

Pearl Moore Receives Distinguished Alumni Award



Pearl Moore, RN, MN, FAAN, received a University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award. Moore was acknowledged for her extraordinary professional career as a national and international leader in oncology nursing and for her many contributions through clinical practice and research. Recognizing the need for an organization dedicated to oncology nursing, Moore was a founding member of the Oncology Nursing Society and, as its chief executive officer, helped raise millions of dollars for scholarship and research. In addition, Moore is involved in professional and community organizations that underscore her commitment to making a difference in health care.

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented formally on May 3, 2008, in Pittsburgh, PA, during the annual Alumni Day luncheon, where Moore gave an informal presentation highlighting her professional career.

According to the Web site for the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, "Nominees for the Distinguished Alumni Award must be a University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing program graduate and are considered on the basis of leadership, achievement and contribution in areas similar to the following: academia, administration, clinical practice, research, and service (professional and community.)."

For more information, visit www.nursing.pitt.edu/index.jsp.

ONS Members Recognized for Their Roles As Nurse Navigators

ONS members Susan J. Stafford, RN, OCN®, and Donna Moore, RN, CMSRN, were highlighted in a recent article in the *Richmond-Times Dispatch* about nurse navigator programs. Stafford and Moore talk about their roles in helping patients diagnosed with cancer find their way through the healthcare system and setting nurse navigator standards. To view the full story, visit www.inrich.com.

Commission on Cancer Offers Two-Day Forum on Legislation and Advocacy in the United States

The Commission on Cancer will be holding a two-day forum from July 14–15, 2008, in Baltimore, MD, on legislative and regulatory issues that will affect the future of cancer patient care. Participants will join national leaders and advocacy experts to find out how they can contribute to the dialogue and influence the outcome of major policy issues. The program aims to raise awareness of legislation and regulatory initiatives taking place in Washington, DC, and around the country that will affect how healthcare professionals care and advocate for patients with cancer. Topics for discussion will include: What new directions are national agencies such as the National Cancer Institute, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Disease Control and Protection, and others taking to improve cancer patient care? How can the healthcare environment be changed to improve quality and eliminate disparities in care? How are leading advocacy organizations having an impact on national policy? Where do the 2008 presidential candidates stand when it comes to the future of cancer care policy?

The Commission on Cancer is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for patients with cancer through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care.

For more information and to register online, visit www.facs.org/cancer/coc/comingtogether2008.html.

Prevent Cancer Foundation Awards \$720,000 in Research Grants

The Prevent Cancer Foundation awarded its latest round of research grants and fellowships. The nine successful projects were selected from a pool of 77 applications nationwide. Each proposal passed rigorous examination by the foundation's Scientific Review Panel before being approved for funding and included topics such as tumor variability among African American patients with breast cancer and biomarkers for the early detection of liver cancer.

Fellowships were awarded to Laura Fejerman, PhD, at the University of California, San Francisco, and Joelle Hillion, PhD, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Grants were awarded to Olga Gorlova, PhD, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX; Courtney Gray-McGuire, PhD, at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH; Zhenhua Liu, PhD, at Tufts University in Bedford, MA; Giovanni Pitari, MD, PhD, at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA; Habbom Resson, PhD, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC; Daniel Rodriguez, PhD, at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; and Xiaofeng Zhou, PhD, at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

"I am delighted that our organization has chosen to support the research of these highly qualified scientists. Our hope is that our grants and fellowships will open the doors to additional innovative studies and to deeper understanding of cancer prevention and early detection," said Carolyn Aldigé, president and founder of the Prevent Cancer Foundation.

Since 1985, the Prevent Cancer Foundation has awarded peer-reviewed grants to more than 300 early-career scientists from more than 150 of the leading academic medical centers nationwide. Those selected for grants and fellowships will receive \$40,000 a year for two years. The deadline for submitting proposals is September 14, 2008.

For more information, visit www.preventcancer.org.

Cherokee Uniforms Calls for Inspired Comfort Award Nominations



Nominations are being accepted from March 1–May 31, 2008, for this year's Cherokee Inspired Comfort awards. The program provides a meaningful way for peers, friends, and colleagues to acknowledge healthcare professionals for their significant contributions to patients and medical care.

"The nominations that we have received throughout the years are a true testament to the immense dedication that healthcare

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professionals display on a daily basis,” said Michael Singer, president and chief executive officer of Cherokee Uniforms. “We are proud to recognize those individuals who have made the healthcare industry what it is today by providing care and compassion to their patients at times when they need it the most.”

To nominate a healthcare professional, visit www.CherokeeUniforms.com or pick up a nomination form from a Cherokee Uniforms retailer. Random drawings in March, April, and May gave nominators a chance to win prizes, such as an iPod or a set of Cherokee scrubs. In addition, all nominators will receive a gold pin etched with the award's emblem and Cherokee Uniforms will make a donation to Nurses House for every healthcare professional who is nominated for the award through May 31, 2008, .

A panel of nurse leaders, Cherokee professionals, and former award recipients will choose winners who best meet the program's criteria: exceptional service, sacrifice, and innovation. The grand prize winner in each category will receive an all-expense-paid Caribbean cruise for two. Additional winners in each category will receive all-expense-paid trips to a 2009 U.S. medical conference of each winner's choice, an annual membership to their preferred clinical association, and a donation of \$500 to the nonprofit organization of their choice. Every award winner will receive a trophy, a medical wardrobe of Cherokee scrubs and Rockers footwear worth more than \$1,000, and a profile in the nationally distributed Cherokee Inspired Comfort Award 2009 calendar. In addition, those who nominated the grand prize winner in each category will each receive a Cherokee medical wardrobe and a donation of \$500 to the nonprofit organization of their choice. Winners will be announced in September 2008.

For more information, visit www.CherokeeUniforms.com.

Steven Piantadosi Named Inaugural Phase ONE Foundation Chair in Cancer Research



Internationally renowned cancer researcher Steven Piantadosi, MD, PhD, was named the inaugural Phase ONE Foundation Endowed Chair at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, on February 6, 2008. This gift will fund his directorship as well as cancer research at Cedars-Sinai.

Piantadosi was named director of Cedars-Sinai's Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute in 2007. His role is to lead the medical center's programs in cancer research,

treatment, and education, as well as lead new initiatives that unite Cedars-Sinai's physicians and researchers from different specialties for innovative clinical and scientific collaborations. The Phase ONE Foundation Endowed Chair will fund these efforts.

Prior to joining Cedars-Sinai, Piantadosi was professor of oncology in the School of Medicine and director of biostatistics at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, both at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He also was professor of biostatistics and professor of epidemiology at the university's Bloomberg School of Public Health. A prolific researcher, Piantadosi is the author of a textbook on designing cancer clinical trials and has published more than 230 peer-reviewed scientific articles.

The Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center focuses on developing breakthroughs that translate as efficiently as possible into new methods for the treatment of cancers of the lung, brain, colon, prostate, pancreas, breast, spine, ovaries, pituitary, thyroid, and blood system, plus melanoma and other cancers.

For more information, visit www.csmc.edu.

The Phase ONE Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting phase I clinical research and treatment programs for

patients with cancer and early-stage development for new cancer therapies that otherwise might not receive funding.

For more information, visit www.phaseonefoundation.org.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Helps Patients Cover Insurance Co-Pay Costs

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) offers a program that helps patients and their families cope with some of the costs of cancer treatment. LLS provides support for prescription drug co-pays and health insurance premiums for patients who meet certain income requirements. Patients with private insurance and Medicare beneficiaries under Medicare Part B and/or Medicare Plan D, Medicare supplementary health insurance, and Medicare Advantage premium are eligible. The program currently covers patients with Hodgkin lymphoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia, acute myelogenous leukemia, myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndromes. Other disease categories continue to be added.

For more information, visit www.lls.org/copay.

Bravo! Job Well Done! Pat Yourself on the Back!

Have you been awarded recently for your dedication and commitment to oncology nursing? Have you been appointed to a new leadership position at your institution? Are you helping to coordinate an event that is particularly relevant to oncology nurses? If so, the *Oncology Nursing Forum (ONF)* wants to share these and other achievements with its readers.

ONF accepts news of member accomplishments for People and Events. Submissions can include a recent photo and should be less than 250 words. For more information, contact Associate Editor Diane M. Otte, RN, MS, OCN®, via e-mail at otte.diane@mayo.edu or ottedm@charter.net.

Correction

In the March 2008 issue of *Oncology Nursing Forum*, the article titled, “The Breast Cancer Treatment Response Inventory: Development, Psychometric Testing, and Refinement for Use in Practice,” by Wendy C. Budin, PhD, RN-BC, Frances Cartwright-Alcares, PhD, RN, AOCN®, and Carol Noll Hoskins, PhD, RN, FAAN, contained an incorrect e-mail address for the lead author. The correct address is wendy.budin@nyu.edu.