

## Oncology Nursing Society Member Named Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing*



The Hospice and Palliative Nurse Association (HPNA) announced Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Betty Ferrell, RN, PhD, FAAN, FPC, as the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing* (JHPN), the official journal of HPNA. Ferrell will assume the official role on January 1, 2010.

Ferrell has been in oncology nursing for 32 years, with clinical expertise and research in the areas of pain management, quality of life, and palliative care. Ferrell is a research scientist at the City of Hope in Duarte, CA, and principal investigator of the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) project. She has obtained fellow status with the American Academy of Nursing and HPNA. Ferrell also is chair of the National Consensus Project.

Ferrell has authored five books, including *Cancer Pain Management* (1995), *A Text on Suffering* (1995), *Pain in the Elderly* (1996), the *Textbook of Palliative Nursing Care* (2001), and the *Textbook of Palliative Nursing Care* (2nd ed.) (2006). Ferrell also has more than 300 publications in peer-reviewed journals and texts.

"We are honored to be working with Dr. Ferrell as we strive to continually advance our official organizational publications," said Judy Lentz, RN, MSN, HA, chief executive officer of HPNA.

Focusing on the clinical, educational, and research aspects of care, *JHPN* offers information on hospice and palliative nursing, contemporary nursing practice, education, research, and administration. For more information, visit [www.hpna.org](http://www.hpna.org).

## ONS Member Becomes Director at City of Hope

ONS member Mary L. Scott, RN, a nursing director with more than 30 years of experience in management and administration, joined City of Hope as director



of clinical practice and education. She is responsible for ensuring the delivery of the highest quality patient care through staff development and ongoing clinical nursing training.

"Mary Scott brings decades of knowledge and experience in nursing administration to the benefit of City of Hope patients and staff," said Shirley Johnson, RN, chief nursing and patient services officer.

Prior to joining City of Hope, Scott served as the director of oncology patient services at Siteman Cancer Center in the Barnes-Jewish Hospital at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Scott has written numerous chapters on nursing management and practice improvements for nursing education textbooks and has delivered presentations to hospital administrators and patient care staff on topics related to cancer care, medication administration, and the effect of automation on patient care.

As an ONS member, Scott has held several committee positions, including International Congress Team chair, chair of the Managed Care Summit, and associate editor for the *Oncology Nursing Forum*. She also is a member of the American Academy of Oncology Administrators, the American Organization of Nursing Executives, and the American Cancer Society.

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

## ONS Member Elected to Pennsylvania State Nurses Association Board of Directors



ONS member Mary Louise Kanaskie, MS, RN-BC, AOCN®, has been elected vice president of the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) Board of Directors for a two-year term. The PSNA Board of Directors oversees the activities of the

association, which include advocating and supporting the nursing profession with Commonwealth policy makers, legislators, and regulators; providing access to education and improving nursing knowledge and skills; and offering valued information and services for professional practice.

Kanaskie previously served the PSNA Board of Directors as a trustee and representative to the Nursing Foundation of Education. She also was a member of PSNA's Continuing Education Reviewer Unit and joined the Continuing Education Committee, serving several terms as chairperson.

Kanaskie is a nurse educator at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. She has been an active member of ONS since 1987, serving as coordinator of the Staff Education Special Interest Group and presenter at ONS Congress. She is a past recipient of the ONS Mary Nowotny Excellence in Cancer Nursing Education Award and is the coeditor of the second edition of ONS's *Continuing Education Activities—A Planning Manual* (2005).

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

## ONS Member Receives Research Grant

ONS member Ann Marie Dose, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, received the 2009 End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant from the Hospice of Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (STTI) for her proposed research project, "Transition from Hospital to Home Hospice: The No-Care Zone."

The purpose of Dose's qualitative study is to describe the issues identified by patients and primary family caregivers as they experience the transition from hospital discharge to onset of home hospice (i.e., the no care zone) using participant-generated photography and semistructured interviews of patients and family caregivers. The study addresses significant, previously unaddressed gaps in the foundation of hospital discharge planning practices.

Dose is a clinical nurse researcher at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She is a frequent lecturer on topics related to end-of-life care and spiritually and

is the recipient of multiple honors and awards.

The HPNA and STTI End-of-Life Nursing Care Grant is designed to encourage qualified nurses to contribute to the advancement of nursing care through research. Each year, HPNF and STTI select a qualified recipient, awarding a grant of up to \$10,000. Funds for the grant are provided jointly by HPNF and STTI.

"HPNF is proud to congratulate Dr. Dose on her extraordinary work," said Judy Lentz, RN, MSN, HNA, executive director of HPNF.

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

## ONS Members Receive APEX Awards for Publication Excellence

The 21st annual APEX Awards for Publication Excellence recognized five ONS members. Peg Esper, MSN, MSA, RN, AOCN®, APRN-BC, and Kim K. Kuebler, MN, RN, APRN-BC, were winners in the books and ebooks subcategory and Barbara Holmes Gobel, RN, MS, AOCNS®, Shirley Trisest-Robinson, RN, PhD, AOCNS®, and Wendy H. Vogel, MSN, FNP, won in the health and medical writing subcategory, all in association with ONS. The awards were given to 100 grand winners in 11 major categories and 1,158 winners in 122 subcategories from 3,785 entries.

The APEX Awards for Publication Excellence is an annual competition for writers, editors, publications, staff, and business and nonprofit communicators. For more information, visit [www.apexawards.com/apexawards.htm](http://www.apexawards.com/apexawards.htm).

## ONS President Present at Signing of Tobacco Law

ONS President Brenda Nevidjon, RN, MSN, FAAN, attended the White House Rose Garden ceremony on June 22, as President Barack Obama signed into law the Family Smoking and Tobacco Control Act. Passage of the bill, sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), was one of ONS's top healthcare policy priorities and a milestone in the prevention of smoking. The law grants the U.S. Food and Drug Administration the authority to regulate the manufacture, advertisement, and sale of all tobacco products. ONS member e-mails, postcards, and phone calls were instrumental in convincing undecided legislators to vote for the bill.

## Sanchez-Williams Accepts M.D. Anderson Nurse-Oncologist Award



Gisela Sanchez-Williams, RN, ANP-BC, an advanced practice nurse in the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center's Department of Neurosurgery spine program, was named recipient of the 2009 Ethel Fleming Arceneaux Outstanding Nurse-Oncologist Award.

A committee representing M.D. Anderson's clinical faculty, patient care administration, and nursing staff reviewed nominations from peers and patients before selecting Sanchez-Williams for the annual award. The Brown Foundation, Inc., established the honor in 1982.

Sanchez-Williams accepted a cash award of \$15,000, a crystal plaque, and a commemorative pin on June 18, in the Frank E. Anderson Conference Hall at M.D. Anderson.

"I'm beyond honored," said Sanchez-Williams. "This award speaks also to the nurse practitioners with whom I work. We're a cohesive, supportive, and mentoring group. This institution gives you that drive. You can't stop."

Sanchez-Williams is in her fifth year in the Department of Neurosurgery. Two years ago, she initiated a support group for spine tumor patients and recently obtained funding to enhance the program with a four-part rehabilitative series and a "toolbox" of educational and rehabilitative resources. She and cofacilitator Susan Hainley, RN, MSN, ACNP-BC, an advanced practice nurse in rehabilitation medicine at M.D. Anderson, meet monthly with patients to gain insight into their priority needs and long-term issues.

"Together, we marvel at the exchanges in the group," Sanchez-Williams said. "The patients' ability to express their cancer journeys and to guide us in finding creative ways to improve their quality of life has been an amazing experience."

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

## American Journal of Nursing Voted One of the Most Influential Journals

The BioMedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO) of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) announced the *American Journal of Nursing* (AJN) as one of the 100 most influential journals in biology and medicine in the past century. *AJN*, published by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins since 1900, was the only journal among 12 other nominated nursing journals to receive the honor.

"This honor is a testament to our commitment to maintaining our reputation as the leading source of cutting-edge and reliable information about nursing and health care," said Diana Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN, emeritus editor-in-chief of *AJN*.

*AJN* was honored, along with other winners, on Tuesday, June 16, in Washington, DC, during a luncheon for all 100 journals at SLA's 100th anniversary convention.

The SLA is an organization of subject specialist librarians, information managers, and publishing industry representatives, which is composed of many topical divisions. As part of the centennial event, one of the divisions, DBIO, convened an international panel of subject experts to poll the division membership on the 100 most influential journals of biology and medicine during the past 100 years of the association's existence. The list was compiled by more than 680 members.

For more information, visit <http://units.sla.org/division/dbio/publications/resources/dbio100.html>.

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### ONS Conference Calendar

#### Leadership Development Institute

October 22–25, 2009  
The Woodlands, Houston, TX

#### Advanced Practice Nursing Conference

November 12–14, 2009  
Tampa, FL

#### 10th Annual Institutes of Learning

November 13–15, 2009  
Tampa, FL