

Position: Director-at-Large

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

ONS member: 14 years;

Education:

1995 - Sinclair Community College, Dayton Ohio, Associates Degree in Nursing

2013 - Wright State University Dayton, Ohio, BSN

2017 - Wright State University Dayton, Ohio, MS

ONS Participation (national and local):

Board Positions:

- West Central Ohio Chapter of Oncology Nursing Society: President and Past-President
- Editorial Board Member: ONCC Certification News

Professional Appointments:

- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) : Member of the National Strategic Planning Committee. Member of professional team recruited to strategically map out the future of oncology nursing over the next 20 years.
- Oncology Nursing Society: Capitol Hill Days Volunteer 2017 & 2019

Publications

- Telephone Triage for Oncology Nurses, Contributing Chapter Writer Antibiotic Therapy Problems Publishing date 2018
- Content Expert: Oncology Nursing Society 2019-2020 Oncology Course Basics: Cell Biology

Poster Presentation

- 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>

Work Related Skills and Leadership:

Summary of Qualifications:

- Clinical Director of Care Transitions, Innovative Care Solutions/PureHealth Care: Skilled in leading teams to further the mission and vision of the organization. Experience in strategic planning and implementation. Developed and promoted patient-based approach in oncology care along the health continuum. Qualified in program and business development.
- Obtained experience in presenting at local regional national and international levels.
- Wright State University College of Nursing Commencement Speaker 2015 & 2019

- Experienced presenter /educator at local, regional, national and international levels
- Obtained 24 years of oncology, critical care and palliative care nursing experience
- Skilled in leading teams to further the mission and vision of organization
- Qualified in program and business development - NCQA Project Lead
- Experience in strategic planning and implementation
- Developed and implemented advancement and leadership programs for Ohio's Hospice staff.
- Envisioned and promoted patient-based approach in disease management of oncology, cardiac and pulmonary patients that assists in prevention of readmission.
- Nursing experience in bedside nursing at hospital, homecare, physician office settings.
- ~~Experience in insurance, laboratory testing and durable medical equipment prior to nursing career~~

Health Care/ Cancer Organizations Experience:

Board Positions:

- Cancer Support Community: Past Advisory Board Member
- Wright State University Nursing Alumni Founding Member & Board President

Committee Positions:

- 2010 to 2016 - Kettering Health Network Cancer Committee, Member
- 2017-current - Dayton Palliative Care Consortium, Committee Member & Planning Committee
- 2017 - American Organization of Nursing Executives, Taskforce member
- 2019-current - Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives, Committee Member & Planning Committee
- 2009-2011 - Past Member of Breast Cancer Task Force of Dayton Ohio
- 2010 - Cancer Support Community, Advisory Board Member
- 2009 - Miami Valley Hospital Pneumonia and COPD, Task Force Past Member

Volunteer positions:

- 2018 - American Cancer Society: Ohio Capitol Days Volunteer
- 2019 - Advanced Practitioner Society for Hematology and Oncology (APSHO)- Communications Committee Member
- 2019 - American Cancer Society: Greater Dayton Volunteer Leadership Council Member

Awards:

- 2016 - Wright State University: Leadership Award from the WSU College of Nursing and Health

Presentations and Publications:

- 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>

- Presenter at American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine 2016: "Can you have your cake and eat it too?: Chemotherapy and Hospice Services"
- For Advanced Cancer, What Treatment is Next?: Navigating through the Options with Patients American Journal of Nursing October 2016.
- AONE Poster Presentation 4/2018 AONE National Convention

Additional non-nursing leadership experience relevant to this role. (Community volunteer, etc.)

2014 & 2015 - Ecuador Medical Outreach: Medical Mission, Member
2017 - Involved in educational team for Palliative Care education: China
2019 - Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps; Dayton Ohio Outreach

Share how your leadership qualities, professional and personal experiences make you qualified for the ONS Board.

I have proudly been an oncology nurse for over 25 years now with experience in homecare, palliative care, hospital and office settings. By listening and advocating for patients and colleagues I was provided a great foundation for future leadership roles. I've been involved in ONS on many levels from local chapter, editorial board member, and content expert. I've been fortunate to work with leaders in oncology to strategically plan for the future of ONS and its membership. I believe the ONS Board has an obligation to give a voice to issues and concerns faced by oncology nurses, especially with the changes in the oncology field. I want to know about the interests and needs that concern you, as a member of ONS. Every member's voice counts! I believe open dialog will strengthen our organization and promote our core values. I respect the volunteer involvement of our membership and will always work to honor that commitment. I would like the chance to be your advocate and will strive to continue the positive impact of ONS in the future. As your ONS Board of Director, I promise to advocate on the behalf of our profession and support the outreach and mission of ONS.

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

Quality cancer care does not stop when palliative care or hospice is involved. Providing quality care includes understanding the issues that oncology patients and their families face along the entire continuum of care. Working with our educational department, we implemented comprehensive educational pathways that addresses best practices in caring for patients with an oncology diagnosis during all phases of care. Providing symptom management algorithms to nursing staff as well as providing educational materials to patients have decreased patients' return to the ER. This provided options to partner with local oncology offices as well. Working from the question: "What would excellence look like", it's been amazing to see the positive outcomes for patients and caregivers! As your representative on the ONS Board, I will bring the same passion and ask the same question of looking for excellence in everything we do for our members in order to support best care for all oncology patients.

How have you demonstrated innovation in oncology nursing?

As the landscape of cancer care changes, ONS has a responsibility to its members to not only adapt but to anticipate new trends. This last year I have been honored to be an invited member of the Oncology Nursing Society's Strategic Taskforce. It was a great experience working alongside nurse leaders, professors, entrepreneurs, board members and ONS leadership to map out what the future holds for oncology nurses. I was able to be a part the team identifying the opportunities that future innovation holds for the oncology nursing profession. I also use an innovative approach in my current position in development of programs to encourage staff seeking professional advancement and to promote internal leadership development. Advocating for nurses to be a part of all innovation is my passion. As a member of the ONS Board, I will continue to support oncology nursing being at the forefront of innovation. I'm interested in the advancement of Oncology nurses to be the innovators in our profession and will continually support the needs of our ONS members.

How have you demonstrated advocacy for patients with cancer?

It is part of my personal mission to advocate for patients diagnosed with cancer as well as supporting the needs of nurses providing oncology care. Involvement in advisory boards, professional committees, health care policy on the state and national levels have provided insight and sharpened advocacy skills. In my current role, I have the chance to expand the outreach of interdisciplinary care team for oncology patients thus providing increased quality of life under person-centered care model. I have spent a large portion of my profession in researching, identifying gaps and then developing programs to increase patient and provider education on oncology topics. I would like to be a part of the team of the Oncology Board of Directors and apply advocacy experience to further the mission of ONS and support our membership in their advocacy outreach as well.