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ONCC Names Dr. Lorraine K. McEvoy 2014 Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year

PITTSBURGH, PA – April 29, 2014 – The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) has chosen Lorraine K. McEvoy, DNP, MSN, RN, OCN® as the 2014 Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year. Dr. McEvoy was selected based on her contributions to oncology nursing and oncology nursing service, and her support and promotion of oncology nursing certification.

Dr. McEvoy serves as a Nurse Leader at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, NY. She is an experienced oncology nurse and educator, specializing in the field of geriatric oncology. In her current role, Dr. McEvoy aids in advancing the expertise of oncology nurses and has a personal goal for every nurse who provides care for patients with cancer to become OCN®-certified. She created and facilitates an OCN® Prep Study Group to increase nurses' knowledge of the disease of cancer and the oncology nursing specialty and help participants pass the OCN® Examination.

In addition to her work at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Dr. McEvoy served as the Executive Director of Nursing Education Associates. She spearheaded and implemented the development of competency based and clinical education programming in healthcare and academic settings, utilizing concepts of adult education and "novice to expert" leveling of content and objectives based on Deliberate Practice Theory. Dr. McEvoy's work with novice oncology nurses and oncology review course attendees is based on her educational design concept, "Bridging the Gap between Preparation and Practice." She describes her passion for advancing clinical expertise in nurses as her daily mission.

"I am extremely honored to be the recipient of the ONCC's 2014 Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year Award," said Dr. McEvoy. "This award is so meaningful because it comes directly from those who establish, promote, support and recognize oncology nursing excellence. Oncology nursing professional practice requires detailed knowledge of the biologic and psychosocial dimensions of the disease of cancer. Nurses have key roles as caregivers, patient/family educators, advocates, care coordinators, and clinical cancer researchers. It is my passion to promote oncology nurse certification as a professional goal because it is directly related to advancing nursing expertise, increased individual professionalism, and superior clinical outcomes."

The award will be presented during the ONCC Recognition Breakfast at the ONS Annual Congress on May 2, 2014 in Anaheim, CA.

Dr. McEvoy is one of more than 35,000 nurses certified as an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®), Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON®), Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN®), Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AONCP®), 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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