

American Nurses Association Names Hagan Chief Programs Officer



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Pamela C. Hagan, MSN, RN, has been named chief programs officer (CPO) of the American Nurses Association (ANA). As CPO, Hagan is responsible for ANA's programmatic and content areas, including ethics and human rights, nursing practice and policy, government relations, leadership services, and nurse advocacy programs. Additionally, she plays a key role on the executive leadership team, where priorities include advocating for safe, quality health care for the public through support of the nursing profession and advancement of RNs as key healthcare providers in today's healthcare-delivery system. Hagan will continue her involvement as liaison with specialty and other nursing organizations through ANA's Nursing Organization Liaison Forum, a forum for 80 nursing organizations that focuses on nursing concerns and promoting and advancing the profession.

Hagan joined ANA's executive staff in 1998 as director of constituent affairs. In that capacity, she established a closer communications network and facilitated new opportunities for collaborative relationships and activities between the federation members and specialty and nursing organizations. In addition, she coordinated the development of ANA's 54th constituent member, the Federal Nurses Association. Prior to joining ANA, she was the executive director of the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) from 1995–1998. She also served as president of KNA from 1993–1995. In addition to holding a variety of elected and appointed positions within ANA, Hagan served on the ONS Board of Directors and the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation Board of Directors from 1989–1992.

Hagan also is a member of Sigma Theta Tau honorary society and the American Society of Association Executives. She earned her master's of science and bachelor's of science degrees in nursing from University of Kentucky College of Nursing in Lexington and has completed postgraduate work at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis in Indiana.

Schwartz Appointed Associate Professor and Scientist



ONS member Anna L. Schwartz, PhD, FNP, has been appointed associate professor and scientist in the School of Nursing at Oregon Health Sciences University. Schwartz's program of research focuses on exercise and symptom management during and following cancer treatment. The ONS Foundation, National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Initiative have funded her program of research. Currently, funding from NINR and the ONS Foundation supports a study examining the effects of exercise on fatigue, weakness, and quality of life from the beginning of chemotherapy through the first year of the cancer experience. Another NINR/NCI jointly funded study examines two interventions to reduce breast cancer survivors' risk for osteoporosis, heart disease, and declines in quality of life over a two-year period.

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McCaffery Wins American Pain Society Award for Excellence

Each year, the American Pain Society (APS) rewards excellence in the field of pain management by presenting six separate awards for career achievement, pain scholarship, education and public service, advocacy on behalf of children, outstanding service to

APS, and early career achievements. ONS member Margo McCaffery, RN, MS, FAAN, received APS's Elizabeth Narcessian Award, which recognizes outstanding educational achievements and is presented to a professional who has made an outstanding contribution or innovation in pain education. McCaffery, who is a nationally recognized workshop leader, lecturer, and consultant on the nursing care of patients with pain, was chosen for her exceptional work on pain education in the field of nursing.

APS is a multidisciplinary organization of basic and clinical scientists, practicing clinicians, policy analysts, and others who research and treat pain and advocate for patients with pain. The mission of APS is to advance pain-related research, education, treatment, and professional practice. For more information, visit APS's Web site at <http://www.ampainsoc.org>.

Langer Honored for Supporting Cancer Advocacy and Awareness



Amy S. Langer, executive director of the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO), has won the Society of Surgical Oncology's (SSO's) James Ewing Layman Award.

SSO presents the award annually to a nonphysician who has made a significant contribution to improving the care of patients with cancer. Langer, a nationally recognized patient advocate, accepted the award on March 18 during the 54th Annual Cancer Symposium in Washington, DC.

As NABCO's executive director, Langer is head of the leading nonprofit resource for breast cancer information and education in the United States. She has provided expert testimony in support of progressive insurance, patient advocacy, and expanded access to mammography and medical quality standards at the state and national levels, including Congress and the President's Cancer Panel.

Langer, a 16-year breast cancer survivor, serves on the Board of Scientific Advisors of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the Breast Cancer Committee of the NCI-led cooperative clinical trials research Intergroup, and the National Cancer Legislation Advisory Committee. She has served on the Health and Human