

MEMBER RESOURCE

GUIDE

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO ONCOLOGY NURSING



ONS Chief Executive Officer
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As an Oncology Nursing Society (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.

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 (ONCC). Use the links to explore the many topics and ways to build your knowledge with free or discounted nursing continued professional development (NCPD) hours, share your expertise through volunteer opportunities, expand your professional network, pursue or maintain your certification, and connect to the ONS website for even more information.

Thank you for allowing ONS to support you as you make a difference for your patients every day. Thank you for your membership and your dedication to improving the quality of life and outcomes for patients with cancer and their families.

CONNECT TO COLLEAGUES

ONS 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, collaborate with fellow nurses on best practices, improve patient care, support your colleagues, and view and apply to current ONS volunteer openings. Both ONS and your practice become stronger every time you choose to share your 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.

ONS 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.



Facebook: facebook.com/oncologynursing



X: x.com/oncologynursing



Instagram: instagram.com/oncologynursing



LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/oncology-nursing-society



Threads: <https://www.threads.net/@oncologynursing>

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, podcasts, articles, courses, and [more to explore](#).

Conferences and Events [Learn More](#)

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.

- ONS Congress®
- ONS Bridge™

Advocate for Oncology Nursing

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.

Get Involved In Active Advocacy Initiatives [Learn More](#)

Visit the ONS Action Center to find the most urgent issues for oncology nursing advocacy, learn about your elected officials and candidates, look up specific legislation, and sign up to be notified when ONS, nursing, or your patients need your voice.



ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

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 supports the use of the American Organization for Nursing Leadership™ Leadership Competencies, which 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.

ONS Leadership Process [Learn More](#)

You can become part of the vital group of leaders who shape the future of ONS. Each year, positions are available for the ONS Board of Directors. Contact the Leadership Development Committee for more information at LDC@ons.org.



STAY INFORMED

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 *CJON* are used in NCPD activities and are available for two years after they are posted online.

Oncology Nursing Forum [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 format. 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](#)

ONS'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

Volunteer Opportunities with ONS [Learn More](#)

ONS relies on volunteer 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.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities for you to use your oncology nursing skills to improve patient care, support fellow nurses, build your leadership skills, and most importantly, transform the way the world cares for patients with cancer.

Take a moment to visit our listing of current open volunteer opportunities and check back often as there are new ones added throughout the year. Some of cyclical volunteer opportunities are highlighted below:

ONS Congress and ONS Bridge Content Planning Teams

Help plan, implement, and evaluate the sessions and events that address practice issues. The planning teams require ONS membership to participate. Keep an eye out in January for ONS Congress applications and in September for ONS Bridge applications to open.

Abstract Reviewers

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

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.

Submit Your Abstract to Present at ONS Congress [Learn More](#)

If your abstract is accepted for ONS Congress, you'll educate your nursing peers on improvements and solutions you implemented in your workplace 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 *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, *Oncology Nursing Forum*, or other ONS resources like books, standards, and guidelines. Contact 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.

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 reflect your specialized knowledge and experience:

- 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 maintaining your professional certification easy!

ONCOLOGY NURSING FOUNDATION

SUPPORT QUALITY CANCER CARE



Since 1981, the Oncology Nursing Foundation has awarded more than \$32 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 SCT/BMT 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 15.*

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

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

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 opportunity to build 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 ONS Cancer Basics™ Course [Learn More](#)

As a student member, you can take the ONS 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.

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 ONS Chapter 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 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 *Oncology Nursing Forum* and *CJON* monthly mailing

Q: HOW DO I RESET MY PASSWORD?

A: Follow the account recovery steps below:

1. Go to 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. If you need assistance accessing your course, email 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. If you require further assistance, contact ONCC toll free at 877-769-6622 (U.S. and Canada callers only) or email oncc@ons.org.



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



Industry Relations Panel

Tier 2: Astellas

Tier 1: Johnson & Johnson • Kite, a Gilead Company • Lilly

**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/business-development/corporate-supporters>**