

Oncology Nursing Society Member Elected President of the Association of Community Cancer Centers



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Luana Lamkin, RN, MPH, was elected president of the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC). She is the administrator for St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center in Idaho. Lamkin has more than 25 years of oncology experience.

"During my year as ACCC President, I hope to shine a light on the coming professional workforce shortage in oncology, particularly oncology nursing. Through the forums of the ACCC national meetings and publications, we must explore ways to prepare for this inevitability via developing new staffing strategies, encouraging young people to go into oncology careers, and advocating for greater federal funding to meet the educational needs," said Lamkin.

Lamkin has served on the ACCC Board of Directors since 2002. She served as the national treasurer of ONS from 1998–2002 and a six-year term as a member of the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer.

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For more information, visit www.accc-cancer.org.

American Cancer Society Honors Two ONS Members as Exemplary Cancer Caregivers

ONS members Britta Newcomer, RN, BSN, OCN®, and Kathryn W. Visneski, RN, MSN, APN, AOCN®, were among 15 cancer care providers chosen to receive the 2009 American Cancer Society (ACS) Lane W. Adams Quality of Life

Award, a prestigious national prize for cancer caring. The award recognizes individuals who have made a difference through innovation, leadership, and consistent excellence in providing compassionate, skilled care and counsel to people living with cancer and their families.

Newcomer is an oncology community outreach nurse at Memorial Hospital System Cancer Center in Colorado Springs, CO. Newcomer works to link patients, caregivers, and families to key community support services, including several ACS programs. She is known for her compassion, dedication, and service to patients with cancer.

Visneski is an oncology nurse specialist at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, TN. Visneski has worked in oncology nursing for more than 20 years and has been a coach and advocate to the patients and survivors she has worked with. Through her passion for her work, Visneski has implemented numerous patient support groups to encourage cancer awareness and provide support to those who face a cancer diagnosis.

Other award winners recognized were Daniel Armstrong, PhD, Haley A. Schwartz, JD, Heidi Schultz Adams, Hen-Vai Wu, MD, Karline Peal, BS, RT(T), MBA, Mark C. Johnson, MD, Mary Sharpe O'Donnell, RN, BS, MHM, CBC, Page Tolbert, LCSW, Tina Cull, RN, BN, CHPN, Sandy Chen Stokes, RN, MSN, Reverend Thomas W. Johns, Bernie Axenfeld, and Robert W. Stone, RN.

ACS has recognized cancer caregivers through the Lane Adams Quality of Life Award since 1988. The awards committee includes long-time national ACS volunteers.

For more information, visit www.cancer.org.

Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Recognizes ONS Members

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) recently recognized ONS members Betty Ferrell, RN, PhD, FAAN, Constance Dahlin, RN, PhD, FAAN, BC, ACHPN®, Anne M. Hughes, PhD, RN, FAAN, Tami Borneman, RN, PHN, MSN, CNS, Patrick J. Coyne, MSN, APRN, ACHPN®, FAAN, Mau-

reen Lynch, MS, APRN, BC, AOCN®, ACHPN®, Pam Malloy, MN, RN, OCN®, Sally Norton, PhD, RN, Elizabeth Ford Pitorak, MSN, CNS, and Rose Virani, RNC, MHA, OCN®.

Ferrell and Dahlin are the recipients of HPNA's 2009 Member Appreciation Certificates, which honor HPNA members who have gone "above and beyond" in assisting HPNA in association-related activities during the previous year.

Hughes is the recipient of the 2009 HPNA New Investigator Award, which recognizes an HPNA nurse at the beginning of his or her research career who has performed superior research focused on clinical care, professional development, or the advancement of hospice and palliative nursing.

Borneman, Coyne, Dahlin, Ferrell, Lynch, Malloy, Norton, Ford Pitorak, and Virani received the Fellows in Palliative Care Nursing (FPCN) distinction, which is intended for HPNA members who are nursing leaders in education, management, advanced practice, and research. Eligible applicants include association executives, chancellors and deans, hospital chief executives and vice presidents for nursing, nurse consultants, and researchers and entrepreneurs.

For more information, visit www.hpna.org.

President Obama Appoints Mary Wakefield Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration



President Obama announced the appointment of Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, FAAN, as the administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Director of the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, Wakefield will oversee this critical agency, which helps to deliver health care to those who are uninsured and underserved by the current health-care system.

"As a nurse, a PhD, and a leading rural healthcare advocate, Mary Wakefield

brings expertise that will be instrumental in expanding and improving services for those who are currently uninsured or underserved," said President Obama.

Wakefield has expertise in rural health care, quality and patient safety, Medicare payment policy, workforce issues, and public policy. She has authored many articles and columns on health policy and is on the editorial board of a number of professional journals. Wakefield also is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and is a recipient of several awards, including the American Organization of Nurse Executives 2006 Nurse Research Award and the 2008 Nursing Economics Margaret D. Sovie Writer's Award.

For more information, visit www.whitehouse.gov.

Nancy Brinker Receives 2009 Porter Prize

Nancy Brinker, famed breast cancer activist and founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, will be the 2009 recipient of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health's (GSPH) Porter Prize in recognition of her outstanding achievements promoting health and preventing disease. Brinker ignited the global breast cancer movement almost 30 years ago when she promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would put an end to the pain, fear, and hopelessness associated with the disease.

"We are delighted to honor Ms. Brinker with the 2009 Porter Prize," said Donald S. Burke, MD, dean of the GSPH at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "Her determination and vision to create a world without breast cancer mirrors our own efforts to save lives and energize science to find cures for disease."

Since Brinker founded Susan G. Komen for the Cure in 1982, the organization has



Dean of the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Donald S. Burke, MD (left to right), 2009 Porter Prize Award Winner Nancy Brinker, and Chairman of the Porter Prize Committee Lee B. Foster, II

grown to be the nation's leading catalyst in the fight against breast cancer, with more than 100,000 volunteers working in a network of 125 U.S. and international affiliates.

In addition to her work with the Komen organization, Brinker served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary during the Bush administration, where she advanced a broad range of U.S. security and economic interests. She also served as the administration's Chief of Protocol of the United States.

For more information, visit www.publichealth.pitt.edu.

Clinical Nurse Specialist Commended With Top National Nursing Honor



Linda Gorman, APRN, BC, MN, CHPN, recently received the 2009 Clinical Nurse Specialist of the Year Award from the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) for her exemplary work in hospice and palliative care. In her position at the 900-bed Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, Gorman is known for her expertise in evidence-based practice and quality patient outcomes—hallmarks of a clinical nurse specialist. Through her specialty and across the health system, she leads interdisciplinary teams to coordinate care of the terminally ill, provides consultation for pain and symptom management, and develops policies and educational programs for nurses, social workers, case managers and physicians on end-of-life care issues.

NACNS represents more than 69,000 clinical nurse specialists across the United States and exists to enhance and promote the unique, high-value contribution of the clinical nurse specialist to the health and well-being of individuals, families, groups, and communities and to promote and advance the practice of nursing.

For more information, visit www.nacns.org.

American Nurses Association Endorses Tobacco Position Statement of ONS

The American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors, as recom-

mended by the ANA Congress on Nursing Practice and Economics (CNPE), voted to endorse ONS's position statement "Nursing Leadership in Global and Domestic Tobacco Control."

"Tobacco continues to be the leading cause of preventable death and illness in the United States," said Brenda Nevidjon, RN, MSN, FAAN, president of ONS. "All nurses are in an ideal position to help solve the tobacco problem through patient education about prevention of tobacco-related disease, and we are pleased with the ANA's endorsement of this position."

ONS stated that the tobacco epidemic can be controlled through the active participation of nurses, advocacy, treatment, public and professional education, and research. Methods outlined in the ONS position statement include: restricting promotion, increasing the price, and strengthening the warning labels of tobacco products; ensuring that tobacco assessment and dependence treatment is an expected part of care in all cancer treatment programs; and providing ongoing federal support for public media campaigns about tobacco prevention and treatment.

ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million RNs.

CNPE focuses on establishing nursing's approach to emerging trends within the socioeconomic, political, and practice spheres of the healthcare industry by identifying issues and recommending policy alternatives to the board of directors.

For more information, visit www.ons.org.

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