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Nail Receives Association of Community Cancer Centers' Clinical Research Award



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Lillian M. Nail, PhD, RN, FAAN, has received the Association of Community Cancer Centers' (ACCC) Annual Clinical Research Award for her significant contributions to cancer research. Nail is the Dr. May E. Rawlinson endowed professor of nursing and senior scientist at the Oregon Health and Science University School of Nursing in Portland. The award was presented at ACCC's 20th National Oncology Economics Conference in San Diego, CA, on October 10.

Nail is internationally known for her research on coping with cancer treatments and their side effects. She has worked to ensure that cancer treatment-related fatigue receives priority in the cancer symptom-management research agenda. Currently, Nail's research efforts include investigating ways to promote coping with radiation therapy for breast cancer, management of cancer treatment-related fatigue, and patients' experiences with low blood cell counts because of chemotherapy. Nail has received numerous awards, including the 2002 Distinguished Researcher Award from ONS and the 2002 Rochester Distinguished Scholar Award. She holds a Research Career Development Award from the National Cancer Institute for clinical research development on supportive care in cancer.

A widely sought-after speaker, Nail helps to educate healthcare providers and consumers about coping with cancer care. She has contributed nine book chapters and more than 40 journal articles to the medical literature. Nail received her PhD in nursing, her master of science degree in medical/surgical nursing, and her bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Rochester in New York.

ACCC provides a national forum for addressing issues that affect community cancer center programs, such as regulatory and legislative issues, measurements of the quality of care, and programmatic and financial components. Its unique membership of more than 650 hospital cancer programs and oncology private practices includes all members of the multidisciplinary cancer care team. For more information, visit www.accc-cancer.org.



Marcelle Kaplan (left) received the Group Health Incorporated (GHI) Mets Magic Award at Shea Stadium from Dr. Aran Ron (center), GHI's senior vice president and chief medical officer, and Mets pitcher Aaron Heilman (right). Kaplan, who divides her time between Manhattan and Merrick, Long Island, has volunteered for the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery Program for eight years. (Photo by Marc S. Levine/NY Mets)

Kaplan Honored for Outstanding Volunteer Work With GHI Mets Magic Award

The honor of throwing the first pitch at the July 25 New York Mets versus Cincinnati Reds game was given to ONS Nominating Committee Chair Marcelle Kaplan, RN, MS, OCN®, a clinical nurse specialist in breast oncology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital in New York, NY. Kaplan has helped thousands of women during her 23-year career as a nurse.

Group Health Incorporated (GHI) and the New York Mets chose Kaplan as this season's fourth recipient of the GHI Mets Magic Award. The GHI Mets Magic Award is a community-service award presented monthly during the baseball season to a local individual or group. In giving this award, GHI looks for individuals who have made important contributions to their communities without seeking publicity or notoriety for their efforts. Kaplan was honored for her eight years of volunteer work with the American Cancer Society's (ACS's) Reach to Recovery Program, which is a support program that partners breast cancer survivors with women and men who recently have been diagnosed with breast cancer. "For the past eight years,

Marcelle has made sure that women who have breast cancer surgery in the New York City area get a Reach to Recovery referral," said Hector Batista, executive vice president of ACS. "I congratulate her and thank her for donating her time and expertise to help others learn how they can make a difference."

As part of her award, Kaplan received a \$1,000 donation for ACS, a personalized Mets jersey, a crystal trophy, and approximately 80 Mets tickets.

GHI is a statewide not-for-profit health insurer serving New Yorkers since 1937. GHI and its wholly owned subsidiary, GHI HMO, provide health insurance and administrative services to more than 2.5 million people. GHI offers customers a variety of medical, hospital, dental, prescription drug, and vision options, as well as administrative-services-only arrangements. For additional information, visit GHI's Web site at www.ghi.com.

ACS is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering, and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. Founded in 1913, ACS has community-based offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the

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United States. For more information, call 800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

New York-Presbyterian Hospital is a 2,395-bed academic medical center created from the merger between The New York Hospital and The Presbyterian Hospital. It provides state-of-the-art inpatient, ambulatory, and preventive care in all areas of medicine at five major centers. The hospital has academic affiliations with two of the country's leading medical colleges: Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Facione and Gulanick Inducted as American Academy of Nursing Fellows

ONS members Noreen C. Facione, RN, C, FNP, PhD, and Meg Gulanick, PhD, RN-BC, APRN-BC, were inducted as fellows into the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). Facione is an associate professor and director of faculty development and Gulanick is a full professor, both in the Niehoff School of Nursing at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. Facione and Gulanick currently are implementing a three-year, \$895,000 Health Resources and Services Administration grant awarded to Loyola University to develop an Oncology Entrepreneur Advanced Practice Nursing Program.

One of the criterion for AAN membership is recognition by one's peers of having made outstanding contributions to nursing over and above those that are required in one's position of employment. The new fellows were formally inducted into AAN on November 15 during the Academy's 30th Annual Meeting and Conference at the La Costa Resort and Spa in San Diego, CA.

AAN was established in 1973 to provide visionary leadership to the nursing profession and the public in shaping future healthcare policy and practice and optimizes the well-being of the American people through the synthesis of scientific and philosophic knowledge as the basis for effective healthcare policy and practice.

Schmidt Receives 2003 Betsy York Memorial Award

US Oncology recently named ONS member Laura Schmidt, RN, OCN®, as the 2003 recipient of the Betsy York Memorial Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year Award. Schmidt, an oncology nurse at Texas Oncology Cancer and Research Center in Waco, was presented with the third annual award at US Oncology's national nursing symposium in July.

Schmidt, one of three regional finalists for the award, was cited by the judging committee for her comforting and reassuring approach to patient care, involvement with local cancer support groups, and the development of patient-information materials.

"Laura truly embodies the spirit of the Betsy York Award," said Dianne Richardson, associate director of clinical operations and chair of the judging committee. "Laura's extensive work in the community and with ONS shows that nursing is much more than just a job for her. She goes above and beyond."

The US Oncology Betsy York Memorial Award is an annual recognition that showcases excellence in oncology nursing. Recipients of the award are nominated by their nursing peers in the US Oncology network and must demonstrate exceptional dedication to cancer care and determination to help patients with cancer. The award is named in honor of Betsy York, who was an oncology nurse at the Cancer Center of the Carolinas in Greenville, SC, part of the US Oncology cancer-care network. She had a key role in the production of the US Oncology/ONS award-winning video, *America's Oncology Nurses*. Shortly after the production of the video, York was diagnosed with liver cancer. That same week, she earned the Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®) credential. Unfortunately, she lost her fight against cancer. Her memory and dedication to the nursing profession live on with this award.

US Oncology, headquartered in Houston, TX, provides comprehensive services to a network of affiliated practices in 30 states, with the mission of expanding access to and improving the quality of cancer care in local communities. For more information, visit www.usoncology.com.

Duke University Health System Announces Leadership Changes

North Carolina's Duke University Health System (DUHS) recently announced changes in the roles and responsibilities of two key members of its leadership team.

Bobby Clapp has returned to the position of associate vice president of DUHS. Clapp left this position in 2000 to be chief operating officer of Duke University Hospital. In returning to this Health System role, Clapp will work closely with strategic clinical program


implementation and in the general administration of DUHS. These responsibilities will include developing a high level of coordination and communication among clinical chairs and division chiefs, senior leadership of the hospitals, clinical service units, the Private Diagnostic Clinic, and leadership of the School of Medicine in clinical program initiatives across the Health System.

ONS member Kevin W. Sowers, RN, MSN, will serve as chief operating officer of Duke University Hospital, as Clapp moves to his new duties. Sowers, whose former position was associate vice president of DUHS, served as interim chief executive officer (CEO) of Durham Regional Hospital for the last eight months. He transitioned those responsibilities to David McQuaid, the new CEO, in mid-October. "Sowers is a strong and effective administrator with clinical experience and an extensive knowledge of the operations of Duke Hospital," said William J. Fulkerson, MD, chief executive officer of Duke University Hospital. "We anticipate a smooth transition in this key leadership role."

American Medical Writers Association Honors ONS Publications

The American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) has bestowed awards to three ONS publications in its 2003 Medical Book Awards Competition.

- *Genetics in Oncology Practice: Cancer Risk Assessment*, edited by ONS members Amy Strauss Tranin, ARNP, MS, Agnes Masny, RN, MPH, MSN, CRNP, and Jean Jenkins, PhD, RN, was selected as a first-place winner in the Allied Health category.
- *Cancer Prevention, Detection, and Control: A Nursing Perspective*, edited by the late Kathleen Jennings-Dozier, PhD, MPH, RN, and ONS member Suzanne M. Mahon, RN, DNSc, received an honorable mention in the Allied Health category.
- *Palliative Practices From A-Z for the Bedside Clinician*, edited by ONS members Kim K. Kuebler, MN, RN, and Peg Esper, MSN, RN, received a special recognition award in the Allied Health category.

Founded in 1940, AMWA is the leading professional organization for biomedical communicators. For more information, visit www.amwa.org. 

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