

This Issue's Contributors

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Wendy Duggleby, DSN, RN, AOCN®, primary author of "Transitions and Shifting Goals of Care for Palliative Patients and Their Families" (p. 425), is an associate professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada. Coauthoring this article is Patricia Berry, PhD, RN, APRN, BC-PCM, an assistant professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

They wrote the article because, in their clinical experience, many transitions necessitate changing goals of care, but they could not find any articles about this topic. They hope that by sharing their experiences, which are supported by the findings of research studies, other nurses will benefit from the information.



Maureen Quick, RN, MSN, OCN®, primary author of "Development and Implementation of a Clinical Survey for Cancer-Related Fatigue Assessment" (p. 435), is a manager in Clinical Affairs Oncology for Tibotec Therapeutics in Bridgewater, NJ. "Clinical tools, such as the Quick Fatigue Assessment Survey, are indicated to improve assessment and management of cancer-related fatigue in the clinical setting," says Quick. "It should be

a goal of cancer nursing to raise an awareness of cancer-related fatigue so that the importance of assessment and intervention in the clinical setting could equal that of pain." Coauthoring this article is Marsha

Fonteyn, PhD, RN, a nurse scientist in the Phyllis F. Cantor Center at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA. Quick and Fonteyn were participants in the 2004 *CJON* Writing Mentorship Program.*



Mary C. Sandy, MS, APRN-BC, OCN®, author of "Herpes Zoster: Medical and Nursing Management" (p. 443), is a nurse practitioner in the cancer center at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. She frequently encounters the presentation of herpes zoster in clinical practice and wrote this article after hearing "reports from individuals who were infected with herpes zoster and not treated because it was recognized too late. The literature suggests improved treatments, resulting in lesser dosing regimens and increased efficacy against postherpetic neuralgia, that equate to improved quality of life."

Annabelle M. Smith, RN, MS, OCN®, author of "Opening the Dialogue: Herbal Supplementation and Chemotherapy" (p. 447), is a doctoral student in the School of Nursing at Pennsylvania State University in State College. "I have encountered issues with the use of herbal supplements and the concomitant administration of chemotherapy from the very beginning of my nursing experience," says Smith. "I have been interested in this area of oncology nursing ever since and continue to search for resolutions on how to best educate patients on the use of herbal supplements while receiving standardized treatment for their disease."



Elaine S. DeMeyer, RN, MSN, AOCN®, primary author of "A Dendritic Cell Primer for Oncology Nurses" (p. 460), is the president and chief executive officer of Creative Cancer Concepts, Inc., in Rockwall, TX. She has presented more than 100 lectures across the United States about dendritic cells. According to DeMeyer, "The purpose of writing any article is to improve the quality of life for patients with cancer by enhancing the ability

of today's oncology nurses to understand and incorporate practical applications of novel cancer therapies and improvements in symptom management." Coauthoring this article is Patricia C. Buchsel, RN, MSN, FAAN, a clinical instructor in the School of Nursing at the University of Washington in Seattle and a member of the nursing faculty in the College of Nursing at Seattle University.

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