Oncology Nurse Navigator Competencies 2017

The Oncology Nurse Navigator (ONN) Competencies developed by the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) have been updated.

Updates include
- Initial requirements for the ONN were reviewed and revised to include knowledge of financial hardships and available patient resources.
- New novice competencies were added with
  - More focus on shared decision making and goal setting with patients, families, and caregivers
  - Consideration of patient’s level of health literacy
  - Ensuring availability of appropriate education materials for patients, staff, and community members
  - Inclusion of patient and family education about genomic and molecular testing
  - Addition of expert ONN competencies.

- Leadership in the development, communications, data analysis and quality improvement of navigation programs including the ONN role.
- Oncology Nurse Navigator care model (below) has been added to illustrate the impact of the ONN role throughout the cancer continuum.