

PEOPLE & EVENTS

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American Academy of Nursing Nominates ONS Members as Fellows

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) recently announced its fellows for 2005. Of 60 fellows, 6 Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) members were selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to nursing and health care. The new fellows were formally inducted into AAN during the Academy's 32nd Annual Meeting and Conference at an awards ceremony on November 12 in Scottsdale, AZ.

The following ONS members were inducted as AAN fellows: Ann M. Berger, PhD, RN, AOCN®, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha; Donna L. Berry, PhD, RN, AOCN®, University of Washington, Seattle; Cecelia Marie Gatson Grindel, PhD, RN, CMSRN, Georgia State University, Atlanta; Pamela S. Hinds, PhD, RN, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN; Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, University of Texas at Austin; and April Hazard Vallerand, PhD, RN, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

The criteria for selection of fellows require evidence of outstanding and broad contributions to nursing and health care, as well as evidence of strong potential for continuing influence on nursing practice and health policy aimed at improving the health of the American people. Each nominee was sponsored for membership by two current AAN fellows.

"The AAN is comprised of highly qualified and savvy nurse leaders who are literally at the top of their profession, having accomplished extraordinary milestones in their nursing careers," said AAN President Joan L. Shaver, PhD, RN, FAAN. "We are privileged to welcome [the 2005 inductees] into the Academy and look to them to help us shape 'forward thinking' change for nursing and health care."

Dow Recognized as Endowed Chair in Oncology Nursing



ONS member Karen Hassey Dow, PhD, RN, FAAN, a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, was recognized as the first Beat M. and Jill L. Kahli

Endowed Chair in Oncology Nursing at a reception on August 17 at the Orlando Art Museum. The reception honored Dow's new appointment and her more than 30 years of work to improve the care of patients with cancer. The endowed faculty position is one of only five in oncology nursing in the nation.

"Karen's tremendous dedication and compassion have positively impacted the lives of people around the world," said Jean Leuner, PhD, RN, director of the UCF School of Nursing. "Her appointment to the Kahli chair will help further her important work."

Dow has made many outstanding contributions in support of breast cancer education for both patients and nurses. Since joining the UCF School of Nursing faculty in 1995, Dow has developed and implemented WebONE, an Internet-based oncology nursing educational program for nurses around the world. She is an internationally recognized writer and editor, having authored or coauthored four textbooks and more than 100 publications and book chapters. An accomplished nurse researcher, Dow is testing the effects of a behavioral intervention for breast cancer survivors with support from a \$1.6 million grant from the National Institute of Nursing Re-

search and National Cancer Institute. She also is developing, implementing, and evaluating the effects of an Internet-based support and education program for young women with breast cancer concerned about fertility with a \$250,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. In 1992, Dow was appointed to the President's Cancer Panel, Special Commission on Breast Cancer, and, in 2000, to the Florida Biomedical Research Council by Governor Jeb Bush.

Dow has received many national research, education, and achievement awards, including the 2004 Excellence in Breast Cancer Education Award from ONS.

The Beat M. and Jill L. Kahli Endowed Chair in Oncology Nursing was established in March 2005 with a generous gift from Beat M. Kahli, president and chief executive officer of Avalon Park, a master-planned community in Orange County, FL, to UCF. The chair title recognizes Kahli and his wife, Jill, whose mother died at an early age from cancer. The position will support a research program in nursing care for patients with cancer in UCF's School of Nursing.

Conley Elected Secretary of Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses



ONS member Susanne Conley, RN, BSN, CPON®, a nurse program manager for pediatric oncology in the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund Clinic in Boston, MA, has been elected secretary of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses's (APON's) Board of Directors.

APON is the leading national professional organization for RNs caring for children and adolescents with cancer and blood disorders.

Conley has more than 30 years of nursing experience. After joining Dana-Farber in 2002 from Maine Medical Center's children's cancer program, she started her Dana-Farber career as a clinical nurse specialist before quickly moving up the ranks.

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 should include a recent photo and be less than 250 words. For more information, contact Associate Editor Patricia F. Jassak, MS, RN, AOCN®, via phone (773-350-2234), fax (773-583-3477), or e-mail (pjassak@aol.com).

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"Since joining Dana-Farber, Susanne has been a tremendous asset to the Jimmy Fund Clinic," says Patricia Reid Ponte, RN, DNSc, FAAN, senior vice president for patient care services and chief of nursing. "Her leadership experience and extensive knowledge of pediatric nursing practice will be extraordinarily helpful to APON and ultimately have a positive impact on patients and families as well as the nurses who support them."

"Having been a member of APON for the past eight years, I have been impressed by the level of professionalism and remarkable accomplishments of this organization," says Conley. "I hope to contribute to the goal of enhancing professional development for our members and develop new practice initiatives for the children we serve."

As secretary, Conley will serve a three-year term during which she will facilitate minutes at board and general membership meetings and submit reports for inclusion in the organization's newsletter. For more information about APON, visit www.apon.org.

Swint Honored With Statewide TxPEC Champion Award

ONS member M. Kay Swint, MSN, RN, received a TxPEC Champion Award from the Texas Partnership for End-of-Life Care (TxPEC). TxPEC recognized Swint for her valuable community leadership role in advocating for and establishing a nationally recognized palliative care program in Houston.



Building on her extensive career in nursing and health-care administration and a master's degree in community mental health administration, Swint has been influential in educating the hospital community about end-of-life issues and has been a major advocate for sensitive and compassionate patient care during the end of life. She continues to make occasional rounds and provide patient and family assessments in the outpatient center to remain aware of the physical and psychosocial problems that patients and families confront on a daily basis. She also contributes to the palliative care literature and presents at national conferences.

"In my 20 years as a palliative care clinician and administrator, I have not encountered a more talented and devoted colleague than Kay Swint," said Eduardo Bruera, MD, professor of medicine and F.T. McGraw Chair in the Treatment of Cancer. "It is with great pride that I propose Kay for this TxPEC Champion Award."

The champions were honored at the TxPEC Gala, "Dancing With Stars," which was held at the TDS Exotic Game Ranch in Creedmoor, TX, on November 18. The event brought together end-of-life and palliative care advocates from across the state to honor their peers, raise awareness about the impor-

ance of this field of expertise, and provide funds to further the work of TxPEC.

Based in Austin, TxPEC was established in 1999 to raise public awareness and enhance professional knowledge about end-of-life care. For information, visit www.txpec.org or call 888-631-8009.

New Chronic Pain Network Offers Comprehensive, Integrated Education Program

The Chronic Pain Network™ (CPN) launched at the International Association for the Study of Pain's 11th World Congress on Pain, which was held August 21–26 in Sydney, Australia. Cosponsored by Organon Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. and Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc., CPN is the only comprehensive, integrated, and aligned national pain management education program developed by clinicians for clinicians that provides a singular resource for practitioners and patients to support appropriate patient pain assessment, treatment, and balanced risk management of chronic pain. ONS member Christine Miaskowski, RN, PhD, FAAN, a professor and chair in the Department of Physiological Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco, serves on the CPN Education Board.

One of the network's key components is the Chronic Pain Management Resource System, which includes a Clinical Resource Kit and a Regulatory Resource Kit. The

IN MEMORIAM

Florence S. Downs

Florence S. Downs, EdD, FAAN, emeritus professor of nursing in the College of Nursing at New York University (NYU), died on September 8 at the age of 80.

Downs received her bachelor's degree from St. John's University in Brooklyn, NY, and completed her master's degree in psychiatric nursing in 1964. She earned her EdD from NYU. Prior to joining the faculty of the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, she was the director of post-master's programs and research in NYU's Division of Nursing. Downs was appointed professor of nursing in 1977, when she also became associate dean for graduate studies. She was instrumental in developing the master's program and establishing the doctoral program.

Downs was very active in the greater nursing research community. She was involved in creating the Council of Nurse Researchers and the Eastern Nursing Research Society, and she served as the academic editor of *Nursing Research* for 17 years. Throughout her 40-year academic career,

Downs taught research design and dissertation seminars and had been a research and graduate curriculum consultant to many institutions, both nationally and internationally. A widely published author, she wrote more than 50 articles, 9 books, and 81 editorials. In addition, she was named a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing in 2004.

Rozella May Schlotfeldt

Rozella May Schlotfeldt, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean emerita, professor emerita, and honorary alumna of the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, died on July 23 at the age of 91.

Schlotfeldt, formerly of DeWitt, IA, graduated from the University of Iowa magna cum laude with a bachelor's of science in nursing degree in 1935. She received her master's degree in nursing education and administration in 1947 and a PhD in nursing education (curriculum development) from the University of Chicago in 1956.

In 1939, Schlotfeldt started as an instructor in the School of Nursing at the Univer-

sity of Iowa. In 1945, she joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, where she rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Following World War II, she returned to the University of Iowa for a short time and then joined the University of Colorado School of Nursing, where she worked as an assistant professor. In 1948, she became a professor in the College of Nursing at Wayne University, where she was associate dean from 1957–1960. In addition, she was a visiting professor in the various nursing programs at Indiana University, University of Texas at Austin, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of San Diego, Rutgers University, and University of Pennsylvania. She also was a consultant for various university nursing programs throughout the United States. Schlotfeldt was named professor and dean emerita at Case Western Reserve University in 1982.

Schlotfeldt was a member of various professional organizations. She received numerous awards and honorary degrees, and published and presented a multitude of articles and papers during her career.

Clinical Resource Kit is a comprehensive, customizable patient assessment and pain management resource that includes assessment and documentation forms and patient education forms. The Regulatory Resource Kit provides an overview of regulatory requirements relevant to healthcare professionals who prescribe pain medication.

CPN features additional tools, including a comprehensive Web site where members can access the latest information and resources on pain management. Patient education materials, including a pain diary, frequently asked questions about sustained-release opioids, and information on managing insomnia and side effects, are also available.

For more information, visit CPN's Web site at www.chronicpainnetwork.com.

Elsevier Awards Reach Out to Nursing and Medical Students and Faculty

Elsevier, a leading global healthcare and scientific publisher, has launched a com-

prehensive new awards program for nursing and medical students and faculty to support a new generation of healthcare professionals. Two distinct U.S. awards programs have been founded to address the diverse needs of the nursing and medical student communities.

The "Medical Information Can . . ." Awards invite medical students and residents to share their thoughts in a short essay discussing how to improve global point-of-care medicine and health. A top-tier panel of Elsevier authors will judge the essays, and the winning essay will be profiled in a prestigious Elsevier journal.

Elsevier's Student and Faculty Awards for Nursing Excellence invite faculty across U.S. campuses to nominate students with an outstanding commitment to the nursing profession and the potential to make a difference. Nursing students, in turn, are invited to nominate faculty who have served as role models, inspiring them to pursue a nursing career.

In March 2006, Elsevier will announce a national grand-prize winner and 10 regional

first-prize winners for both awards programs, yielding a total of 44 winners across five regions in the United States. Awards will include thousands of dollars in cash prizes, a year of free textbooks, online subscriptions, and charity donations.

"As the home of Saunders, Mosby, Churchill Livingstone, Butterworth-Heinemann, and Hanley and Belfus, Elsevier is strongly committed to supporting the next generation of striving healthcare professionals," said Brian Nairn, chief executive officer of Elsevier's Health Sciences. "Our mission is to profile and promote the critical role that nurses and doctors play in our communities across the United States."

Nominations to the Nursing Excellence awards will be accepted via <http://nursingawards.elsevier.com>, and essay submissions for the "Medical Information Can . . ." awards will be accepted via <http://medicalawards.elsevier.com>. The deadline for both awards is **November 30**. For more information about Elsevier, visit www.elsevier.com. 