The 2009–2013 Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Research Agenda is available in this issue (see page 514), spearheading the next set of priorities for ONS members to consider in their research and practice. Since 2001, ONS has released an agenda not only for its members but also for agencies concerned with cancer care, allowing researchers to expand on what ONS members find important to nursing knowledge. The 2009–2013 ONS Research Agenda provides new direction for the membership by contributing to oncology science and fostering high-quality and safe care for patients with cancer.

Advances in cancer care, resulting from discoveries in chemoprevention, genetics, molecular biology, supportive care, and changes in healthcare systems, require vital contributions from nursing research. Those contributions inform the research that can be translated into practice; some of the information derived from past agendas has already been applied in the field, helping to transform cancer care for patients and practitioners. The vision of ONS is to lead that transformation by providing clinicians and researchers with a resource for guidance in the field of oncology nursing and patient care, and we must work our changes around the ONS vision to meet the needs of the patients.

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**Purpose**

The research agenda was developed to identify key areas of science in which ONS can take a supporting role through funding and articulation to other funding agencies’ research needs for the care of patients with cancer. With broad distribution and its contribution to the vision and mission of the organization, the ONS Research Agenda can increase the knowledge base for oncology nursing practice through nursing research priority areas, identify areas to prepare future oncology nursing researchers, and provide evidence-based information to clinical nurses as critical consumers of research findings that can then be applied to practice.

Nurses must continue to understand the consequences of care, intended and unintended. We need to understand how nursing care should be altered to stay current with new treatment modalities. Nurses need innovative ways to improve the quality and safety of care and meet the needs of patients with cancer. The research agenda is a beacon of knowledge to guide us toward solutions for those concerns. Patients with cancer continue to have many unmet needs, and our knowledge base for practice must be strengthened and fortified to meet those needs. An important example of the value of nursing science for ONS members has been the development and wide dissemination of the ONS Putting Evidence Into Practice cards and, now, the book, *Putting Evidence Into Practice: Improving Oncology*...