



A New Year, A New Look

A major goal of the editorial board and staff of the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON)* is to meet our readers' informational needs and respond to readers' requests and suggestions for future content development. We are guided further by input from our authors and the Oncology Nursing Society Publishing Council.

The issues of *CJON* you receive represent a massive collaborative effort to bring you the most up-to-date clinical oncology information available. We strive to publish information that is evidence based and useful. We recognize that our readers are busy clinicians; therefore, every issue of *CJON* offers a variety of concise articles and columns. Much of the content is presented in an interactive format that requires thought rather than passive reading. In their responses to our surveys, our readers tell us that we are on the right track, but we know that we can offer even more. Beginning with this issue, we have implemented the following changes and new features.

- **Additional pages:** Since *CJON*'s inception, readers have asked for more pages in every issue. Additional pages give us the flexibility to offer a wider variety of information and increase the likelihood that you will find content that is useful to you. Additional pages also allow us to add new features.
- **New column:** Readers have asked for what is best described as a "multiple-choice question review." We have implemented this idea by initiating a new column, "Consult Corner," which presents 10–12 multiple-choice questions on a particular topic. Explanations will appear for correct and incorrect answers. This column can be used for staff education, as a study aid for preparing for Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation examinations, and for personal educational growth.
- **Booklets, posters, and inserts:** Look for

educational booklets, fold-out posters, and special inserts in 2003. A booklet about breast self-examination targeted to African American women is included in this issue. The booklet was created by Elizabeth Ann Coleman, PhD, RN, AOCN®, and colleagues, and an article describing the process of creating and evaluating this education booklet begins on page 66. The March/April 2003 issue will contain a comprehensive guide on vitamins and minerals, written and edited by *CJON*'s



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- CS-ANP, AOCN®, CN. Future issues will include fold-out posters for easy removal from the journal and posting on bulletin boards for patients.
- **Enhanced visuals:** When possible, color illustrations and photographs will accompany our articles and columns. We believe that learning is enhanced when visual aids complement the text.
- **Key words:** We have added National Library of Medicine (NLM) medical subject heading key words to every article and column. Inclusion of these key words facilitates indexing in scientific databases and assists readers in conducting their own article searches. We hope that by including key words, we will educate and familiarize readers with the terminology used by NLM to enhance their searches.
- **Online continuing education (CE) for *CJON* articles:** Readers have two options

for obtaining CE credit through *CJON*. You can complete and mail the CE test form found in each issue or go online to www.ons.org to complete the CE offering. By completing the CE test online, you can obtain results upon completion and immediately print out the CE certificate.

- **Opportunities to become involved with the *CJON* team:** Several opportunities exist to become involved with *CJON*. Consider writing an article or column. Read the "Clinical Q & A" column and contribute a question or offer your own response to a published question. Send photographs of interesting clinical phenomena that you encounter in clinical practice, and we will help you add some information and create a "Picture This" column. Consider joining

our team as a *CJON* reviewer. Several positions are open for reviewers with expertise in chemotherapy administration, radiation therapy, surgical oncology, and biotherapy. Reviewers are needed with experience in all work settings, including inpatient care, outpatient care, and home care. Reviewing is a wonderful way to become involved with the journal while increasing your knowledge base. Reviewers critique four to six manuscripts per year and may decline a review because of time constraints. Our reviewers help to ensure that the information in *CJON* is timely, accurate, and evidence based. Please contact Editorial Assistant Natalie S.A. Tooch at 412-859-6303 or ntooch@ons.org for a *CJON* reviewer application.

Let us know what you think of *CJON*'s new look and length. You can reach us by writing to CJONeditor@hotmail.com or phoning me at 504-739-9462.