

Position: Director-at-Large

Teresa Knoop, MSN, RN, AOCN®
Assistant Director, Clinical Operations, Clinical Trials Shared Resource
Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center Nashville TN
Brentwood, TN

ONS member: 32 years

Education:

1990 - MSN Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN.
1978 - BSN Murray State University, Murray, KY.

ONS Participation (national and local):

1987-Present - Oncology Nursing Society Member: National and Local Chapters
1997-Present - Oncology Nursing Society National, Regional and Local conferences and podcasts. Presenter on topics such as Pharmacology Updates, Molecularly Targeted Therapies, Immunotherapy, Clinical Trials, Professional Presentation Skills
2018 - ONS Immunotherapy Summit participant
2017 - ONS Immunotherapy Think Tank participant
2008-2009 - Program Chair, ONS, Targeted Therapy CD
2006 - Coordinator of Oncology Nursing Society Pharmacology Pre-Congress Session
2004 - Local Arrangements Committee Member: Oncology Nursing Society 2004 Institutes of Learning
2001-2002 - Project team leader ATAQ (Appropriate Treatment Assures Quality) Project: ONS/Amgen nursing professional education regional workshops related to neutropenia
1999-2000 - Project team member ATAQ (Appropriate Treatment Assures Quality) Project: ONS/Amgen nursing professional education project related to neutropenia
1999-2001 - Newsletter Committee: Middle TN Chapter Oncology Nursing Society
1997-1998 - Abstractor for ONS Nursing Scan
1996-1997 - Director at Large: Middle TN. Chapter Oncology Nursing Society
1995 - Local Arrangements Committee Member: Oncology Nursing Society 1995 Fall Institute
1994-1996 - President/President-Elect: Middle TN. Chapter Oncology Nursing Society
1990-1994 - Treasurer: Middle TN. Chapter Oncology

Work Related Skills and Leadership:

8/12-Present - Vanderbilt- Ingram Cancer Center (VICC) Nashville, TN. Assistant Director, Clinical Trials Shared Resource
- Responsible for the clinical operations and management of the Clinical Trials Shared Resource adult and pediatric clinical trials staff. There are approximately 60 staff members including clinical research managers, clinical research nurses, research coordinators, and research schedulers. Additionally, I am responsible for two clinical nurse navigators on the VICC facilitated patient services team.

1997-2012 - Vanderbilt- Ingram Cancer Center (VICC) Nashville, TN.
Clinical Nurse Specialist/Manager Clinical Trials Information Program (1/97-8/12)
2008-2009 - Interim Group Leader Phase I/GI Research Team. Developed the VICC Clinical Trials Information Program. As the program expanded I became responsible for the management and operations of the VICC Clinical Trials Information Program. Developed and lead the Phase I clinical trial recruitment team.
1996 - Saint Thomas Hospital Nashville, TN, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist/Case Manager
1991-1996 - Saint Thomas Hospital Nashville, TN, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist Leaderships projects and initiatives related to adult inpatient and outpatient oncology populations.
1984-1991- Saint Thomas Hospital Nashville, TN, Oncology Clinical Educator
Oriented and onboarded new oncology staff and provided ongoing oncology education to nursing staff

Health Care/ Cancer Organizations Experience:

2018-Present - American Organization of Nurse Executives member
1996-Present - Gilda's Club Nashville Medical Advisory Board Member
2010-2014 - SOCRA member and Certified Clinical Research Professional
2006- 2015 - American Cancer Society Hope Lodge Advisory Board Member
2008-2009 - Projects in Knowledge, Web Consultant, Targeted Therapy Program
2000-2004 - Cancersource.com: Editorial Consultant for Lung cancer
1998 - "The March Against Cancer" Nashville, TN Member of City-Wide Planning Committee
1995-1996 - Alive Hospice Education and Research Committee Member
1992-1998 - Alive Hospice Board Member and Quality Assurance Committee Member
1988-1998 - Camp Bluebird (Adult Cancer Camp) Counselor and Planning Committee Member
1984-1997 - American Cancer Society Facilitator for Breast Cancer Education
1984-1994 - American Cancer Society Nurses' Education Committee Member
1981-1994 - American Heart Association Basic Life Support Instructor

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

St Edward Church volunteer for 5 years at voting booths to collect and report results to local TV station

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

In 1984 I discovered my love for oncology nursing and am honored to have experienced a variety of roles in my chosen profession. Oncology nursing has afforded me the opportunity to exhibit leadership and grow professionally in each of my roles including inpatient bedside nursing and clinical education, as well as more traditional leadership roles such as Clinical Nurse Specialist, Manager, and Assistant Director. It is my belief that nurses can be innovative and impactful leaders no matter the position

they hold. I have been mentored and encouraged throughout my career by leaders in oncology nursing, most of whom were involved in ONS. I was encouraged to publish, present and accept professional growth opportunities and I believe that it is time to leverage my professional and personal growth experiences to give back to ONS.

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

I have tried to devote my nursing career to the pursuit of oncology nursing excellence and quality patient care. Each of my oncology roles has encouraged me to develop and implement quality care initiatives. I have been involved in education projects locally in the American Cancer Society, Gilda's Club, and the Middle TN Chapter of ONS. Nationally I have been involved in ONS projects such as the ATAQ (Appropriate Treatment Assures Quality) Project: an ONS/Amgen nursing professional education project related to neutropenia and the ONS Immunotherapy Think Tanks and Summits. Both of these national projects are devoted to excellence in oncology nursing with the direct impact of improving the quality of cancer care.

How have you demonstrated innovation in oncology nursing?

In 1997 I was involved with the early clinical trials of molecularly targeted therapies and I became fascinated with novel cancer treatments, particularly related to the mechanism of action of these agents. I soon began to have opportunities to present and publish about novel therapies, including immunotherapies and other emerging cancer treatments. Attempting to help oncology nurses increase their knowledge about these emerging cancer therapies has become a passion for me and it is one of the ways I feel I can most contribute to innovation in oncology nursing. Education can be transformative and oncology nurses are committed to learning so that they can provide the best care possible to our patients.

How have you demonstrated advocacy for patients with cancer?

While I have not been involved with official public health policy initiatives, I advocate for our patients daily to give them an opportunity to participate in clinical trials. One of the current issues I am most involved with is related to increased transparency of patient cost estimates prior to a patient participating in a clinical trial. Tennessee has new legislation that mandates a signed patient estimate for out of network patients and a notification for commercially insured patients of their estimated charges and financial responsibility. While we currently review routine care versus research costs with the potential clinical trial patients up front, providing actual cost estimates will allow individualized estimates based on the patient's insurance coverage. These estimates will take into account the patient's personal situation related to co-pays, deductibles and help them gain transparency about actual costs of care.