ETHICS (ETH)
Special Interest Group (SIG)

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Pr.-2012 - Member – Ethics SIG
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Pr.-2008 - Reviewer – Oncology Nursing Foundation Review Board
2012-2010 - President – Piedmont Triad ONS Chapter
2010-2006 - Member – ONS Reach Team
2009-2006 - Chair – Government Relations – Piedmont Triad ONS Chapter
2004-2002 - Newsletter Editor – Piedmont Triad ONS Chapter

1. Integrate clinical ethics competencies into oncology nursing practice.

   Our country is facing an aging population, life extending technology, rising health care costs, limited resources, and healthcare reform. In these challenging times oncology nurses need to be knowledgeable and skilled in ethics competencies. The Oncology Nursing Society needs to develop, integrate, master and maintain core competencies in clinical ethics into all aspects of oncology nursing practice.

2. Address the cost of cancer care as an ethical issue in healthcare.

   There are real economic burdens that patients and families face with cancer treatment. The cost related burdens related to cancer treatment need to be addressed the same way other distressing effects would be discussed. This discussion should incorporate end of life care as a component of holistic cancer care. Cancer treatment without benefits burdens patients and families. Yes, we often continue to treat when there are no real benefits. We need to confront end of life care as part of overall cancer care, and not just a failure of cancer care. In doing this, we will improve the quality of life and care for all cancer patients and contribute to the justice, equity and economic constraints of our current system.
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2014 - Program Committee – National Capital ONS Chapter
Pr.-2013 - Newsletter Editor – Ethics SIG
Pr.-2007 - Member – Management and Program Development SIG
- Member – Transcultural Nursing Issues SIG

1. Increase SIG visibility through the development of our Virtual Community. Increased use of the virtual community by the membership would result in better understanding of the memberships needs & interests. It can also be an effective vehicle for communicating updates and changes on issues of concern to the membership.

2. Increase engagement with the SIG membership and the ONS membership about Ethical issues as they occur, institutionally, politically and in current events. This would increase the perceived value of the Ethics SIG and reflect positively on ONS as leaders in oncology education.