

# Top 10 Lists

David Letterman may have started a trend with his top 10 lists. By the end of each year, we see many such lists, including the top 10 books and movies, best and worst dressed celebrities, and greatest inventions. On many Web sites, you see most popular articles. The Oncology Nursing Society's journals have now joined others in this activity—but with a twist. Rose Mary Carroll-Johnson, MN, RN, editor of the *Oncology Nursing Forum*, described the process we followed to arrive at our top 10 (actually 11) list for 2010 in her January 2011 editorial. She also reflected on the meaning behind the selections. Articles were included based on more than just the number of times they were accessed online; they were also judged according to relevance, significance, and overall appeal in promoting excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. She commented that those selected articles “speak to the day-to-day work of oncology nursing” (Carroll-Johnson, 2011, p. 8). See Table 1 for our list and see what you think.

This was the first time we compiled a top 10 list, but we think it can be more than just the articles you may have missed. It can provide a way to think about what is going on in your professional world. We straddle two worlds—nursing and cancer care. Therefore, we would also like to present key events of the past year as a way to reflect on your current work as well as how it may change as a result of those events. For example, although long overdue healthcare reform may not be affecting our daily professional lives yet, it will eventually. We will hear more about comparative effectiveness research so we can make better informed decisions about practices to implement or discontinue. If you have not been using electronic health records (EHRs) yet, you will be. The learning curve can be steep and frustrating, yet it holds promise in making the care we deliver

better in the long run. Are you involved in the development and implementation of EHR in your practice? Although

the changes that will come with these reform efforts may not be clear to us on a day-to-day level, we need to prepare

**Table 1. Top 10 *Oncology Nursing Forum (ONF)* and *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON)* Articles Published From June 2009–May 2010**

RANK	ARTICLE TITLE	AUTHOR(S)	$\bar{X}$
1	<b>November 2009 ONF:</b> American Society of Clinical Oncology/Oncology Nursing Society Chemotherapy Administration Safety Standards <sup>a</sup>	Joseph O. Jacobson, Martha Polovich, Kristen K. McNiff, Kristine B. LeFebvre, Charmaine Cummings, Michele Galieto, Katherine R. Bonelli, and Michele R. McCorkle	9.43
2	<b>July 2009 ONF:</b> Clinical Challenges: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Related to the Cancer Experience	Nancy Jo Bush	8.71
3	<b>December 2009 CJON:</b> Putting Evidence Into Practice: What Are the Pharmacologic Interventions for Nociceptive and Neuropathic Cancer Pain in Adults? <sup>a</sup>	Lisa Aiello-Laws, Janice Reynolds, Nancy Deizer, Mary Peterson, Suzanne Ameringer, and Marie Bakitas	8.56
3	<b>December 2009 CJON:</b> Cognitive Effects of Cancer Treatment: “Chemo Brain” Explained	Katrina Evens and Valerie S. Eschiti	8.56
4	<b>December 2009 CJON:</b> Maximizing Exercise in Breast Cancer Survivors	Barbara Windom Adkins	8.33
5	<b>July 2009 ONF:</b> Oncology Nurses’ Perceptions of Obstacles and Supportive Behaviors at the End of Life	Renea L. Beckstrand, Josie Moore, Lynn Callister, and A. Elaine Bond	7.86
6	<b>August 2009 CJON:</b> Vesicant Chemotherapy Extravasation Antidotes and Treatments	Lisa Schulmeister	7.71
7	<b>May 2010 ONF:</b> Oncology Nursing Society Position: Nurses’ Responsibility to Patients Requesting Assistance in Hastening Death	Oncology Nursing Society Board of Directors	7.67
8	<b>December 2009 CJON:</b> Life After Pediatric Cancer: Easing the Transition to the Adult Primary Care Provider <sup>a</sup> (online exclusive)	Michelle Kolb	7.56
9	<b>March 2010 ONF:</b> Fatigue, Pain, and Functional Status During Outpatient Chemotherapy (online exclusive)	Mary Lou Siefert	7.44
10	<b>September 2009 ONF:</b> 2009 Mara Mogensen Flaherty Lectureship: Sexuality and Cancer: The Final Frontier for Nurses (online exclusive)	Mary K. Hughes	7.29

<sup>a</sup> Open access article (i.e., available freely to all)

Note. Articles were rated on a scale of 1–10, with 1 being the least and 10 being the most relevant and significant and having the most overall appeal to promote excellence in cancer nursing and quality cancer care.