

Position: Director-at-Large

Maggie A. Smith, DNP, MSN/Ed, RN, OCN®
Principal Medical Science Liaison
Janssen & University of Chicago

ONS member: 9 years

EDUCATION:

2015: Doctorate in Nursing Practice - Marciella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola
2007: Masters of Nursing with Specialization in Health care education - University of Phoenix
1999: Bachelors of Science in Nursing - Chicago State University

ONS PARTICIPATION (national and local):

2016: Team Leader - Connie Henke Yarbo Excellence Award
2015: Member - Awards Advisory Panel
2008: Member - ONS Academic Foundation Scholarship Review Committee
2011: Member - ONS Foundation Pat McCue/NOON Chapter End-of-Life Nursing Career Development Committee
2011: Reviewer - ONS Integrating Psychosocial Care into Oncology Nursing On-Line Course
2010: Member - ONS Post Master's/Master's Scholarship Committee
2009: Member - End-of-Life Scholarship Committee
2009: Member - ONS Honor Someone Special Promotion Team
2006-2008: Team Leader for, ONS National Scholarship Review Committee
2006: Member - APN ONS Congress Review Committee
2005: Member - Pearl Moore Conference Scholarship Review Team
2004-2006: Member - ONS Congress Scholarship Award Review Committee
2003: Member - Understanding our younger and newer nurses committee

WORK RELATED SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP:

2008-current: Principal Medical Science Liaison - Janssen Biotech - work with key thought leaders in oncology, also leader of the Allied Health Team committee, planning outreach for these customer target across all Janssen Oncology. Also compound lead for a novel heme anti-CD123 Mab.
2013-current: clinical leader - Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force - working on the development of community outreach programs to address unmet needs in breast cancer
2016: University of Chicago/PRN Resource Nurse
2007-2008: Senior Medical Science Liaison – Hospira - working with oncology thought leaders.
2004-2007: Oncology Clinical Specialist, Carmel Pharma - Lead nursing training for a medical device for safe handling of hazardous drugs.
2004-2005: Contract nurse educator - Sanofi-Aventis - educator for Eligard.
2003-2005: Clinical Research Associate - Breast Cancer International Research Group - as a clinical monitor to conduct clinical reviews of data.
2000-2003: Charge Nurse - University of Chicago - Worked as a charge nurse and research in oncology.

HEALTH CARE/ CANCER ORGANIZATIONS EXPERIENCE, OTHER PROFESSIONAL NURSING ORGANIZATIONS /Additional experience (community, political etc.):

2014-2016: President - Chicago Chapter
2013: President-elect - Chicago Chapter

2011-2015: DAL Community Outreach - Chicago Chapter
2010-2011: Co-Chair - Membership Committee - Chicago Chapter
2014-2017: Member - ASCO Health Disparities Committee

Position Statement:

Professionally I serve on the Chicago Chapter Oncology Society's Board of directors, holding various positions ranging from Director-at-Large and President since 2010. For the past six years, I have served on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Chapter Sisters Network, Organizing Educational events for their members, providing funds to support their organization and organizing their first community educational symposium. Serving on the American Society of Clinical Oncology Health Disparities Committee, I make a difference in the lives of underrepresented populations by, addressing issues that contribute to the inequalities in health care. I lobby and annually meet with my State legislators to discuss issues with patient access to health care services, differences in treatment outcomes and encourage them to support a diverse work force of health care professionals, to that the patients can establish trusting relationships with providers that look like them.

Personally, I am involved with several community organizations such as Bright Pink, volunteering as a community ambassador to raise awareness of breast and ovarian cancer and the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force, where I recently developed and published in CJON a breast health protocol to address disparities in breast cancer on the Southside of Chicago among African American women.

How have you advanced excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care?

I have advanced excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer by continuously giving back to our profession. I speak at schools to nursing and other student health professionals, educating them on the diversity that exists within the nursing profession. I encourage students to become involved within professional organizations, to learn more about the profession, to network at events and lastly build sustainable professional relationships. I mentor nursing students, encouraging them to find their passion within nursing and remind them to leave a positive mark in the lives of individuals they encounter. I review nursing candidate's applications for their professional advancement through ONS.

My work in the community has improved the quality of cancer care through evidence-based practice I was able to develop a train- the- trainer program that educates African American women who are breast cancer survivors to raise awareness of the disease among other African American women who do not have a diagnosis. This work was presented at a minority conference and was recently published in CJON. I speak at churches to the nursing boards to cover the facts and address the myths of breast cancer, so that they can empower other women through the vehicle of education.

How have you actualized Innovation or Advocacy in your leadership experiences?

Advocacy is one of my core values that I have actualized in several leadership experiences. During a recent trip to Washington D. C. I met with my State Legislators to discuss obtaining their support on the, Cancer Drug Coverage Act; programs and incentives to increase funding for diversity among minorities interested in becoming health care professionals and lastly requested their support on increasing minority enrollment in clinical trials. I meet annually with some of them to follow-up on my positioning and to gauge where they are with these issues and other relevant health care issues that impact nursing and the health care profession. I have also lobbied at my State's capitol when proposed funding cuts were planned for a viable program, Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. This program has helped so many

women who are underinsured or uninsured. I met with a few Illinois State legislators to stress the importance of not supporting these proposed cuts and expressed the importance of how this program has helped so many women and their families to get the necessary health services that will enable them to continue to receive treatment so that they can fight equally with those who have access to these services.