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ONS Names Distinguished Publishing Award for Editor

PITTSBURGH, PA – April 8, 2010 – The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is pleased to announce the renaming of its distinguished publishing award in honor of long-time editor Rose Mary Carroll-Johnson, MN, RN. The ONS Distinguished Award for Scholarship and Consistency of Contributions to the Oncology Nursing Literature is now known as the Rose Mary Carroll-Johnson ONS Distinguished Award for Consistent Contributions to the Nursing Literature. The award recognizes the impact the recipient has made on the oncology nursing profession using the written word to share research findings, describe content basic to the care of patients with cancer, and support the professional development of colleagues. Carroll-Johnson has been the editor of the *Oncology Nursing Forum*, ONS's flagship peer-reviewed journal, for 19 years.

“Most often editors are the voices ‘behind the scenes’ but they are vital leaders of the nursing profession because they shape the literature on which evidence-based practice is validated,” said Nancy Jo Bush, RN, MN, MA, AOCN®. “Rose Mary has definitely been a leader for ONS through her almost 20 years as editor of the *Oncology Nursing Forum*. Her editorials always address current national and international issues related to healthcare policy and nursing practice.”

Rita Wickham, PhD, RN, AOCN®, associate professor at Rush University College of Nursing in Chicago, IL, is the 2010 recipient of the award. “This is one of ONS's most prestigious awards, and I am honored to have my name associated with the award,” said Carroll-Johnson. “I am thrilled that Rita Wickham is the recipient this year. She is most deserving.”

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