

Holley Receives Veterans Affairs Career Development Award



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Sandra Holley, PhD, ARNP, AOCN®, is the recipient of a Veterans Affairs (VA) Career Development Award from 2002–2005. Holley is a nurse scientist in the Patient

Safety Center of Inquiry at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, FL. Her award program is titled "Group Rehabilitation to Reduce Safety Risks for Cancer Patients." The career development award is funded by the Office of Rehabilitation Research and Development at the VA Headquarters in Washington, DC. The award affords the many resources of the VA system, including mentoring from nationally known nurse researchers.

Holley is a graduate faculty member in oncology nursing at the University of South Florida and a graduate of the College of Nursing at the University of Florida. She has more than 35 years of nursing experience, including 25 years of experience in oncology nursing. Holley is well respected for her expertise in cancer nursing and was the recipient of the American Cancer Society Doctoral Scholarship Program, VA Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Nursing Research Fellowship programs for the past four years. She has researched fatigue in people with cancer for the past 15 years and has many publications and presentations to her credit on the topic. She participated in the Fatigue State of the Knowledge Conference, which later became the FIRE® (Fatigue Initiative Through Research and Education) project funded by the ONS Foundation and Ortho Biotech, Inc. She has published and presented on numerous other topics related to cancer nursing.

Sarna Developing Campaign to Help Nurses Quit Smoking



ONS member Linda Sarna, RN, AOCN®, DNSc, FAAN, a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), is leading a six-month planning grant to develop a program to

help nurses quit smoking and involve nurses in tobacco-control advocacy efforts.

With almost \$400,000 in funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Sarna and Stella Aguinaga Bialous, a tobacco-control consultant in San Francisco, CA, are spearheading the development of a multifaceted national campaign aimed at the country's largest group of healthcare professionals—a group that has a surprisingly high rate of smoking.

"Nurses have a tremendous opportunity to assist in tobacco-control efforts," said Sarna. "However, smoking by nurses limits their ability to be strong advocates of tobacco control, including engaging in cessation efforts with their patients." Sarna also noted that one barrier to conducting smoking-cessation interventions with patients is nurses who themselves continue to smoke; at an estimated 18%, it is the highest percentage among healthcare professionals. The campaign will focus on helping nurses to quit smoking and developing strategies to help the nursing profession become more involved in tobacco-control advocacy efforts.

"In the past, there has been no coordinated effort to support nurses in their own cessation efforts or to stress the critical importance of being smoke-free role models," said Sarna. "During this planning grant, we will work with a variety of nursing organizations and tobacco-control experts to develop a nationwide campaign that will provide nurses who smoke with cessation resources."

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It concentrates its grant-making in four goal areas: ensure that all Americans have access to basic health care at reasonable cost; improve care and support for people with chronic health conditions; promote healthy communities and lifestyles; and reduce the personal, social, and economic harm caused by substance abuse.

Behrend Presents at Nurse Expert Meeting in Japan



ONS member Susan Weiss Behrend, RN, MSN, AOCN®, an oncology clinical nurse specialist and educational consultant to the Department of Continuing Nursing Education at Fox Chase Cancer Center

in Philadelphia, PA, was invited by Shorinsha Publishing Organization to present at the Annual Nurse Expert Meeting in Yokohama and Kyoto Japan in June. Shorinsha Inc. is a large publishing consortium dedicated to publishing nursing textbooks and journals. Shuichi Takahashi, president and executive editor of Shorinsha, hosted the conference venues, which were sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline, Inc. Approximately 900 Japanese nurses attended each of the two meetings.

Behrend presented "The Evolution of the Role of Ambulatory Oncology Nursing" and "Cancer-Related Bleeding: Response to Diagnosis and Treatment." During the conference, Japanese oncology nurses presented case studies, with discussion and commentary given by a panel of Japanese oncology clinical nurse specialists and featured interventions suggested by Behrend.

Behrend is a published author and lecturer. Her consulting work focuses on the oncology specialty areas of radiation therapy, ambulatory care, and symptom management of solid tumor treatment. She was a founding member of ONS's Steering Council and presently serves as a board member of Oncology Education Services, Inc., a subsidiary of ONS.

Pickett Receives Staff Nurse Advocacy Award



ONS member Jan Pickett, MA, RN, CNS, CS, OCN®, of Granger, TX, was one of 18 outstanding nurses honored at the American Nurses Association's (ANA's) annual convention, which was held June

29–July 2 in Philadelphia, PA. Pickett received the Staff Nurse Advocacy Award, which honors staff nurse advocates who have been inspirational role models and mentors to other staff nurses. Each biennium, ANA bestows national awards for outstanding contributions to the nursing profession and the field of health care.

A member of the Texas Nurses Association, Pickett is an experienced clinician who practices in rural America. In her role as a member of a cancer care team, she quickly gained the trust of physician team leaders because she understood the medical model perspective of cancer care. Her positive patient outcomes