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Oncology Nursing Society Members Honored at Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Annual Meeting

Several Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) members received awards at the annual meeting of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) and the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN®), which was held on February 15 in Salt Lake City, UT.



Pamela Hinds, RN, PhD, FAAN, was honored with HPNA's 2007 Leading the Way Award, which recognizes a nursing leader who has been consistent in "leading the way" in hospice and palliative nursing,

demonstrating a deep and abiding commitment to furthering the philosophy, mission, and quality of palliative care.

"We are delighted to present Dr. Hinds with this award," said Judy Lentz, RN, MSN, NHA, chief executive officer of HPNA and executive director of NBCHPN. "Her contribution to palliative nursing stands as an exemplary model for other practitioners in the field."

Hinds is the director of the Division of Nursing Research at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN, where she also is co-facilitator of the St. Jude Palliative Care Initiative and co-chair of the Hematology/Oncology Fellow Mentoring Committee. She is co-chair of the Nursing Research Committee for the Children's Oncology Group (COG), a member of the Nursing Discipline Leadership Committee, and a member of the Steering Committee for COG Cancer Control. She is a member of the Review Committee for the National Quality Forum's *A National Framework and Preferred Practices for Palliative and Hospice Care Quality* project.

An accomplished researcher, Hinds' research interests include self-care, coping and adolescents, instrumentation, qualitative methodologies, triangulation, decision making, quality of life, and fatigue. She has presented widely and published extensively on a variety of subjects relating to end-of-life (EOL) and palliative care, particularly those involving children and adolescents. Her work has appeared in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* and *Journal of Quality of Life Research*. She serves on the editorial boards

of various journals, including the *Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing* and *Journal of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology*. In 2004, she received the Distinguished Researcher Award from ONS.

A renowned leader in pediatric palliative care, Hinds was the 2004 S.W. Shrifin Distinguished Lecturer for Palliative Care in the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing at City University of New York and the 2004 Invited Presenter at the National Institutes of Health State-of-the-Science Conference on Improving End-of-Life Care. She was a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee for the project "When Children Die: Improving Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Children and Their Families." In addition, she was the keynote speaker at the March 2007 Sigma Theta Tau Gamma Chi Research Day.



Also honored was Hazel Jackson, APRN, BC, CHPN, who was named NBCHPN's 2007 Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse of the Year. The award recognizes the work of a certified hospice and palliative nurse who personifies excellence in EOL care.

Jackson has worked as a hospice and palliative care team nurse and a pain resource nurse at the Atlanta VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Decatur, GA, since 2003. Previously, she was the director of Hospice Services at VAMC. In addition to receiving the CHPN of the Year Award, she is the recipient of HPNA's 2006 Innovation in End-of-Life Nursing Care Award and the 2004 Under Secretary of Health Award. She is the author of various publications related to EOL issues.

"We are proud to recognize Ms. Jackson's outstanding achievements with the Nurse of the Year Award," said Lentz. "We hope her commitment to excellence will serve as a model for healthcare providers everywhere."

Jackson holds an associate degree in nursing from Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY; a bachelor's degree in nursing from Alfred University in Alfred, NY; and a master's degree of nursing from Emory University in Atlanta. She also is an HPNA-approved educator. In addition to her HPNA and ONS memberships, Jackson is active in the American Nurses Association and the Nursing Organization of Veterans Affairs.

Connie Dahlin, MSN, APRN, BC, PCM, also was honored as NBCHPN's 2007 Advanced Practice Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse of the Year. The award recognizes the work of a nurse who personifies excellence in EOL nursing and has made contributions in clinical practice, education, leadership, or research in EOL care.



"I can think of no better candidate for this award than Connie," said Betty Ferrell, PhD, FAAN, research scientist at the City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, CA. "As an advanced practice nurse (APN), she epitomizes scholarship, leadership, and clinical excellence. She is a dedicated nurse, and her life and work honor advanced practice nursing, continually raising the bar for the field."

Dahlin currently serves as an APN in the Palliative Care Service of Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Boston. She also serves on several task forces and committees, including the Partners Oncology Service Line EOL Task Force, the Partners Nursing EOL Task Force, and the Healthcare Dimensions Hospice Quality Assurance Committee. Dahlin is a founding member of the Palliative Care Service at MGH.

Dahlin is involved in many local, regional, and national activities aimed at promoting palliative care. She serves on the task force for the National Consensus Project and was a member of the project's original steering committee. She is a core faculty member of the Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, where she has been the nursing leader for the intensive two-week Program in Palliative Care Education and Practice curriculum since 2000. She is on the national faculty for the oncology and graduate versions of the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) curriculum and is a lead consultant in the development of a critical care version of ELNEC.

For the past four years, Dahlin has served on the American Hospital Association Circle of Life Selection Committee, which recognizes innovative EOL programs and practices. She has established herself as a

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