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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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