

Position: Director-at-Large

Kathleen Shannon Dorcy, PhD, RN
Director of Clinical Research, Education and Practice Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
Staff Scientist at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Seattle Cancer Care Alliance/Fred Hutchinsonc
Seattle, WA

ONS member: 33 years;

EDUCATION:

2011 PhD in Nursing University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah
1991 MN and certificate in Ethics University of Washington, Seattle WA
1983 BSN and minor in Philosophy Seattle University, Seattle WA
1978 Practical Nurse North Seattle College
1976 AA in counseling North Seattle College

ONS PARTICIPATION (national and local):

2006-2019 PSONS Board Chair of Research Committee

1985-2019 PSONS membership

2013-2016 ONS ANR SIG-Leadership Advisory Council

2014 Position Paper for Redesign of Oncology Nursing Society Research Conference, author and researcher with Dr. Jean Johnson appointed by Margaret Wilmoth and Mary Gullatte

2004 and 2015 PSONS Symposium Planning Committee

Frequent speaker at ONS meetings and educational offerings. Key Note speaker for Katmai Alaska Denali ONA meeting in October 2017

WORK RELATED SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP:

2015-current Director of Clinical Research, Education and Practice Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

2014-current Chair of the Rosemary Ford Future of Nursing Scholarship Program

2009-Member Research Implementation Executive Steering Committee (RIESc), at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

1994-current Scientific Member of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institutional Review Board

1999-2003 Invited by NIH Director Dr. Harold Varmus to be an Associate member on the National Institutes of Health Director's Council of Public Representatives

1985, and 1987 Dean Search Committee Member for Seattle University

HEALTH CARE/ CANCER ORGANIZATIONS EXPERIENCE, OTHER PROFESSIONAL NURSING ORGANIZATIONS /Additional experience (community, political etc.):

2017 Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing

2016-2018 Faculty Mentor for the Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy

2014-2017 Board Member for the Seattle University College of Nursing

2006-2007 Board Member for Group Health Cooperative Foundation Seattle WA

1999-2004 Mentor for Seattle Public Schools, "Job Shadows, Exploring the Future," program for young women interested in careers in science

Position Statement:

Leadership for me in oncology nursing has been cultivated by the opportunities of mentoring and clinical practice in academic oncology care and ethics. I have learned much in my career and I still find new science and clinical research that challenge and excite my intellectual curiosity. At the heart of my acceptance to be considered for this most prestigious role is my deep dedication to the care of oncology patients and leadership and mentoring of nurses. I am fortunate that I have been able to teach and practice for over 27 years and this has availed me the chance to grow intellectually and as a part of a community with the nurses, the scientists, the patients and their families in the provision of cutting edge care and so providing the BEST outcomes for people with cancer.

How have you advanced excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care?

I have worked to advance excellence and quality in oncology nursing clinical practice and research in Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) in pediatric bed side nursing. I went on to coordinate clinical trials across the spectrum of BMT care: graft versus host disease protocols, growth factors to decrease risks of neutropenia, and monoclonal antibody therapies that targeted specific markers on cells to cleave the double stranded DNA and thus interrupt the cell proliferation in acute myelogenous leukemia. Working with patients in early phase clinical trials I was an integral member of the clinical research team that brought forward data on key agents such as cyclosporine, growth factors and antineoplastic agents. Cures of cancer are inspiring but at the heart of my work has been the distinct value of each patient and family I have been privileged to share in the journey of cancer care. Excellence is defined as the BEST patient outcomes. It involves the ability to work with the most effective oncologic agents and modalities while also facilitating difficult conversations about disease progression. Being present in the final moments of life is as important as expert clinical care and something I hold as metric of quality oncology nursing care.

Choose either Innovation or Advocacy from the remaining two ONS Core Values and discuss how you have actualized this value in your leadership experiences

"Advocacy" originates from the Latin advocatus "one called to aid (another); advocate," noun use of past participle of advocare "to call or invite (as witness or adviser) in a court of justice." I see advocacy as an invitation to engage with others and build stronger more just systems. A recent example in my work is with the Uganda Cancer Institute, (UCI) with whom Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center has had a long term relationship building the medical staff. The nurse leader at UCI and I have begun a program to support oncology nursing practice. We arranged to stream a live nursing conference between Seattle and Kampala. We are at the earliest phases of this collaboration between our organizations to improve outcomes for cancer patients. I firmly believe that innovation, advocacy and advancing excellence in oncology nursing is always a collaborative, effort never a single individual's endeavor