruce, RN, MSN, OCN®, president of the ONCC Board of Directors.

Currently more than 35,000 registered nurses are 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/About/Events/CND.

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 oncc.org.

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