



Karen Swenson, RN, AOCN®, PhD, (left) receiving the 2014 ONS Rose Mary Carroll-Johnson ONS Distinguished Award for Consistent Contribution to Nursing Literature at ONS annual Congress, May 1, 2014. Pictured with Dr. Swenson is Elaine Bell, RN, BSN, OCN®.

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Karen Swenson

Karen Swenson's first nursing position in 1982 was in oncology nursing and she's enjoyed working in the oncology field ever since that time. As a new graduate RN working at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, Karen was involved in a learning environment and proceeded to enroll in the Rush University nursing graduate program in 1983. Her first publication was in the *Oncology Nursing Forum* in 1986, and since that time she has published over 45 research/clinical practice articles and book chapters from 1986 through 2013. Additionally, Karen had the honor and privilege to work under Rose Mary's leadership as an associate editor for the *Oncology Nursing Forum*.

Karen enjoys scientific writing on a variety of topics from integrative therapies to cancer rehabilitation and survivorship programs. She has conducted nursing research and shared the study results on topics such as breast cancer treatment-related lymphedema, adherence to

exercise interventions during treatment, cancer rehabilitation program outcomes, and symptom management in breast and prostate cancer. Karen has also served as a reviewer for numerous other nursing journals including *Cancer Practice*, *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, and *Nursing Research*.

Karen strives to publish high quality nursing articles that are evidence-based and provide practical information for clinical practice in oncology nursing. She also has mentored several new authors in her role as Associate Editor of the Oncology Nursing Forum, and as a preceptor for nursing and public health graduate students in her previous role as Research Scientist at Park Nicollet Institute and her current role as Manager/Scientific Advisor at the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota.