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2022 SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

10–11 am

Welcome and Keynote Address
Patricia Jakel, RN, MN, AOCN®

Resilience and wellness in nursing can be described as the ability to recover and recuperate quickly from a difficult or challenging situation. In order for nurses to build resilience, they need to be able to take, and stay, in control of their heart, mind, and body throughout the day. The last two years have been especially difficult for nurses to build and maintain resilience. Even the most resilient nurse has been scarred in 2020—The Year of the Nurse. This session will explore ethical issues that cause moral distress, compassion fatigue and, most recently, burnout and provide practical interventions for building moral and personal resilience. Even in a pandemic, a nurse can improve their emotional intelligence, build resilience, and create longevity in nursing.

11:30 am–12:30 pm

Biosimilars: How Do you Explain Them to Your Patients?
Puja Patel, PharmD, BCOP

Have patients asked you about the difference between a biosimilar and the original biologic? How do oncology nurses explain to patients that biosimilars are not generic medications? This session will cover exactly what biosimilars are and how to confidently describe them to patients.

Clinical Trials on the Frontline: The Changing Landscape of Clinical Trials Nursing
Anne Delengowski, RN, MSN, AOCN®, CCCTM

As clinical trial enrollment expands beyond the traditional academic institutions, more bedside and chairside nurses are participating in the care of patients on trials. This session describes the evolving role of the frontline nurse in research and how they can confidently care for patients in clinical trials.

Navigation and the Evolution of the Nurse Navigator Role
Cheryl Bellomo, MSN, RN, OCN®, HON-ONN-CG

The oncology nurse navigator role has had a significant impact on nursing practice. Although its purpose may vary depending on the facility and location, the navigator role can fill many gaps in patient care and provide essential guidance for higher-risk patients. This session covers the oncology nurse navigator role and the variety of services it provides.

12:45–1:45 pm

Application of Tumor Variants in Clinical Practice
Kristin Daly, MSN, ANP-BC, AOCNP®

Join us to learn about tumor variants, their clinical significance, and how they can drive treatment decisions.

Managing Oral Cancer Therapies: What Are Your Tools?
Mary Anderson, BSN, RN, OCN®
Christina Bach, MBE, MSW, LCSW, OSW_C, FAOSW
Nora Hansen, CPhT

An increasing number of patients are receiving oral anticancer medications. These treatments come with more concerns than just adherence. Join our panel, including an oral oncology nurse navigator, social worker, and specialty pharmacy technician to discuss the new ONS oral anticancer medication guidelines and toolkit as well as other important factors that go into assessing for your patient's unique needs surrounding oral anticancer medications and what resources are available to successfully manage toxicities and address patient concerns/needs.

Radiation Safety: How Much Is too Much?
Larisa Toderas, MBA, CNMT, RS, PET, ARRT (CT)

Learn the basics of radiation safety and how to care for patients receiving radiation treatment by infusion or implants.

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3:45–4:45 pm

ABCs of Biosimilars—Authorization, Billing and Coding
Patti Frey, RN, MSN, OCN®

Do nurses need to have an updated consent when patients switch from the original biologic drug to a biosimilar? Why do healthcare organizations and insurance companies want patients to use biosimilars? This session will equip oncology nurses to be able to answer these questions and help the patients understand the answers.

Cannabinoids for Patients With Cancer
Karen Hande, PhD(c), DNP, RN, ANP-BC, CNE, FAANP, ANEF

We've all had patients ask us about CBD and cannabinoid use...how much do you know about its uses and the possible risks? Join us to learn more about the current evidence about the use of CBD and the possible risks, particularly in vulnerable populations.

Cellular Immunotherapy Updates: Enhancing Nursing Practice
Kathryn Ciccolini, AGACNP-BC, DNP, MSN, OCN®

The field of cellular immunotherapy, especially CAR T-cell therapy, is emerging in oncology. As with any active oncologic area, advancements are constantly revealed, such as newly approved treatments for multiple myeloma and melanoma. This session will review the most recent updates that affect oncology practice for cellular immunotherapy and CAR T-cell treatments and assist health care providers in staying current with their practice.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

10–11 am

Beyond Blood Counts and Chemistries: The Clinical Significance of Those "Other" Labs
Benyam Muluneh, PharmD, BCOP, CPP

Many therapies are requiring lab tests beyond the typical complete blood count and chemistry panel. This session explores the clinical significance of those "other" labs in monitoring safety and efficacy of treatment.

Helping Your Patient Find Their Voice
Andrew Schorr

Experiencing a cancer diagnosis is a difficult journey that often leads to having difficult conversations and decisions. Between balancing appointments, treatments, symptoms, and knowing their care team, patients and caregivers are overwhelmed. While managing all these tasks, patients may begin to feel a sense of loss and feel defined by their disease. These challenging times can make it extremely difficult for patients to express their voice and their preferences for care. It is essential to avoid these barriers and to have an environment that makes patients feel supported which, in turn, provides them the strength to speak their voice. In this session, methods will be explored for patients to develop their voice through patient advocacy and discuss barriers that could prevent the patient from speaking their voice.

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Telehealth: Do You See Me Now? (Part 1)
Sharon Steingass, RN, MSN, AOCN®

Telehealth integrates the delivery, management, and coordination of patient services. The paradigm shift has created new opportunities for oncology nurses to provide patient-centered care that is both convenient and capable of overcoming patient and caregiver barriers. The first part of this session series addresses use of telehealth for provider visits, telephone and symptom triage, and remote patient monitoring.

11:30 am–12:30 pm

Long-Term Issues/cGVHD With Transplant
Stephany Rodriguez, RN, MS, NP

What kind of monitoring do patients who have received hematopoietic stem cell transplant need? How do we manage the medications they are receiving? Join us to learn about what non-transplant nurses need to know when caring for patients who have undergone hematopoietic stem cell transplants.

Oncologic Emergencies and Immune-Related Adverse Events: What's the Difference?
Erica Fischer-Cartlidge, DNP, CNS, AOCNS®, EBP-C

How do oncology nurses differentiate between oncologic emergencies and adverse reactions to an immunotherapy medication? Learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of oncologic emergencies versus immune-related adverse events to immunotherapy medications.

Staying Current During Constant Change
Danya Garner, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, OCN®, CCRN-K

Learn how to stay current in the ever-changing clinical landscape of oncology, whether you are looking for "just-in-time" education or expert level details.

12:45–1:45 pm

AYA: Difficult but Necessary Topics
Marloe Esch, RN, BSN, OCN®

How do you juggle life and cancer as a young person? Join us to learn more about the unique psychosocial experiences of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer survivors, and to identify the role of oncology nurses in addressing the varied psychosocial needs of this population.

Finding Your Voice: How Nurses Can Create a Healthy Work Culture to Enhance a Thriving Work Environment
Linda Laskowski-Jones, MS, APRN, ACNS-BC, CEN, NEA-BC, FAWM, FAAN

Now, more than ever, nurses must develop a healthy work culture in all practice settings. A healthy work culture is the foundation of supporting nurses and helping them become the best versions of themselves. When nurses have a nurturing environment, they feel empowered to contribute to the profession, advocate for themselves, help future nurses, and, most importantly, provide more authentic patient care.

Attend this panel discussion to learn about the reasons for burnout, recommended communication techniques for difficult conversations, and tips for building a healthy work culture.

Telehealth: We Heard, We Saw, But Did We Conquer? (Part 2)
Kathryn Koehne, DNP, RN-BC, TNP-C

Telehealth integrates the delivery, management, and coordination of patient services through new technologies. The paradigm shift has created new opportunities for oncology nurses to provide patient-centered care that is both convenient and capable of overcoming patient and caregiver barriers. The second part in this session series focuses on scope of practice, legal and ethical considerations, documentation requirements, decision support tools, and billing.

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Climate Change and Its Impact on Health
Milagros Elia, MA, APRN, ANP-BC

We've long been discussing the impact of our actions on the climate and how it affects all of us. As a social determinant of health, a patient's environmental climate influences their cancer risk, access to care, treatment adherence, cancer outcomes, and more. Join us to learn more about how climate change affects health and how you can advocate for this important topic.

*Schedule is subject to change.
All sessions are listed in Eastern Time.

For the most up-to-date schedule and to learn about the rest of the activities planned for ONS Bridge, visit ons.org/bridge.