

Oncology Nursing Society Wins Publishing Awards



The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) has been recognized with four APEX® Awards for Publication Excellence. More than 3,700 entries were judged in 2010 based on excellence in editorial content, graphic design, and the success of the entry in achieving overall communications effectiveness. The *Oncology Nursing Forum* and three other ONS publications won in the following categories.

- Most Improved Magazines and Journals: *Oncology Nursing Forum*
- Books and eBooks: *A Guide to Oncology Symptom Management*, edited by Carlton G. Brown, PhD, RN, AOCN®
- One-of-a-Kind-Health and Medical Publications: *Putting Evidence Into Practice—Improving Oncology Patient Outcomes*, edited by Linda H. Eaton, MN, RN, AOCN®, and Janelle M. Tip-ton, MSN, RN, AOCN®
- Most Improved Newsletters: *ONS Connect*

APEX is an annual competition for writers, editors, publications staff, and business and nonprofit communicators. For more information, visit www.apexawards.com.

ONS Member Receives Highest Nurse-Oncologist Honor



ONS member Margaret M. “Peg” Fields, MSN, ACNP-BC, AOCNP®, an advanced practice nurse in the Department of Gynecologic Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer

Center in Houston, received the 2010 Ethel Fleming Arceneaux Outstanding Nurse-Oncologist Award, made possible by the Brown Foundation, Inc. Fields received a cash award of \$15,000, a crystal plaque, and a commemorative pin.

“I’m stunned, amazed, and honored,” said Fields. “Ethel Fleming Arceneaux was truly an inspirational nurse and a

remarkable role model during her career at MD Anderson. It’s an incredible honor to be thought of as part of her legacy.”

Fields plays an integral role at MD Anderson’s gynecologic oncology outreach site at Harris County Hospital District’s Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital. Fields works as part of a team to provide underserved patient populations access to clinical trials of potential new therapies, state-of-the-art patient care, and psychosocial support.

“The opportunity to make a powerful difference there is tremendous,” Fields said. “I left with a sense of wonder at MD Anderson: the diversity, the level of intellectual curiosity, and the level of care practiced there. I felt that if I could work there someday, I would be so blessed.”

Fields joined the MD Anderson staff in February of 2006. She currently serves on MD Anderson’s Advanced Practice Nurse Leadership Committee and is a member of the Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

“I strive to make sure the patients I care for know that I truly care about them as people,” Fields said. “I work to know them as individuals, to know their families, to know what brings them pleasure and the challenges they face in their lives. I try to provide hope for better days, comfort for pain—physical and emotional—and to bring the best that medicine has to offer.”

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center ranks as one of the world’s most respected centers focused on patient care, research, education, and prevention. MD Anderson is one of only 40 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute. For six of the past eight years, including 2010, MD Anderson has ranked first in cancer care in “America’s Best Hospitals,” a survey published annually in *U.S. News and World Report*.

For more information, visit www.mdanderson.org.

ONS Member Named Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Woman of the Year

ONS member Gretchen McNally, PhD, CNP, a nurse practitioner on the hematology service at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Cen-



ter—Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC-James) in Columbus, has been named Woman of the Year by the Central Ohio Chapter of the Leukemia

and Lymphoma Society. 2010 marked the first time the local chapter participated in the national fund-raising competition, in which participants nationwide competed for the title by raising funds in honor of local children who are blood cancer survivors.

McNally and her G-Force team of nurses, nurse practitioners, patient care associates, pharmacists, and leukemia survivors raised more than \$31,000 for the society in 10 weeks in honor of a local eight-year-old boy who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2006. In total, the nine central Ohio candidates for the award raised more than \$160,000 for cancer research and patient services.

Since 2000, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has awarded more than \$7.7 million to John Byrd, MD, a nationally renowned leukemia specialist and researcher at OSUCCC-James, to conduct cancer research.

“We rely on people like Gretchen and other participants in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s national fund-raising competition to help raise much-needed money that is critical to our mission of creating a cancer-free world through research and scientific discoveries,” said Byrd, who is the director for Translational Research at OSUCCC-James.

OSUCCC-James is one of 40 comprehensive cancer centers in the United States designated by the National Cancer Institute and one of only seven funded programs in the country approved to conduct both phase I and phase II clinical trials.

For more information, visit www.cancer.osu.edu.

ONS Member Appointed to Distinguished Professorship

ONS member Terri S. Armstrong, PhD, ANP-BC, FAANP, an associate professor in the Department of Integrative Nursing



Care in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, has been appointed as the holder of the John S. Dunn Distinguished Professorship in Oncology Nursing. The professorship is supported by an endowment from the John S. Dunn Research Foundation, which was created in 1996 to honor the memory of its founder, John S. Dunn Sr. The foundation also provided full-tuition scholarships through 2013 for 78 students in the school's accelerated BSN program.

Armstrong joined the nursing school's faculty in 2007 and also is an advanced practice nurse and adjunct associate professor in the Neuro-Oncology Department at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. In 2008, Armstrong was elected to the Society for Neuro-Oncology's board of directors, a position she will hold until 2011. She has been awarded 11 research grants and contracts since 2005. She also is the lead investigator for quality-of-life studies on two international brain tumor clinical trials in the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group.

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"Since 1992, Dr. Armstrong has done outstanding work in the field of neuro-oncology," said University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing at Houston Dean Patricia L. Starck, DSN. "She has amassed an impressive record in research and scholarly publication and exemplifies the high

standard set for the Dunn Distinguished Professorship."

Armstrong earned her PhD from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She received her bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Akron and her master of science and post-master's nurse practitioner degrees from the Ohio State University School of Nursing.

Armstrong's research focus is symptom assessment and management. She has published articles in more than 25 peer-reviewed journals and more than 15 book chapters on the care of patients with central nervous system tumors.

Armstrong currently is the chair of the university-wide Committee on the Status of Women, which fosters the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women at the health science center and works to expand and improve opportunities for women to achieve their maximum potential.

For more information, visit <http://son.uth.tmc.edu>.

ONS Member Receives Award for Nursing Research



Sandra A. Mitchell, PhD, CRNP, AOCN®, a nurse scientist in the Clinical Center, Nursing and Patient Care Services, at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, received the U.S. Public Health Service's (PHS's) prestigious 2009 RADM Faye G. Abdellah

Publication Award for Nursing Research. Her publication "Determinants of Functional Performance in Long-Term Survivors of Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation With Chronic Graft-Versus-Host Disease" was recognized for stimulating the development of nursing knowledge and practice.

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ONS Conference Calendar

Advanced Practice Nursing Conference

November 11–13, 2010
Orlando, FL

11th Annual Institutes of Learning

November 12–14, 2010
Orlando, FL

36th Annual Congress

April 28–May 1, 2011
Boston, MA

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