

This Issue's Contributors

Christine Wilson, PhD, APRN, BC, NP-C, primary author of "Graft Failure Following Allogeneic Blood and Marrow Transplant: Evidence-Based Nursing Case Study Review" (p. 151), is a visiting assistant professor at the University of South Florida in Tampa. According to Wilson, "This article evolved from the unfortunate deaths of three patients on the bone marrow transplant unit. Nurses on this unit unaccustomed to losing patients researched the topic and used evidence-based practice to reaffirm their correct practices and procedures." Coauthoring this article is Terry Sylvanus, MSN, APRN, BC, AOCN®, a clinical nurse V at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa.



Jeanne M. Griffin, APRN, BC, MSN, OCN®, primary author of "Nursing Implications of Imatinib as Molecularly Targeted Therapy for Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors" (p. 161), is a nurse practitioner in the outpatient thoracic oncology clinic at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. According to Griffin, this article was written to "educate oncology nurses about gastrointestinal stromal tumors and the use of imatinib." Coauthoring this article are Myra St.

Amand, RN, BSN, OCN®, a clinical research nurse in the Center for Sarcoma and Bone Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, and George D. Demetri, MD, the director of the Center for Sarcoma and Bone Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School in Boston.



Karen K. Swenson, RN, PhD(c), AOCN®, primary author of "Interventions to Prevent Loss of Bone Mineral Density in Women Receiving Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer" (p. 177), is an oncology research manager in the Oncology Research Program at the Park Nicollet Institute in Minneapolis, MN. Coauthoring this article are Susan J. Henly, PhD, RN, an associate professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and Alice C. Shapiro, PhD, RD, LN, a nutrition research scientist, and Lynne M. Schroeder, RN, MS, OCN®, an oncology research nurse, both at the Park Nicollet Institute. According to Swenson, with the increased incidence and decreased mortality from breast cancer, the number of breast cancer survivors is on the rise. "Breast cancer survivors are at an increased risk of osteoporosis because of chemotherapy-related effects, such as early-onset menopause; hormone treatments, such as aromatase inhibitors; and a standard recommendation against hormone replacement therapy," she said. "This article reviews the mechanisms of bone loss

and interventions to prevent osteoporosis and reduce fracture risk in breast cancer survivors."



Meredith A. Wampler, PT, primary author of "Case Report: Painful Peripheral Neuropathy Following Treatment With Docetaxel for Breast Cancer" (p. 189), is a doctor of physical therapy science candidate in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Wampler wrote this article to "reinforce the benefits of multidisciplinary treatment of patients with breast cancer with chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy." Coauthoring this article are Deborah Hamolsky, RN, MS, a nursing coordinator in the Carol Franc Buck Breast Care Center, Kate Hamel, PhD, an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, Michelle Melisko, MD, a clinical instructor in the Carol Franc Buck Breast Care Center, and Kimberly S. Topp, PT, PhD, an associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, all at UCSF.



Lisa Schulmeister, RN, MN, CS, OCN®, author of "Ten Simple Strategies to Prevent Chemotherapy Errors" (p. 201), is a self-employed oncology nursing consultant in River Ridge, LA. She has conducted research about chemotherapy errors and lectured on the topic. According to Schulmeister, "High-tech measures to reduce chemotherapy errors are receiving a great deal of publicity. However, there are several simple, inexpensive strategies that oncology nurses often overlook but can easily employ in their workplaces."



Wanda Christie, MNSc, RN, OCN®, primary author of "The Impact of Humor on Patients With Cancer" (p. 211), is a care delivery facilitator in the Medical Oncology Unit at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. She notes that "different coping mechanisms, whether humor, relaxation, spirituality, or a combination of the three, seemed to affect the expectations and tolerance of the patients. It occurred to me that research in this area could help nurses in their work with patients and their families as they adapt to a life-changing illness." Coauthoring this article is Carole Moore, BSN, RN, CEN, a critical care staff nurse at St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center in Hot Springs, AR.