

POSITION SUMMARY

Oncology Nursing Society and Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Joint Position on Rehabilitation of People With Cancer

Cancer is a chronic disease, and rehabilitation services play an important role at every stage of the disease process. People are living longer with cancer-related impairments, and a comprehensive rehabilitation program can help patients with cancer achieve maximal functional ability and adapt to their disabilities. Oncology rehabilitation RNs' role in the interdisciplinary team is pivotal in creating an environment conducive to quality patient care.

It is the position of the Oncology Nursing Society and the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses that oncology rehabilitation care is part of quality cancer care, a right for all citizens.

This includes

- Incorporation of patients and families as fully informed partners and decision makers
- Timely access to and reimbursement for a coordinated, comprehensive interdisciplinary approach
- Accountability and coordination by RNs who have been educated and certified in oncology or rehabilitation specialities.

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