

This Issue's Contributors

Frances Robinson, RN, OCN®, primary author of “Breast Cancer Education for Native American Women: Creating Culturally Relevant Communications” (p. 689), is an oncology nurse at the San Juan Regional Cancer Center in Farmington, NM. Coauthoring the article are Nellie Sandoval, BS, MS, a counselor at Farmington Municipal Schools; Julie Baldwin, PhD, a professor in the Department of Community and Family Health in the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida in Tampa; and Priscilla R. Sanderson, PhD, CRC, an assistant professor of research for the Native American Cancer Research Partnership in the Department of Health Sciences at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Sandoval was Robinson’s first chemotherapy recipient at the San Juan Regional Cancer Center. “She and I became friends, then fellow seekers in an effort to improve breast cancer survival rates among Native American women. Creating educational programs respectful of cultural differences became a key component of our work,” Robinson says.



Rose Townley Bakewell, RN, MSN, AOCN®, primary author of “Sexual Dysfunction Related to the Treatment of Young Women With Breast Cancer” (p. 697), is an oncology nurse practitioner at Oncology Hematology West in Omaha, NE. According to Townley Bakewell, she was motivated to write this article because “young women with breast cancer brought the issue of sexual dysfunction to my attention. I wanted to find some answers for these young women, make more people aware of this as an issue, and hopefully create an impetus toward further research in this area.” Coauthoring the article is Deborah L. Volker, RN, PhD, AOCN®, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Austin. Townley Bakewell and Volker were participants in the **2004 CJON Writing Mentorship Program**.*



Laura Bourdeanu, MSN, RN, MT (ASCP), primary author of “Management of Opioid-Induced Sedation in Patients With Cancer” (p. 705), is an advanced practice nurse at Yale–New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT. According to Bourdeanu, “I feel that healthcare professionals lack the knowledge to recognize opioid-induced sedation and to manage it effectively.

The purpose of this article is to improve the assessment and management of opioid-induced sedation and to raise awareness about interventions’ importance.” Coauthoring the article are Diane B. Loseth, MSN, RN, BC-PCM, an advanced practice palliative care nurse at Yale–New Haven Hospital, and Marjorie Funk, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, a professor in the School of Nursing at Yale University in New Haven.

Kari Staat, RN, OCN®, BScN, MN, primary author of “The Phenomenon of Chemo Brain” (p. 713), was a clinical practice leader in oncology at Humber River Regional Hospital in Downsview, Canada, at the time the article was written. She is now an acute care nurse practitioner in Hematology at Hamilton Health Sciences in Canada. Staat wrote the article “to bring attention to a side effect of chemotherapy that often is not addressed by healthcare professionals.” Coauthoring the article is Milena Segatore, RN, BScN, MScN, MNI-PG, a clinical nurse specialist in neurology–stroke at North York General Hospital in Toronto, Canada.

Stephanie M. Slack, RN, BSN, primary author of “Shared Decision Making: Empowering the Bedside Nurse” (p. 725), is a staff nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Slack believes the article is a great example of shared decision making, which led to the development of an excellent resource for staff. “As a staff nurse, I was empowered to bring about change,” she says. Coauthoring the article are Jean M. Boguslawski, RN, BSN, a staff nurse, Rachel M. Eickhoff, RN, BSN, a nurse manager, Kristi A. Klein, RN, BSN, a staff nurse, Teresa M. Pepin, RN, MSN, CNS, a clinical nurse specialist, and Kevin Schrandt, RN, BSN, Carrie A. Wise, RN, BSN, and Jody A. Zylstra, RN, BSN, staff nurses, all at the Mayo Clinic.

Heather Paprstein, RN, BSN, OCN®, author of “Hospice Patients in Clinical Cancer Treatment Trials” (p. 729), is an oncology nurse educator for Oncology Education Services, Inc., in Munster, IN. Paprstein is “concerned that patients who meet eligibility requirements are being referred to hospice too late to reap the full benefits. As a nurse who has worked in research, I see patients struggling to choose between hospice and phase I trials. A select few should be able to do both if they wanted.”



A.B. Coe, BSN, RN, OCN®, HHP, primary author of “Understanding Bodywork for the Patient With Cancer” (p. 733), is a clinical nurse specialist at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne, Australia. According to Coe, “The completion of a 1,000-hour bodywork program gave me insight into the need for nurses and bodyworkers to be able to talk to each other for the greater good of our mutual clients. This article is a step toward meeting this need.” Coauthoring the article is Margaret L. Anthony, RN, MHS, CNOR, a nurse manager in the Hollings Cancer Center at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Coe and Anthony were participants in the **2004 CJON Writing Mentorship Program**.*

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