

Figure 1. Summary of Findings

Issues Facing Cancer Care

The most important issues facing cancer care over the next four to eight years were

- Cost of cancer care (85.6%)
- Advances in genetics technology (50.6%)
- The need for evidence-based guidelines and practice standards (46.9%)
- Ensuring that those who provide care are competent (32.2%)
- Workforce issues (30%),
- Maintaining current knowledge (17.3%)
- Supporting informed consumer choices (14.5%)
- Other (4.9%).

Issues Facing Clinical Practice

The most important issues facing their own practice over the next four to eight years were

- Cost of cancer care (62.3%)
- Need for evidence-based guidelines and practice standards (45.7%)
- Workforce issues (41.9%)
- Maintaining current knowledge (41.1%)
- Ensuring that those who provide care are competent (38%)
- Advances in genetics technology (22%)
- Supporting informed consumer choices (16%)
- Other (4.7%).

Issues ONS Should Address

The most important issues for ONS to address over the next four to eight years were

- Need for evidence-based guidelines and practice guidelines (60.2%)
- Ensuring that those who provide care are competent (46.8%)
- Cost of cancer care (41%)
- Maintaining current knowledge (39%)
- Advances in genetics technology (32.6%)
- Workforce issues (23.8%)
- Other (2.6%).

International Initiatives

The three most important international endeavors for ONS to be involved in, from among ONS's six established international objectives, were

- Learn from colleagues outside the United States (56.77%)
- Partner with international organizations (50.32%)
- Distribute ONS content and programming to new markets (25.16%)
- Expand ONS visibility outside the United States (28.37%)
- Build capacity among nurses worldwide (34.43%)
- Serve the international nursing community (36.05%)
- Other (2.43%).

Health Policy

Three most important health policy issues for ONS to advocate, from among ONS's seven current health policy priorities, were

- Increasing Medicare reimbursement for cancer care (49%), including support of HR 1927 (our patient education legislation)
- Reforming healthcare (48%)
- Providing coverage of routine costs for clinical trials (44%)
- Ensuring access to pain and symptom management (40%)
- Increasing funding for cancer research, early detection/screening, and prevention and risk reduction (40%)
- Preserving and promoting oncology nurses scope of practice (28%)
- Increasing federal funding for nursing workforce (26%)
- Other (1%).

Funding for Continuing Education

How will changes in funding for CNE affect your choices in selecting professional development activities within the next year?

- Online activities that do not require travel (32.4%)
- Pay on their own for topics of interest (30%)
- Pay on their own, but will choose options that are lowest in cost (28.3%)
- Only seek out free opportunities (20.8%)
- Only plan on participating in activities required for certification or re-licensure, or by their employer (19%)
- Do not plan on participating in CE activities (1%).

CNE Delivery Formats

Which delivery formats used in the delivery of CNE will be most important to you in the next four to eight years?

- Web-based programs (72%)
- Live, face-to-face programs at local or regional events (62%)
- Print (e.g., journal-based, monographs, etc.) (49.3%)
- Live, face-to-face programs at national conferences (29.2%)
- Podcasts and other audio-based programs (18%)
- E-books (9.5%)
- Mobile applications (e.g., iPhone, blackberry) (7.2%).

Current and Continued Membership in ONS

Which professional organization would you choose to belong to if you could only choose one?

- ONS (90%)
- Another nursing subspecialty association (3%)
- Another oncology association (2%)
- Another professional membership organization (5%)
- None (1%).