

## This Issue's Contributors

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Pamela Hallquist Viale, RN, MS, CS, ANP, AOCNP, primary author of "Advanced Colorectal Cancer: Current Treatment and Nursing Management With Economic Considerations" (p. 541), is an oncology nurse practitioner at the Camino Medical Group in Sunnyvale, CA, and an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Physiological Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco. Viale wrote the article to help oncology nurses become aware of "major shifts in the treatment paradigm for advanced and metastatic colorectal cancer." Coauthoring the article are Anita Fung, PharmD, an oncology clinical pharmacist specialist at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, CA, and Laura Zitella, NP, AOCN®, an oncology nurse practitioner at Stanford University Hospital in California.



Debra Zeroski, RN, OCN®, primary author of "Factors Affecting Patient Selection for Prostate Brachytherapy: What Nurses Should Know" (p. 553), is a staff nurse at the Schiffler Cancer Center in Wheeling, WV. Coauthoring the article are Laurie Abel, RN, BSN, OCN®, a radiation oncology nurse and Wayne M. Butler, PhD, a medical physicist, both at the Schiffler Cancer Center; Kent Wallner, MD, a professor of radiation oncology at the University of Washington in Seattle; and Gregory S. Merrick, MD, a radiation oncologist and the medical director at the Schiffler Cancer Center. The authors "believe it is important for nurses to have a working knowledge of how patients with prostate cancer are selected for different treatments. . . . Nurses must be ready to respond to questions from patients and their families by knowing which treatments may be optimal and the risk factors associated with each."

Cheryl A. Fairbrother, RN, BSN, MHA, OCN®, primary author of "Life's Final Journey: The Oncology Nurse's Role" (p. 575), is the chief operating officer and chief executive officer at Arbor Inc. and the Arbor Foundation at Arbor Hospice and Home Care in Ann Arbor, MI. Coauthoring the article is Judith A. Paice, PhD, RN, FAAN, director



of the Cancer Pain Program in the Division of Hematology-Oncology in the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL. They wrote the article to increase oncology nurses' knowledge of the signs and symptoms of impending death and to help nurses better educate families about the dying process. They hope the article also will inform students in hospice programs. Fairbrother and Paice were participants in the **2004 CJON Writing Mentorship Program.\***



Patrick J. Coyne, MSN, APRN, FAAN, primary author of "Effectively Starting and Titrating Intrathecal Analgesic Therapy in Patients With Refractory Cancer Pain" (p. 581), is a clinical director of Thomas Palliative Care Services in the Massey Cancer Center at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System in Rockville. According to Coyne, "As I teach advanced pain management techniques around the nation, it has become clear that most nurses and physicians have no idea how, when, or why to use this technology. This article seeks to answer some of these questions." Coauthoring the article are Tom Smith, MD, chairman of hematology/oncology and palliative medicine, Jill Laird, MN, RCNS, CHPN, nurse manager for Thomas Palliative Care Systems, Lea Ann Hansen, PharmD, BCOP, clinical pharmacist for oncology, and David Drake, MD, medical director of the Massey Cancer Center Pain Clinic, all at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System.



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