

# Oncology Nursing Society Position on Cancer Research and Cancer Clinical Trials

Cancer research is essential to prevent, effectively treat, and manage short- and long-term effects of cancer, and cancer clinical trials are imperative in facilitating discovery and implementing early detection strategies and symptom management modalities. Lack of funding for and participation in cancer research and clinical trials is detrimental to quality cancer care. Oncology nurses are well positioned to increase awareness of cancer research and clinical trials and eliminate barriers by changing perceptions and increasing awareness.

It is the position of the Oncology Nursing Society that all patients with cancer have the opportunity to receive optimal treatment.

This includes

- Increased federal funding for all levels of cancer research
- Peer-reviewed clinical trials approved by an institutional review board in which participants provide informed consent
- Abolishment of all barriers to participation in clinical trials
- Implementation and evaluation of more effective strategies to promote public awareness and understanding of cancer research and clinical trials
- Nurse-designed, -initiated, and -facilitated clinical research studies to address quality-of-life issues for patients with cancer.

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