

American Academy of Nursing Inducts Two ONS Members



Deborah Watkins Bruner

The American Academy of Nursing announced that 54 nurse leaders, including Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) members Deborah Watkins Bruner, PhD, RN, and Joan E. Haase, PhD, RN, were inducted as fellows during the academy's 34th Annual Meeting and Conference in November.

Selection criteria include evidence of significant national and/or international contributions to nursing and health care. Each nominee was sponsored by two current academy fellows. Selection was based on the presentation of evidence of the nominee's work to improve nursing practice and health policy and their capacity to make contributions in the future. The mission of the academy is to serve the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. New inductees have demonstrated their ability to assist in achieving the academy's goals.

"I warmly welcome this year's new fellows and international fellows into the academy," said Academy President Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN, "and look forward to celebrating their extraordinary accomplishments. Moreover, I look forward to the unique contributions these individuals will bring to the academy, allowing us to expand our knowledge base and advance our tradition of purposeful action in support of the greater good."

The American Academy of Nursing was established in 1973 to provide visionary leadership to the nursing profession and to the public in shaping future healthcare policy and practice. For more information, visit www.aannet.org.



Joan E. Haase

Three ONS Members at Dana-Farber Win the Magnet Essay Contest

ONS members Sandra Kelly, MS, RN, ANP, Lisa Doherty, ANP, and Sheila Walsh, RN, BSN, were selected by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as winners of the 2007 ANCC Magnet Recognition Program Essay Contest. Kelly and Doherty wrote an essay titled "Boston Red Sox Magnet Moment," describing how Dana-Farber Cancer Institute nurses threw the first pitch at a Red Sox game in 2005 to celebrate Magnet status; the essay will be published online at www.medscape.com/ancc late this year. Walsh's essay, which discusses how living the Magnet philosophy at Dana-Farber has motivated her to go back to school for training as a nurse practitioner, will be published in December 2007 or January 2008.

Magnet recognition, an award considered by many to be the gold standard in nursing practice, was established in the early 1980s by the American Academy of Nursing to identify characteristics in hospitals that serve to attract and retain nurses. Since 1993, it has been a formal recognition program of the ANCC, the nation's leading nursing accreditation organization and a subsidiary of the American Nursing Association. Dana-Farber is 1 of 256 Magnet-accredited hospitals worldwide and one of only five in Massachusetts.

For more information about Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, visit www.danafarber.org.

University Hospital Nurses Are Among the First to Receive a DAISY Foundation Research Grant

Three University Hospital nurses, Scott Looney, RN, and ONS members Jennifer Hester, RN, DNP, and Kyra Whitmer, PhD, RN, recently were among the first individuals in the nation to receive the J. Patrick Barnes Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Grant from the DAISY Foundation.

The DAISY Foundation is widely known for its DAISY Award, which recognizes extraordinary nurses in medical facilities across the nation. The grant, launched this year, provides funding for research and evidence-based practice projects that seek



DAISY grant recipients Scott Looney, Jennifer Hester, and Kyra Whitmer (left to right)

to impact treatment of patients with autoimmune diseases and cancer. Hester, Whitmer, and Looney will use the funds to study the effectiveness of a protocol to prevent and treat mouth sores caused by chemotherapy.

"Mouth sores caused by chemotherapy can result in major complications and can have a profound effect on quality of life," said Hester. "They can cause pain, infection, and difficulty talking and eating. Patients don't always receive much guidance on basic mouth care during chemotherapy treatment partly because there are no clear guidelines for patients to follow. We hope to clarify the issue so healthcare providers are able to provide their patients with mouth care information that is based on real research."

University Hospital is part of the Health Alliance, an integrated healthcare delivery system of physicians and hospitals serving Greater Cincinnati in Ohio. For more information, visit www.universityhospitalcincinnati.com.

ONS Journals Added to PsycINFO Database

The *Oncology Nursing Forum* (ONF) and *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing* (CJON) have been accepted for indexing in the PsycINFO database, which offers abstracts of psychological literature dating from the 1800s. The database is used extensively by researchers and is a service of the American Psychological Association.

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