2019 Initiatives

Advocacy and health policy chapter programs include an engaging and interactive discussion with Alec Stone, ONS Director of Public Affairs. During these popular programs, chapter members learn about key ONS advocacy issues and how to advocate at the local level. Participants receive access to additional local/chapter advocacy resources, available online from ONS. ONS invites funders to provide an unbranded advocacy-related presentation in conjunction with the ONS chapter program.

ONS Advocacy Day Workshops are one-day events that include interactive presentations and hands-on activities with local policy-makers and ONS leaders. These multi-chapter regional programs are led by Alec Stone, ONS Director of Public Affairs, and include in-depth education and training to prepare nurses to advocate at the local and state levels. Funding options include the opportunity to provide an unbranded advocacy-related luncheon presentation at the regional program.

At the Annual ONS Capitol Hill Days, oncology nurses will learn to advocate for their profession and patients in the areas of research, education, workforce, and public health. Experts will discuss policy and current political, legislative, and regulatory environments. Participants will network with peers, learn how to advocate at the local level. September 2019

ONS policy summits build upon outcomes from previous ONS events to consider key oncology nursing issues and the role of the oncology nurse in quality care. ONS will engage the oncology community, including payer, advocacy organizations, and industry in a collaborative and interactive format. Key summit topics include quality cancer care, patient access, and value-based care. Summer 2019, Fall 2019

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ONS policy briefings are held throughout the year in Washington, DC. by Alec Stone, ONS Director of Public Affairs, in Washington, DC to provide an overview of major policy issues that affect oncology nurses and patients. 

ONS advocacy podcasts are interactive discussions with clinical and advocacy experts, Alec Stone, ONS Director of Public Affairs, and Dede Sweeney, ONS Director of Government Affairs. These informal and engaging podcast discussions on key advocacy topics. This is an ongoing series, and topics include current issues and challenges related to access to care, financial considerations, reimbursement and value-based care.

Advocacy Highlights in Oncology Nursing is a 4-part online and/or print series that highlights key ONS advocacy issues in an engaging and visually appealing newsletter format. It includes expert commentary, infographics, and important advocacy updates and information for oncology nurses, advanced practice nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Support advocacy resources for nurses, created by clinical and advocacy experts and based upon member-identified needs. Formats include quick guides, checklists, assessment tools, and patient teaching tools. Opportunities are available to collaborate on priority nursing resource topics and to disseminate compliant advocacy tools and resources.

Submit your advocacy resources to the ONS Seal of Approval program. Resources are reviewed and evaluated by clinical experts, and must meet all review criteria, including consistency with ONS Standards and Guidelines and quality of educational information. Nursing, patient and caregiver materials are eligible for review, including unbranded advocacy content. Contact ONS at SOA@ons.org for more information.

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