

## PEOPLE & EVENTS

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### Oncology Nursing Society Immediate Past President Joins Cancer Center as Director



The Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York, NY, appointed Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) immediate past President Carlton

G. Brown, PhD, RN, AOCN®, as director of Nursing for Evidence Based Practice. In his new role, Brown will educate nurses on the integration of evidence-based knowledge into their clinical practice.

"Being the director of Nursing for Evidence Based Practice is the logical next step in my career," Brown said. "I hope I can help move MSKCC farther forward in the area of research and evidence-based practice."

Brown was an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Delaware in Newark. He received his bachelor's of science in nursing from the University of Louisville in Kentucky, his master of science in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania's Oncology Advanced Practice Program in Philadelphia, and his doctorate in cancer nursing research from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Throughout Brown's career, one of his most valued experiences has been his association with ONS. He served as ONS president from 2010–2012, was a past president of the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation, was a past associate editor of *ONS News*, and has been a participant in ONS's Leadership Development Institute. He also was editor of *A Guide to Oncology Symptom Management*.

"ONS has been my professional home for many years, and it is my involvement with the PEP [Putting Evidence Into Practice] project which has best prepared me for this new role," Brown said.

Chief Nursing Officer Elizabeth Nelkin McCormick, MSN, RN, added, "I am delighted that Carlton Brown has joined the executive nursing leadership team at MSKCC. His enthusiasm and vast clinical oncology experience will serve to motivate our nurses to continue to

demonstrate and adopt best practices that will foster improved patient outcomes.

"In addition, the leadership skills and professional relationships he developed as past president of ONS will be a major benefit to all MSKCC nurses as we continue to be integral in the transformation of oncology healthcare services, nationally and abroad," McCormick said.

For more information, visit [www.mskcc.org](http://www.mskcc.org).

### ONS Member Receives Public Service Award



ONS member Ann O'Mara, PhD, RN, FAAN, head of palliative research in the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Bethesda, MD, re-

ceived the American Pain Society's 2012 John and Emma Bonica Public Service Award. The award honors outstanding contributions by an individual or organization to the field of pain management through public education, dissemination of information, public service, or other efforts. The award is named for John Bonica, a leader in the development of pain treatment, and his wife, Emma.

In her position at NCI, O'Mara manages a portfolio of symptom, palliative, and end-of-life care research projects. Most are focused on common morbidities associated with cancer and its treatment, including pain, chemotherapy-induced neuropathy, fatigue, sleep disturbances, and psychosocial issues (e.g., distress, anxiety, depression). O'Mara is a member of several trans-National Institutes of Health (NIH) working groups and consortia (i.e., trans-NIH Pain Consortium) that were established to enhance research and promote collaboration among researchers across the many NIH institutes and centers that address morbidities.

O'Mara has conducted research on end-of-life care and the education of nurses and physicians about palliative care. Her publications have focused primarily on quality-of-life issues facing patients with cancer and their families across the disease trajectory. Before coming to NCI,

O'Mara was director of the Advanced Practice Oncology Track in the School of Nursing at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

O'Mara is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Nurses Association, American Pain Society, and International Society for Quality of Life Research, and she is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She has been a member of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* editorial board, has been the recipient of numerous NIH merit awards recognizing her efforts in promoting symptom management and quality-of-life research, and has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.

O'Mara received her BS in nursing from the University at Buffalo, her MS in nursing from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and her doctorate from the University of Maryland in College Park.

For more information, visit [www.ampainsoc.org](http://www.ampainsoc.org).

### American Cancer Society Honors ONS Members

The American Cancer Society selected three ONS members and eight other cancer care providers as the recipients of the 2012 Lane W. Adams Quality of Life Award for cancer caregiving. The award recognizes individuals who have made a difference through innovation, leadership, and consistent excellence in providing compassionate, skilled care and counsel to people living with cancer and their families.

"Going above and beyond the call of duty to extend the 'warm hand of service' to cancer patients is part of the extraordinary character these individuals demonstrate," said W. Phil Evans, MD, FACR, president of the American Cancer Society. "These extraordinary awardees deserve to be recognized and are critical to helping the American Cancer Society save lives from cancer."

The following ONS members received the award. Frannie Concaugh, RN, a nurse at Tampa General Hospital in Florida, was awarded Oncology Nurse of the Year at her hospital in 2010. She has been an active volunteer with the

American Cancer Society since 2008. Tricia Julian, RN, BSN, OCN®, an oncology education coordinator at Fairmont General Hospital in West Virginia, has been a certified oncology nurse for more than 23 years. She is an advocate for end-of-life care and promotes the declaration of advance directives for all patients. In addition, Gloria Lita Smith, RN, MS, ACNP, is a nurse practitioner at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. She focuses on fundraising for breast cancer research and education.

For more information, visit <http://pressroom.cancer.org>.

## International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care Appoints ONS Past Presidents to Board

The International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) appointed two ONS past presidents, Brenda Nevidjon, MSN, RN, FAAN, and Linda Krebs, RN, PhD, AOCN®, FAAN, to serve on its Board of Directors. ISNCC seeks to improve the health and well-being of people with cancer worldwide. Nevidjon will serve as ISNCC's president-elect from 2012–2014 and will begin her term as president on July 1, 2014. In addition, Krebs will sit on the ISNCC Conference Management Committee for 2012–2013.



Brenda Nevidjon is a professor and lead faculty for the Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Specialty in the Masters' Program and coordinator for the Systems Division in the School of Nursing at Duke University in Durham, NC. Nevidjon is a member of the ISNCC Corporate and Philanthropic Development Committee and was president of ONS from 2008–2010.

Krebs is an associate professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Colorado in Denver and has exten-



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sive experience in oncology nursing and oncology education for healthcare providers. She is a member of the ISNCC Scientific Planning Committee, as well as the Nominations and Awards Committee, and was president of ONS from 1998–1999.

For more information, visit [www.isncc.org](http://www.isncc.org).

## American Academy of Nursing Announces 2012 Fellows

The American Academy of Nursing announced that 176 nurse leaders, 14 of whom are ONS members, will be inducted as fellows during its 39th Annual Meeting and Conference in October 2012. The 2012 cohort, composed of nurse researchers, policy makers, scholars, executives, educators, and practitioners, is the largest class of inductees to date.

The academy comprises more than 1,800 nurse leaders. Selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care and sponsorship by two current fellows. Applicants are reviewed by a panel comprising elected and appointed fellows, and selection is based, in part, on the extent to which nominees' nursing careers influence health policies and the health and well-being of all. New fellows will be eligible to use the credentials FAAN (Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing) after their October induction.

The following ONS members will be inducted.

- Donald Bailey, PhD, RN, Duke University, North Carolina
- Margaret Barton-Burke, PhD, RN, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- Nancy Jo Bush, RN, MN, MA, AOCN®, University of California, Los Angeles
- Francisco Conde, PhD, APRN, AOCNS®, Queen's Medical Center, Hawaii

- Mary Elizabeth Cooley, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts
- Shannon Dirksen, PhD, RN, Arizona State University
- Christopher Friese, PhD, RN, AOCN®, University of Michigan
- Mei Fu, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, New York University
- Mary Ann Fuchs, DNP, MSN, RN, Duke University Health System, North Carolina
- Randy Jones, PhD, RN, University of Virginia
- Maria Katapodi, PhD, RN, University of Michigan
- Lois Loesch, PhD, RN, University of Arizona
- Mary Maryland, PhD, RN, APN, BC, American Cancer Society, Illinois Division
- Barbara Powe, PhD, RN, American Cancer Society, Georgia

"Selection for membership in the academy is one of the most prestigious honors in the field of nursing," said American Academy of Nursing President Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN. "I congratulate all of the new fellows and look forward to honoring their accomplishments and welcoming them into the fellowship this October."

For more information, visit [www.aannet.org](http://www.aannet.org).

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