

## Top 10 From the Top Two

A little over a year ago, Deborah K. Mayer, PhD, RN, AOCN®, FAAN, editor of the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON)*, suggested that we collaborate on some sort of year-end compilation of oncology nursing trends. Our first opportunity to discuss this possibility with our editorial boards came in July during our joint meeting. Because of time constraints and the ways in which our data can be collected, a decision was reached to look at the top 10 most-accessed articles based on online “hits” to the journals’ published content. After the joint board meeting, editorial boards members from both journals received a list of the three most-accessed articles from each issue of the *Oncology Nursing Forum* and the top five most-accessed articles from *CJON* from June 2009–May 2010. We also looked separately at the most-accessed articles that could only be delivered online from each journal (three from *ONF* and one from *CJON*)—a total of 72 articles in all. Half of the group comprised of members from both journals looked at 36 articles and the other half reviewed the remaining 36. Using an online survey program, each member of the editorial boards rated the selection of articles based on the following criteria: most relevant, significant, and overall appeal to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. The lists were rank ordered and based on a cut score (7 on a 10-point scale, with 10 being the highest rank) decided by the entire task force. Then, the top 11 articles (one tie) emerged (see Table 1).

Future efforts will be more elaborate, but as a first pass at this project, we offer these articles for your consideration. Please keep the following in mind.

- The articles represent those most frequently accessed in *ONF* and *CJON* during the specified time frame. They include articles that appeared in print as well as online only.
- With a couple of exceptions, these are full-length articles. One is a position statement from the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Board of Directors, and

**Table 1. Top 10 Oncology Nursing Forum (ONF) and Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON) Articles Published From June 2009–May 2010**

Rank	Article Title	Author(s)	$\bar{X}$
1	<b>November 2009 ONF:</b> American Society of Clinical Oncology/Oncology Nursing Society Chemotherapy Administration Safety Standards <sup>a</sup>	Joseph O. Jacobson, Martha Polovich, Kristen K. McNiff, Kristine B. LeFebvre, Charmaine Cummings, Michele Galio, Katherine R. Bonelli, and Michele R. McCorkle	9.43
2	<b>July 2009 ONF:</b> Clinical Challenges: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Related to the Cancer Experience	Nancy Jo Bush	8.71
3	<b>December 2009 CJON:</b> Putting Evidence Into Practice: What Are the Pharmacologic Interventions for Nociceptive and Neuropathic Cancer Pain in Adults? <sup>a</sup>	Lisa Aiello-Laws, Janice Reynolds, Nancy Deizer, Mary Peterson, Suzanne Ameringer, and Marie Bakitas	8.56
3	<b>December 2009 CJON:</b> Cognitive Effects of Cancer Treatment: “Chemo Brain” Explained	Katrina Evens and Valerie S. Eschiti	8.56
4	<b>December 2009 CJON:</b> Maximizing Exercise in Breast Cancer Survivors	Barbara Windom Adkins	8.33
5	<b>July 2009 ONF:</b> Oncology Nurses’ Perceptions of Obstacles and Supportive Behaviors at the End of Life	Renea L. Beckstrand, Josie Moore, Lynn Callister, and A. Elaine Bond	7.86
6	<b>August 2009 CJON:</b> Vesicant Chemotherapy Extravasation Antidotes and Treatments	Lisa Schulmeister	7.71
7	<b>May 2010 ONF:</b> Oncology Nursing Society Position: Nurses’ Responsibility to Patients Requesting Assistance in Hastening Death	ONS Board of Directors	7.67
8	<b>December 2009 CJON:</b> Life After Pediatric Cancer: Easing the Transition to the Adult Primary Care Provider <sup>a</sup> (online exclusive)	Michelle Kolb	7.56
9	<b>March 2010 ONF:</b> Fatigue, Pain, and Functional Status During Outpatient Chemotherapy (online exclusive)	Mary Lou Siefert	7.44
10	<b>September 2009 ONF:</b> 2009 Mara Mogensen Flaherty Lectureship: Sexuality and Cancer: The Final Frontier for Nurses (online exclusive)	Mary K. Hughes	7.29

<sup>a</sup> Open access article (i.e., available freely to all)

one is a Clinical Challenges feature from *ONF*. Feature content from *CJON* was not considered. All papers were peer-reviewed.

- These 11 articles were judged to be the most relevant and important of the most-accessed articles. These are the articles that your colleagues both within and without ONS are reading. If you missed them the first time around, they are worth a second look.

As I look over the list, I am struck first by the nature of the articles. They seem to me by and large to be articles that speak to the day-to-day work of oncology nursing. They cover the sorts of problems a majority of our patients face daily; clearly, readers want feedback on the types of practice that will help. One evidence-based practice article made the grade—an encouraging and gratifying sign. Survivorship is an issue for us all to consider, and interest is shown in two articles addressing the needs of survivors, young and old. Professional practice issues are catching our eye as evidenced by the ratings for the joint chemotherapy guidelines and the ONS position on the nurses' responsibility when patients request assistance with

a hastened death. Also, it is good to see that the top articles are balanced between the two journals.

Next, I looked for those types of articles that are not on the list. Articles on new drugs are being more selectively chosen as are articles on emerging trends such as patient navigation, symptom cluster research, and dilemmas regarding adherence to oral agents. Also not much in evidence are articles written by authors from countries outside the United States. All these points will give the editors food for thought as we make decisions about publishing priorities in the coming months.

Each segment of our ONS readership can find ways to use this list. As stated earlier, if you have missed reading any of these reports you may want to take the time to look at them. Researchers conducting strongly clinically based studies can take heart that readers are interested in their results. Educators in schools and in the hospital setting can see that oncology nurses are looking for evidence-based and readily applicable content. Administrators can take note that nurses are interested in making their practice evidence based and are com-

mitted to addressing common patient problems across the board.

As we move into 2011, we will continue to explore ways to evaluate usage of the articles we publish as well as ways to present what we discover in meaningful ways. In turn, we appreciate hearing from you. Please consider telling us (ONFEditor@ons.org) what you would find useful in the way of analysis.

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