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In line with our commitment toward the transformation of cancer care, **the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) appreciates and strongly supports the goals outlined in the recently released National Cancer Plan.**

Oncology nurses are privileged to support people with cancer through their entire cancer experience, whether that be through treatment and into survivorship or as they face their end-of-life journey. The Society agrees that no single group or person can do this alone and are greatly encouraged by the NCI's call to action. The Plan aims to increase broad collaboration across government, industry, academia, health professionals and the countless individuals who have been diagnosed or are caring for patients with cancer. Patient-centered care remains a priority for the entire cancer community, and as we seek to prevent cancer, reduce mortality from cancer, and maximize quality of life of people living with cancer, ONS stands with the Institute in seeking innovative opportunities to achieve these objectives.

"NCI is on the vanguard of cancer research and clinical trials," explained Danya Garner, PhD, RN, NPD-BC, OCN®, CCRN-K, Oncology Nursing Society president. "The National Cancer Plan provides a comprehensive strategy for coordinate care and patient-centered outcomes. Promoting prevention and collaborating across the cancer community, this coordinated effort will invest in a diverse healthcare workforce, commit to more effective screenings and early detection, and dedicate resources to better understand and protect health data. The goal is to reduce cancer morbidity and mortality, and to strengthen survivorship."

Strong execution of the National Cancer Plan can also reduce the research-to-practice gap for these patients. On average, it takes 17 years for high quality research to become standard of practice; cancer patients don't have that kind of time to wait. We encourage the NCI to review the current [ONS Research Agenda](#), which is aligned with and complementary to the Plan and the broader vision of the Cancer Moonshot.

The stated goals, the strategic plan, and the actions needed to reach real metrics in ending cancer as we know it are strong.

About ONS

The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is a professional organization of over 39,000 registered nurses and other healthcare providers dedicated to excellence in patient care, education, research, and administration in oncology nursing. ONS members are a diverse group of professionals who represent a variety of professional roles, practice settings, and subspecialty practice areas. Oncology nurses are leaders in the healthcare arena, committed to continuous learning and leading the transformation of cancer care by advocating for high-quality care for people with cancer.