

Cancer Institute Appoints Oncology Nursing Society Member as Director



The Cancer Institute New South Wales (NSW) in Alexandria, Australia, has appointed Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Sanchia Aranda, RN, PhD, as director of its Cancer Services and Information Division. This new role will head a department comprising the two previous divisions of Cancer Services and Education and Cancer Information.

“The idea behind the amalgamation of the two divisions is to improve the use of data and information as a driver of service planning and improvement,” Aranda said.

As director, Aranda’s responsibilities include overseeing the division’s contribution to the NSW Cancer Plan, which largely focuses on improving cancer survival and quality of life. Aranda heads a team of about 85 people, who also support the work of care coordinators, clinical psychologists, and clinical cancer registry staff in the cancer service system.

Aranda came to her new role after 30 years as a cancer nurse, having worked in practice, education, and clinical research. Her main contributions to oncology have been the establishment of cancer nursing courses in two universities, the supervision of new researchers through their doctoral programs, and the development of a multidisciplinary research team at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Australia with an international reputation in the development and testing of nursing interventions to improve patient outcomes through randomized controlled trials. Aranda has served on cancer control bodies at the state and national level, such as the Advisory Council of Cancer Australia. Aranda also has experience with the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), acting as president from 2006–2010. She currently serves on the Board of UICC, working to promote the role of nurses in cancer control.

The Cancer Institute NSW is an important initiative in the prevention, treatment, and research of cancer. As the

first organization of its kind in Australia, its goal is to eradicate the burden of cancer completely. The Cancer Institute NSW has worked in partnership with the government of Australia, health practitioners, researchers, cancer advocacy groups, charities, and people with cancer to make considerable inroads since 2003.

For more information, visit www.cancerinstitute.org.au.

Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Inducts ONS Members



Merle Mishel

ONS members Merle Mishel, PhD, MA, MS, BSN, and Ida (Ki) Moore, DNSc, RN, FAAN, will be inducted into the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International’s (STTI’s) Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. The award honors STTI nurse researchers worldwide who have achieved long-term, broad recognition for their work and whose research has had global or national impact on the profession and the people it serves.



Ida (Ki) Moore

Mishel is the Kenan Professor of Nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Moore is a professor and director of the Biobehavioral Health Science Division in the College of Nursing at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The inductees are leaders, mentors, scholars, and role models whose research has focused on patient-family outcomes, community wellness, health-care policy, and interventions.

“As the first nursing organization to award a research grant in 1936, STTI is delighted to recognize 15 outstanding nurse scientists at our 2011 research congress,” said STTI President Karen H. Morin, DSN, RN, ANEF. “Their accomplishments not only move forward knowledge but also support and further the mission of STTI.”

Sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell, the ceremony and panel discussion will take place at STTI’s 22nd International Nursing Research Congress on July 14, 2011, in Cancun, Mexico.

This year’s theme, Leading the Global Proactive-Research Interface in the New Millennium, will explore innovative strategies that support the practice-research interface in diverse nursing communities, promote the translation of research-based evidence into practice, encourage global partnerships, and work to develop and evaluate new models of healthcare delivery.

For more information, visit www.nursingsociety.org/Events.

ONS Member Receives Young Investigator Award



ONS member Joanne Lester, PhD, CRNP, ANP-BC, AOCN®, received a grant from the NCCN Foundation of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) as part of

its first Young Investigator Awards Program. Awards focus on assessing and improving outcomes of cancer care and carry grants of \$150,000 over a two-year period. All submissions to the program are reviewed by a multidisciplinary panel of oncology experts, and awardees are selected based on several key components, including scientific merit and study design. The award is made possible via contributions from Amgen Inc., Genentech, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, and Pfizer Oncology.

Lester is a research scientist and an oncology nurse practitioner at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center–James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute and a clinical assistant professor in the College of Nursing at Ohio State University. Her research initiative is titled “Effect of Survivorship Care Planning on Distress: A Randomized Control Trial With Leukemia and Breast Cancer Survivors.”

“This is an important and exciting initiative for NCCN and its Foundation,” said Paul F. Engstrom, MD, Senior Vice President for Extramural Research Programs at Fox Chase Cancer Center and

a member of the review committee. "We are very pleased to have received such a large number of excellent proposals. This allowed us to make these awards to a diverse group of top young researchers, addressing different cancer types and issues, all very much in the scope of the NCCN mission."

The NCCN Foundation was initiated in 2010, with a key goal in the first year of raising funds for the development and distribution of the NCCN Guidelines for Patients™. The first Young Investigator Awards represent another major programmatic initiative for the NCCN Foundation.

NCCN, a not-for-profit alliance of 21 cancer centers worldwide, is dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of care provided to patients with cancer. NCCN promotes the importance of continuous quality improvement and recognizes the significance of creating clinical practice guidelines appropriate for use by patients, clinicians, and other healthcare decision makers. The primary goal of all NCCN initiatives is to improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of oncology practice so patients can live better lives.

For more information, visit www.nccn.org.

American Cancer Society Honors ONS Members

ONS members Karen Haughey, RN, OCN®, Ellen F. Parks, RN, OCN®, CNIV, and Janine D. Primomo, RN, MSN, received the 2011 American Cancer Society (ACS) Lane W. Adams Quality of Life Award, a prestigious national prize for cancer caregiving. The Lane W. Adams Quality of Life 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.

Haughey is a clinical nurse at Alliance Hematology/Oncology in Westminster, MD. She has been described as a very dedicated and compassionate caregiver and is known to spend hours on the

telephone with a patient or caregiver who is struggling. She encourages her patients and their families to celebrate life and to surround themselves with others who have battled this disease for support.

Parks is a nurse clinician at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. She considers her patients friends and strives to help them get the care they need. Parks also revitalized her local ACS Road to Recovery program so her patients could complete their treatments and participate in other ACS programs.

Primomo is a nurse manager at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital in Helotes, TX. She has been an ACS volunteer for 27 years and has played an important role in the lives of pediatric patients with cancer at her institution. She is seen as an innovator, leader, and role model among her staff and as a positive and encouraging nurse to her patients.

A global grassroots force of three million volunteers, ACS saves lives by preventing cancer or detecting it early. ACS helps patients get well by supporting them during and after a diagnosis and finds cures through ground-breaking research. As the nation's largest nongovernmental investor in cancer research, contributing more than \$3.5 billion, ACS turns knowledge about cancer into practice.

For more information, visit www.cancer.org.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Offers Grants for Oncology Nurses

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) is seeking applications from pediatric oncology nurses for the 2011 Nurse Researcher Grants cycle. Emerging from the firsthand experiences of foundation creator Alexandra "Alex" Scott, the nurse researcher programs have been designed to capitalize on the unique view pediatric oncology nurses have into the lives and treatments of pediatric patients with cancer.

All applications for the 2011 Nurse Researcher Grant Program are due on

August 1, 2011. The grant applications are being accepted in the following categories.

- Mentored Nurse Researcher (\$20,000 over two years): designed to support the efforts of beginning nurse researchers to accomplish small research projects
- Intermediate Nurse Researcher (\$40,000 over two years): designed to financially support efforts of more experienced nurse researchers to accomplish research projects
- Independent Nurse Researcher (\$100,000 over two years): designed for an experienced nurse researcher with a career plan that shows commitment to pediatric cancer nursing

ALSF emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996–2004), a pediatric patient with cancer. With the vision of finding a cure for all childhood cancers, Alex set out to hold lemonade stands to raise funds. The foundation bearing her name now sponsors medical and nursing research that aims to find better treatments and cures for all childhood cancers and to improve the quality of care and life for children and their families currently fighting the disease.

For more information, visit www.ALSFgrants.org.

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ONS Conference Calendar

Advanced Practice Nursing Conference

November 3–5, 2011
Salt Lake City, UT

12th Annual Institutes of Learning

November 4–6, 2011
Salt Lake City, UT

37th Annual Congress

May 3–6, 2012
New Orleans, LA