

# MEMBER RESOURCE | GUIDE

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO ONCOLOGY NURSING AND FOR CHOOSING THE ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY AS YOUR PROFESSIONAL HOME.

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**ONS Chief Executive Officer**  
Brenda Nevidjon, MSN, RN, FAAN

Thank you for choosing the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) and for your commitment to improving quality of life and outcomes for patients with cancer and their families.

Our digital Member Resource Guide is organized for you to understand your benefits from ONS, the Oncology Nursing Foundation, and the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation. Use the links to explore the many topics and ways to advance your career, expand your professional network, earn credentials, build your knowledge with free or discounted nursing continued professional development (NCPD) hours, and connect to the ONS website for even more information.

As an ONS member, you are part of a community of nurses dedicated to transforming cancer care through practice, education, research, and leadership. We are honored to have you as part of this amazing group, whether it is your first year or you have been with ONS from its beginning.

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**Thank you for making a difference for your patients every day, and thank you for allowing ONS to support you.**

# CONNECT TO COLLEAGUES

## FOR NETWORKING, LEARNING, AND MORE

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### Communities [Learn More](#)

The ONS Communities bring members together to share ideas, information, and experiences with colleagues across the country and around the world. ONS offers communities for almost every aspect of oncology nursing, from treatments and procedures to care settings and career tracks or connect with all nurses in the All-Member Community.

Access the virtual platform to share your oncology nursing expertise, improve patient care, support your fellow nurses, and view the current ONS volunteer openings. ONS becomes stronger every time a member chooses to share their time, skills, and expertise.

### Clinical Helpdesk [Learn More](#)

As an ONS member, you have exclusive access to the ONS clinical helpdesk for all your hands-on, clinical-based questions. A member of the ONS clinical team will get back to you in 24–48 hours, Monday–Friday.

### Local Chapters [Learn More](#)

Chapter membership provides opportunities to connect and network with other dedicated oncology nurses in your local area, often at in-person events. Many ONS chapters partner with local healthcare organizations to offer beneficial programs to its members and community. ONS has more than 200 chapters across the United States.

### International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care [Learn More](#)

When you become a member of ONS, you also become a member of the ISNCC.

**Connect with ONS and join the important conversations about oncology nursing and health care.**



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# CONTINUE YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Free and Discounted NCPD [Learn More](#)

Ongoing professional development is critical for nurses to stay at the forefront of practice and patient care. ONS offers more than 50 free NCPD contact hours and hundreds of discounted NCPD activities to its members to help you learn more about the oncology nursing profession and delivering quality cancer care. There are webinars, podcast, articles, courses, and [more to explore](#).

## Conferences and Events [Learn More](#)

### ONS Conferences Are Your Ticket to Comprehensive Oncology Nursing Training.

Network, learn, and grow in your practice through ONS conferences. Whether in person or virtual, our conferences provide resources, education, and contact hours for you to learn and earn while meeting your scheduling and learning needs. As an ONS member, you get an exclusive and significant discount on your conference registration price.

- ONS Congress®
- ONS Bridge™
- Center for Advocacy and Health Policy Events

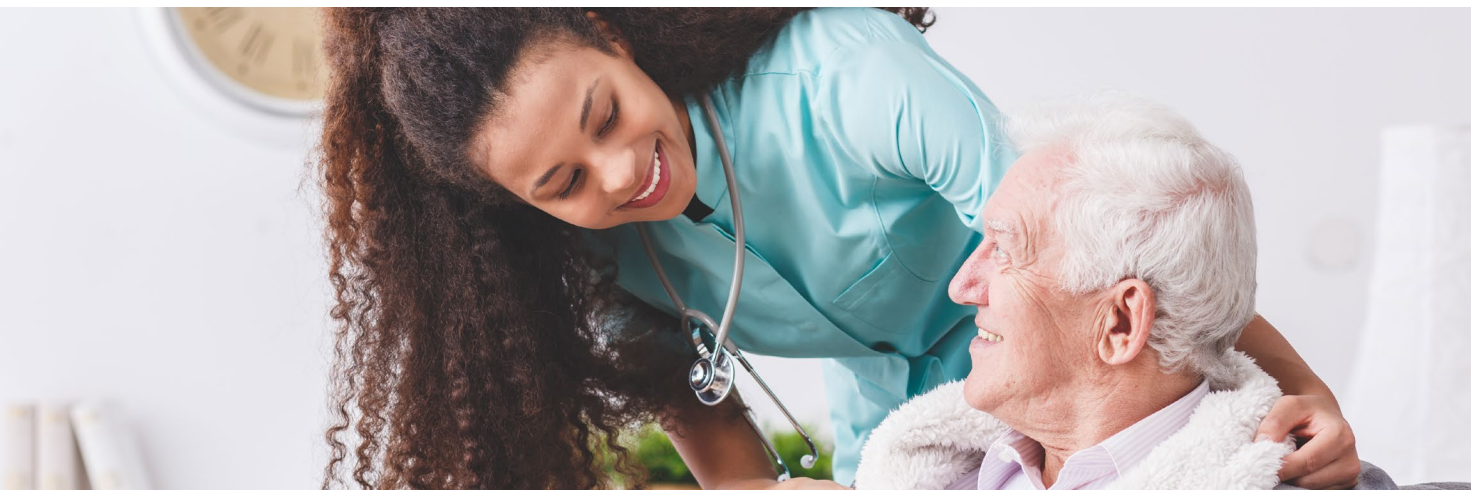
## Advocate for Oncology Nursing

### Get Involved [Learn More](#)

Advocacy is one of ONS's core values and reflects the Society's dedication to supporting cancer-related public health, people with cancer, and the oncology nursing profession. No matter your role, position, or individual interests, you can [participate in ONS's advocacy work](#).

### Sign Up For Health Policy Updates [Learn More](#)

Stay informed about the latest legislation affecting oncology nursing, discover ways to advocate for the profession, and gain access to educational advocacy webinars by signing up for updates from the ONS Center for Health Policy and Advocacy.



# ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

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## Job Board [Learn More](#)

View the latest job openings, post your resume, and set up alerts to help you land your dream job.

## Emerging Leaders

### Leadership Competencies [Learn More](#)

ONS's Leadership Competencies define the skills needed at the individual, group, and governance levels of leadership. You can use the extensive competencies to identify your particular areas for growth across several domains.

### Free Leadership Course [Learn More](#)

Every nurse is a leader and empowered to drive change in the health of our communities. Gain knowledge about the essentials of governance and other leadership qualities by becoming a board member: in your community, at your hospital, in your local ONS chapter, or on the ONS Board of Directors and other national and international organizations.



# STAY INFORMED

## AWARD-WINNING PUBLICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Each month, ONS members receive one of two alternating peer-reviewed print journals. These award-winning resources are also available online.

### **Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON)** [Learn More](#)

Through *CJON*, ONS publishes clinically relevant, evidence-based content to ensure oncology nurses across diverse roles and practice settings can care for patients with cancer. Six times a year, articles found in the *CJON* are used in NCPD activities and are available for two years after they are posted online.

### **Oncology Nursing Forum (ONF)** [Learn More](#)

ONS's premier research journal disseminates findings from oncology nursing science and fosters the translation of research evidence to practice.

Two additional resources available to ONS members are the ONS Huddle Cards and Core Competencies.

### **ONS Huddle Cards** [Learn More](#)

ONS Huddle Cards are a members-only resource that provide education in an easy-to-understand one-page resource. The cards focus on topics relevant to oncology nursing, and are great for quick review during change in shift huddles, in-services, or staff meetings.

### **ONS Core Competencies** [Learn More](#)

ONS role-specific competencies define the fundamental knowledge, skills, and expertise required to perform at the highest level.

Other resources available for oncology nurses include ONS's online magazine, *ONS Voice*, and the *Oncology Nursing Podcast*.

### **ONS Voice** [Learn More](#)

The Society's monthly online magazine is dedicated to news, views, and advocacy and connects you with the latest information for patient care. *ONS Voice* received recognition from the AM&P Network's EXCEL Awards and the Annual Awards for Publication Excellence (APEX) competition in 2023.

### **Oncology Nursing Podcast: Where ONS Voices Talk Cancer** [Learn More](#)

Bringing together the unique perspectives of subject matter experts, ONS's weekly podcast series delves into clinical conversations important to oncology nursing—like advancements in immunotherapy treatments, financial toxicity, and career development. Many episodes offer free NCPD, so subscribe to the podcast and let the free credit hours come to you. The podcast received a silver AM&P Network EXCEL Award in the podcast series category in 2023.

# GET INVOLVED

## EXPAND YOUR EXPERTISE

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ONS relies on member involvement to design its programs, because nurses know what nurses need. Helping to develop nursing education is a great way to share your knowledge and build your resume while ensuring that your colleagues have the most updated resources to provide high-quality cancer care.

### ONS Congress and ONS Bridge Content Planning Teams [Learn More](#)

Help plan, implement, and evaluate the sessions and events that address practice issues. Applications to participate in the planning teams will be posted in the ONS Communities Volunteer Opportunities when they are available.

#### Abstract Submissions

If your abstract is accepted for ONS Congress, you'll educate your nursing peers by sharing cutting-edge information while also building your resume and polishing your presentation skills.

#### Abstract Reviewers

Review and provide feedback on abstracts' overall success, as well as provide general reviewer comments.

### Share your Expertise [Learn More](#)

#### Institutional Pilot Testers

Complete all aspects of ONS courses—read the content, review links, complete learning checkpoints, participate in discussions, and complete the post-test—to help guarantee participants have a successful experience.

#### Program Faculty

Develop content, slides, and other materials that will be presented and used for live educational programming.

### Share Your Knowledge [Learn More](#)

If your abstract is accepted for ONS Congress®, you'll educate your nursing peers by sharing cutting-edge information while also building your resume and polishing your presentation skills.

### Contribute to an ONS Publication

Add to the collective knowledge of your profession by writing, reviewing, or editing for *CJON*, *ONF*, or other ONS resources like books, standards, and guidelines. Contact [publishing@ons.org](mailto:publishing@ons.org) to find an opportunity that fits you.

### Grow Your Writing Portfolio with *CJON*'s Mentorship Program [Learn More](#)

If you're a clinical nurse who would like to get published in a peer-reviewed journal for the first time—or if you're an experienced author interested in collaborating with novice authors—the *CJON* Writing Mentorship Program is right for you.

### Share Your Perspective with *ONS Voice*

Do you have a nursing topic that you'd love to write about? Whether you're interested in writing a single article, series, or more, consider sharing your perspective and knowledge through *ONS Voice*. To submit topic suggestions, contact [pubONSVoice@ons.org](mailto:pubONSVoice@ons.org).

### ONS Awards [Learn More](#)

Each year, ONS grants prestigious recognition to oncology nurses, researchers, and employers who change lives and better their profession. Nominate a colleague or employee and give special notice to their work. Several awards are eligible for self-nominations, and most award winners receive travel reimbursement to attend ONS Congress®.

# ONCOLOGY NURSING CERTIFICATION CORPORATION

## EARN YOUR CERTIFICATION



### Rise Above the Rest

Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) offers the only oncology-specific, nationally accredited certification programs designed for RNs. ONS members can save \$120 on all certifications provided by the ONCC, including the widely recognized Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®) credential. The savings apply to both exam and renewal fees.

### Choose the Path That's Right for You [Learn More](#)

ONCC offers the following certifications to help you meet your patient's specific care needs:

- Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®)
- Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON®)
- Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN®)
- Blood and Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN®)
- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP®)
- Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS®)\*
- Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON®)\*
- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN®)\*

\*Only available for maintaining and renewing an existing credential.

### EXPLORE THESE RELATED RESOURCES

#### Certification Checklist [Learn More](#)

Visit the link above for an easy, five-step checklist to help you achieve your ONCC certification.

#### Review Resources [Learn More](#)

Try an ONCC Practice Test to simulate the test-taking experience.

#### Emeritus Status [Learn More](#)

ONCC offers emeritus status so that even after retiring from practice, ONCC-certified nurses can showcase their knowledge and commitment to oncology nursing.

#### Individual Learning Needs Assessment (ILNA) [Learn More](#)

Most ONCC-certified nurses renew their credentials after taking an ILNA and then completing professional development activities based on their learning needs.

Earn points for certification renewal by completing ONS's online courses and journal activities. With ONS and ONCC, we make earning and maintaining your professional certification easy!



# ONCOLOGY NURSING FOUNDATION

## SUPPORT QUALITY CANCER CARE



Since 1981, the Oncology Nursing Foundation has awarded more than \$31 million in awards, grants, and scholarships to meet the needs of oncology nurses in the areas of education, research, leadership, career development, mentorship, and chapter funding [Learn More](#)

### Education [Learn More](#)

Applications are accepted annually from September 15 to February 1.

- **Bachelor's scholarships:** \$3,000
- **Master's scholarships:** \$5,000
- **Doctoral scholarships:** \$7,500

### Leadership and Career Development [Learn More](#)

- **ONS Congress® Scholarships:** Up to \$2,000 to apply toward ONS Congress registration and expenses. *Applications are accepted annually from September 15 to December 1.*
- **Ceira Boyle Student Nursing ONS Congress Scholarship:** Supports a student nurse who is pursuing a career in oncology nursing by providing the funding to attend ONS Congress. *Applications are accepted annually from September 15 to March 15.*
- **Josh Gottheil Memorial Stem Cell Transplant Career Development Award:** Up to \$2,000 to fund attendance for professional development specific to transplant nursing. *Applications are accepted annually from February 15 to June 15.*
- **Leadership Scholarships:** Up to \$1,200 to apply toward registration fees to attend a leadership nursing continuing professional development program. *Applications are accepted annually from March 15 to September 1.*

### Sustain the Future of Oncology Nursing [Learn More](#)

Your donation to the Oncology Nursing Foundation, a national public, nonprofit, tax-exempt, charitable organization, helps to fund continuing education, leadership development, wellness initiatives, and research for and by oncology nurses, ensuring that nurses will continue to improve the lives of patients with cancer.



# STUDENT MEMBERS

## JOIN ONS FOR FREE

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### Students Join ONS For Free [Learn More](#)

As a student, your course load is full and money may be tight. We're here to help you navigate your career path, expand your knowledge, and help to prepare you for a transition from student to professional. Membership gives you the confidence and skills to make a difference in the life of every patient you encounter throughout your career. Your free membership includes the following benefits at no additional cost.

### Free Access to Cancer Basics Course [Learn More](#)

As a student member, you can take our Cancer Basics course (value of \$90) for free. Enter code **STDNTCB** at checkout.

This introductory-level course prepares nurses new to oncology or in non-oncology settings to provide quality care to patients receiving chemotherapy. View instructions on how to register for membership, and then access the course to get started. [Learn More](#)

### Membership in a Local ONS Chapter [Learn More](#)

Attend local chapter meetings, meet fellow oncology nurses, and learn from their experiences. Involvement with your local chapter or the virtual ONS Communities is a great way to improve cancer care within your specialty and local community.

### ONS Communities [Learn More](#)

Share ideas and ask questions of other oncology nurses in the virtual ONS Communities. There is a community dedicated to student ONS members.

### Scholarships and Awards [Learn More](#)

Advancing your knowledge enhances your ability to provide excellent care to your patients. To help you defer the cost of additional courses and certifications, ONS offers a wide variety of awards and scholarships so you can expand your education.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q: WHAT IS THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR MY MEMBERSHIP?

**A:** Your membership expires 12 months from your join or renew date. Your membership expiration can be found on your official ONS membership card, located on your ONS account. You may also contact customer relations at 866-257-4ONS for verification.

## Q: HOW DO I RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP?

**A:** Renew online at [ons.org/join-renew](https://ons.org/join-renew) or by contacting customer relations at 866-257-4ONS. ONS added an option for membership autorenewal. On the online application, choose membership autorenewal to maintain uninterrupted access to all of the ONS resources and benefits you need each year.

## Q: CAN I RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP BEFORE IT EXPIRES?

**A:** You can renew your membership at any time throughout the year. Your expiration date will simply be extended by an additional 12 months.

## Q: WHERE CAN I FIND MY ONS MEMBER ID?

**A:** Your ONS member ID is located in several different places.

- The confirmation email sent when you join or renew your membership
- Your ONS account online
- Your official ONS membership card
- Your membership renewal notice
- Your ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Immunotherapy certificate and provider card and renewal notices
- ONS NCPD certificates
- Directly above your name and address on the mailing label on your *ONF* and *CJON* monthly mailing

## Q: HOW DO I RESET MY PASSWORD?

**A:** Follow the account recovery steps below:

1. Go to [ons.org](https://ons.org).
2. Click Login in the upper right of the screen.
3. Click the Forgot Password link next to the orange Login button.
4. To locate your account, enter the email address or phone number on your CONTACT account and click Find Your Account.
5. A list of email address and phone numbers from your account will display. Choose an email address or cellphone number to receive your password reset code. Click Send Code.
6. A six-digit code will be sent to your contact selection.
7. Enter your six-digit code and select Submit Code.
8. Enter your new password.

## Q: HOW DO I REGISTER FOR A COURSE?

**A:** Visit the ONS [professional development](#) page

## Q: WHEN WILL MY COURSE START, AND HOW DO I ACCESS IT?

**A:** All ONS courses are on demand and available to the learner immediately upon successful course registration at [courses.ons.org](https://courses.ons.org). If you need assistance accessing your course, email [help@ons.org](mailto:help@ons.org) or call 866-257-4ONS.

## Q: WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT MY CERTIFICATION RENEWAL?

**A:** To learn more about certification renewal, visit [oncc.org](https://oncc.org). If you require further assistance, contact ONCC toll free at 877-769-6622 (U.S. and Canada callers only) or email [oncc@ons.org](mailto:oncc@ons.org).



***ONS would like to thank these companies  
for their contributions to oncology nursing.***



## **Industry Relations Panel**

**Tier 2: Astellas • Kite, a Gilead Company**

**Tier 1: Janssen Pharmaceutical, Companies of Johnson & Johnson  
• Omeros Corporation**

Please visit our ONS Industry Supporters web page to find information on pharmaceutical partner organizations, patient assistance, and clinical trial resources at:  
<https://www.ons.org/marketing-opportunities>