

Position: Director-at-Large

Rebecca L. Collins, MS, RN, OCN®, CHPN, NE-BC, CENP
Director of Care Transitions
Innovative Care Solutions/Ohio's Hospice
Centerville, OH

ONS member: 10 years;

EDUCATION:

2017, Master of Science in Healthcare Administration, Wright State University
2013, Bachelor Degree in Nursing, Wright State University
1995, Associate Degree in Nursing, Sinclair Community College

ONS PARTICIPATION (national and local):

2010-current; WCO-ONS Board Member, Held positions of Member-at-large, President and now current Past-President

2017, ONS Capitol Hill Days, Advocate

2016: ONS Leadership Weekend, Attendee/Representative for WCO-ONS Chapter

2016: Poster Presentation ONS National Congress: Presenter

2015-2016-2017: ONS Leadership Weekend, Attendee/Representative for WCO-ONS Chapter

2015: Leadership Development Course: Attendee

WORK RELATED SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP:

2018 to Current: Director of Care Transitions, Care Model and Project Development

2018 Core Committee Member for Palliative Round Table Conference, Southern Ohio Region

2018 International Outreach Team Member: Palliative Care Conference, Beijing China

2017 to Current: ONCC Certification News Editorial Board Member

2017: Taskforce to develop and implement leadership program: ASPIRE and ASPIRE Higher Program at Ohio's Hospice

2016 to current: Founding member of Wright State University Nursing Alumni Organization;
Current President

2015: Team that Developed and Implemented Clinical Ladder Program at Ohio's Hospice

2015: Member of American Organization of Nursing Executives: Taskforce Member

2014 and 2015: Ecuador Medical Outreach Member: Set up clinical outreach/clinic

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

2018 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's (ACS CAN) Ohio Day at the Capitol: Advocate

2015-2018:

Hospice of Dayton Focused Care: Improving Care through Disease Management. Retrieved from: <http://aahpm.org/inform/dayton>

Profile in Innovation: Leveraging Technology to Improve Patient Monitoring, Blog Post: <http://www.aahpm.org/apps/blog/?cat=142>

For Advanced Cancer, What Treatment is Next?: Navigating through the Options with Patients American Journal of Nursing October 2016.

Telephone Triage for Oncology Nurses, Contributing Chapter Writer Antibiotic Therapy Problems Expected publishing date in 2018

2016-2018 Presentations (National Level):

You Can't Have Your Cake and Eat It Too, or Can You? Supporting Advanced Palliative Oncologic Therapies Within a Hospice Program (TH353) AAHPM Conference 2016

Poster Presentation: Promotion of Oncology Education, Critical Thinking Skills via Algorithms. Oncology Nursing Society National Congress 2016

<https://onf.ons.org/onf.ons.org/onf/43/2/podium-poster-and-research-abstracts>

Poster Presentation: Innovative Approach to Engage, Retain and Empower Staff. AONE National Conference 2018.

Palliative Care Education Team Member; Beijing, China: 2018 Team Member

Position Statement:

My entire nursing career has been in the rewarding field of oncology and I would consider it an honor to represent oncology nursing professionals on the Oncology Nursing Society Board of Directors. I believe the ONS Board has an obligation to give a voice to issues and concerns faced by oncology nurses. In my experience as local chapter president and as a clinical director, I find the best way to support is through a team approach. Every member counts! I plan on listening and interacting with our membership to seek their input and discuss direction and priorities of ONS. I believe an open dialog will strengthen our organization and promote our core values. I will not lose sight of the fact that ONS members voluntarily give of their time to support the chapters and programs of ONS. I respect the involvement of our membership, and will always honor that commitment. I would like the chance to be your advocate and will strive to continue the positive impact of ONS at the local, national and international level. I will work on your behalf to support the outreach and mission of ONS and to represent the interests of the oncology nursing profession.

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

Fortunately, the mentorship and support of many amazing oncology nurses has provided guidance in developing initiatives regarding oncology nursing and care. My involvement in the implementation and development of symptom management algorithms has proved a successful and valuable tool to our nurses when caring for the oncology population under our hospice care. Working with our education department, I've provided advanced education to our staff regarding

the care of the oncology patient using a situational judgement exam and case studies. I expanded the hospice oncology program for our oncology population that includes resources for our nurses and collaboration on plan of care between oncology specialists and our medical team. Promotion of leadership programs at the local chapter level while I was chapter president, has increased participation in our local board and provided mentorship to our members. Identifying a gap-in-service and working together to bring about positive quality change is the best way to promote best practices. As part of the ONS Board it is my vision to extend the mentorship and support afforded to me to all our members, in the hope they too will find ways to advance excellence and quality in cancer 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

Innovation can be equated with change and change can be viewed as difficult. My experiences have shown the need for leadership to find ways to support the process and effectively communicate in order for innovation to be adopted and welcomed. I have found that open communication is the key for garnering support for any innovative measures. Recently, a new care model has been introduced at my facility. There was a lack of understanding of this care model that led to misunderstanding of this concept. By implementing a Town Hall Meeting for promotion of open communication, the concerns were addressed and staff expressed a sense of ownership in this process. Both leadership and staff are now vested in making this new care model successful. Realizing that communication is a key component to success, I promise to continue to utilize best communication practices if elected to serve on the ONS Board of Directors. Innovation is everywhere in oncology today and as your representative on the ONS Board, I will continue to remain vigilant regarding innovation and effectively communicate how that correlates with standards of the oncology nursing profession as well as to the care we provide patients.