

Oncology Nursing Society Immediate Past Chief Executive Officer Joins Medicare Advisory Committee



The National Patient Advocate Foundation (NPAF) announced that NPAF Executive Board Member Pearl Moore, RN, MN, FAAN, the immediate past chief executive officer (CEO) of

the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), has been invited to serve on the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC).

MEDCAC is designed to provide independent guidance and expert advice to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on specific clinical topics and is used to supplement CMS's own research and internal expertise to allow an unbiased and current deliberation of state-of-the-art technology and science. MEDCAC members are selected based on their background, education, and expertise in a wide variety of scientific, clinical, and related fields.

Moore joined ONS in 1975 as a founding member. During her tenure as CEO, ONS grew to more than 32,000 members with 220 chapters nationwide. Moore also helped to raise \$16 million to support the ONS Foundation Center for Leadership, Information, and Research, the largest contributor to nursing research outside of the National Institutes of Health. Moore has received numerous honors, including being named a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, receiving the Association of Community Cancer Centers Achievement Award, and being awarded the U.S. Oncology Medal of Honor.

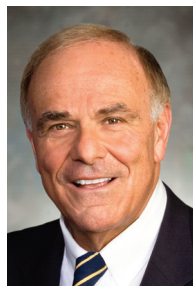
"I am honored to be invited to work with this impressive group of professionals in providing expert assessments on key healthcare issues," said Moore. "Throughout my career, I have seen many transformative changes in cancer care, and I hope to provide thorough and thoughtful information in finding the most effective means to ensure access to quality care for all cancer patients."

NPAF is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving patient access to health care through public

policy reform at the state and federal levels. MEDCAC, established in 1998, reviews and evaluates medical literature, technology assessments, and data and information on the effectiveness and appropriateness of medical items and services that are covered or may be eligible for coverage under Medicare. As many as 100 experts from clinical and administrative medicine, biologic and physical sciences, public health administration, patient advocacy, healthcare data and information management and analysis, healthcare economics, and medical ethics are selected to serve on MEDCAC.

For more information, visit www.cms.gov/FACA/02_MedCAC.asp.

Pennsylvania Governor Chairs National Nursing Campaign



The American Academy of Nursing announced Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell as the new chair of its Raise the Voice campaign advisory council. Raise the Voice, which is supported by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, informs policy makers of nursing innovations and their success, with emphasis on replication. The campaign showcases the work of nurses who are developing care models and interventions that demonstrate significantly improved clinical and financial outcomes.

As governor, Rendell has advocated for nurses by ensuring that they play an integral leadership role in health care in Pennsylvania. Rendell served as a dignitary in the 33rd Annual ONS Congress in Philadelphia.

The American Academy of Nursing serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. The organization and its members create and execute knowledge-driven and policy-related initiatives to drive reform of America's healthcare system. For more information, visit www.aannet.org.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focuses on pressing health and healthcare

issues in the United States. As the largest U.S. philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving health care for all Americans, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful, and timely change. For more information, visit www.rwjf.org.

Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Honors ONS Member



Marylin Dodd, RN, PhD, a professor emerita at the University of California in San Francisco, will be inducted into the newly created Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. The unique recognition honors nurse researchers who are STTI members and have achieved long-term, broad national or international recognition for their work and whose research has impacted the profession and the people it serves.

Dodd and 21 other nurse researchers will be inducted at the inaugural award ceremony, sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell, at the International Nursing Research Congress on July 16, 2010, in Orlando, FL. The event theme, "Global Diversity Through Research, Education and Evidence-Based Practice," will explore strategies needed to enhance collaborative nursing research globally, promote the translation of research-based evidence into practice, and examine how international healthcare concerns affect nursing worldwide. Event registration is open, and induction ceremony tickets are available online until July 11 at www.nursingsociety.org/Events.

"STTI's research congress is the most appropriate venue for this recognition," said STTI President Karen H. Morin, RN, DSN, ANEF. "STTI is a pioneer in funding and disseminating nursing research, and for more than 20 years, STTI's research congress has attracted hundreds of nurse leaders representing more than three dozen countries."

The Honor Society of Nursing, STTI, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the learning, knowledge,