

## American Nurses Association Recognizes Oncology Nursing Society Past President



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) past president Brenda Nevidjon, MSN, RN, FAAN, a professor and lead faculty for the Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Specialty

in the Masters' Program and coordinator for the Systems Division in the School of Nursing at Duke University in Durham, NC, has been selected by the American Nurses Association (ANA) board of directors to receive the 2012 ANA Honorary Recognition Award for her distinguished service to the nursing profession.

As a nurse, Nevidjon has had an extraordinary career of leadership in service and education in her specialization of oncology and beyond. She has integrated her passion for oncology nursing and leadership development into a career that has influenced individuals and organizations nationally and internationally. She was the first nurse and first woman to be chief operating officer of Duke University Hospital from 1996–2000. She developed and managed the first oncology unit at Duke University Medical Center from 1978–1981 and participated in the inaugural class of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Executive Nurse Fellows program.

Through diverse clinical and administrative experiences in Canada, Switzerland, and the United States, Nevidjon has worked to bridge practice settings and academic environments to advance patient care, create innovative work environments, promote scholarship in practitioners, and develop leaders. She has helped develop and lead professional nursing organizations at the local, national, and international levels. Nevidjon has contributed to ONS and advanced the design and development of the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology and the RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows Alumni Association. She also is a member of the North Carolina Nurses Association.

In addition, Nevidjon has contributed extensively to nursing literature and

is regarded as a mentor for nurses to develop their power and voice through publication. Her publications include two volumes of nursing narratives, books, articles, and chapters on oncology topics. She also has published articles and book chapters on administrative topics, such as the role of advanced practice RNs and the nursing shortage. She is a frequently invited speaker for oncology nurses and has advanced leadership development through consultations and programs nationally and internationally in Cyprus, the Middle East, Singapore, and China.

For more information, visit [www.nursingworld.org/FunctionalMenuCategories/AboutANA/Honoring-Nurses](http://www.nursingworld.org/FunctionalMenuCategories/AboutANA/Honoring-Nurses).

## Duquesne University Names Past Oncology Nursing Forum Associate Editor as Dean



Mary Ellen Glasgow, RN, PhD, ACNS-BC, former professor and associate dean for nursing and undergraduate health professions and continuing nursing

education at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, has been named dean of the School of Nursing at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. At Drexel University, Glasgow was responsible for curricular and faculty development, institutional and accrediting body quality assessment, and fiscal planning. She developed Drexel University's BSN co-op nursing, BSN accelerated career entry, and RN-BSN online programs, as well as the health sciences Pathways to Health Professions program.

Under Glasgow's leadership at Drexel University, nursing and undergraduate health professions programs experienced significantly increased enrollment and expanded use of instructional and mobile technology. In addition, initiatives such as the Standardized Patient Laboratory Experience, a new nursing faculty orientation and faculty development series, and an undergraduate interdisciplinary health study abroad program have been developed and implemented.

Glasgow's research interests focus on bone marrow donation in minorities and leadership development in nursing education and practice. As a certified clinical specialist in adult health nursing and an RWJF Executive Nurse Fellow, she has written two textbooks, one of which earned a 2011 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award. Glasgow received the 2010 College of Nursing Alumni Medallion for Distinguished Contribution to Nursing Education from Villanova University in Philadelphia and has been honored by Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia with the Excellence in Clinical Practice Award. She recently served as associate editor for the *Oncology Nursing Forum's* Leadership & Professional Development feature.

"Mary Ellen and her team have contributed significantly to the growth and excellence of Drexel's College of Nursing and Health Professions," said Gloria Donnelly, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel University. "We wish her well in her new deanship and know that she will apply the same level of energy and creativity at Duquesne that we have enjoyed at Drexel University."

For more information, visit [www.drexel.edu/cnhp/newsEvents](http://www.drexel.edu/cnhp/newsEvents).

## University of Nebraska Medical Center Honors ONS Member



ONS member Marlene Cohen, PhD, was recognized by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) on May 22, 2012, as a 2011 Distinguished Scientist.

The distinction acknowledges scientists at UNMC who conduct breakthrough research to discover treatments and cures for life-threatening diseases. Cohen is a professor and Kenneth E. Morehead Endowed Chair in Nursing and associate dean for research in the College of Nursing at UNMC in Omaha. Her research has appeared in publications including the *Oncology Nursing Forum* and *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*.

"My program of research has focused on the meaning of illness, primarily cancer, and its treatment," Cohen said. "Healthcare providers, like most people, see things from their own perspective. However, the perspectives of patients and families are often very different. Understanding what is important to patients makes it more likely that interventions will be effective."

She added that the goal of her research is to improve communication among patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers while ensuring patient comfort. "This research is aimed at improving care delivered by nurses and other professionals. Needs that are understood are most likely to be met," Cohen said.

"Communication between patients and caregivers will be improved by finding out what patients really need," Cohen said. "Understanding patients' experiences and the meaning of their symptoms is vital to ensuring patients are as comfortable as they deserve to be."

For more information, visit [www.unmc.edu/distinguished\\_scientists.htm](http://www.unmc.edu/distinguished_scientists.htm).

## ONS Member Receives Top Alumni Award From University of California, Los Angeles



ONS member Sandra Rome, RN, MN, AOCN®, a clinical nurse specialist in hematology and oncology at Cedars-Sinai Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute in Los Angeles, CA, has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Nursing at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Rome was recognized for her efforts to transform the nursing profession and to raise public awareness of the role that nurses play in the American healthcare system.

Rome joined Cedars-Sinai in 1991, when she was hired to train nurses to meet the specialized needs of patients

with cancer. In her current role, she oversees approximately 100 nurses as a clinical nurse specialist in hematology and oncology on the Medical Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit.

"For her entire tenure at Cedars-Sinai, Sandra has been a stellar clinician, teacher, mentor, and contributor to both the art and science of nursing," said Bernice Coleman, PhD, ACNP, lead heart transplant nurse practitioner, who nominated Rome for the honor. "She exemplifies excellence, making her an invaluable member of the nursing team at Cedars-Sinai, as well as an outstanding representative of her alma mater."

Rome said she was drawn to caring for patients with cancer from the moment she earned her bachelor's degree. "I was so in awe of cancer nurses, as they were so knowledgeable about diseases, treatment, and symptom management—the whole of the patient," she said. "They were so uplifting and kind with their patients. Working with cancer patients is a uniquely rewarding experience."

Rome attended the School of Nursing at UCLA on a full scholarship and earned her bachelor's in nursing in 1984. She returned to the school and completed graduate studies in 1988 to become a clinical oncology nurse specialist. She serves on the School of Nursing faculty at UCLA as an assistant clinical professor and is recognized nationally for her oncology expertise. In addition to ONS, Rome is a member of the International Myeloma Foundation Nursing Leadership Board and Sigma Theta Tau. She has published multiple articles and book chapters.

For more information, visit [www.cedars-sinai.edu/About-Us/News](http://www.cedars-sinai.edu/About-Us/News).

## American Cancer Society Acknowledges Volunteers

Twenty-six volunteers received the American Cancer Society (ACS) St. George National Award for outstanding service to the community in support of ACS's mission to combat cancer. Re-

ipients were chosen based on ongoing leadership, time commitment, and dedication to areas such as mission delivery, patient support, legislative advocacy, fundraising, and event engagement.

All nominees for the award have dedicated at least six years of their time to the fight against cancer and have significantly contributed to advancing ACS's mission. Since conceived in 1949 by Charles S. Cameron, MD, former ACS medical and scientific director, the St. George National Award has been presented annually to ACS volunteers nationwide.

Among the 26 recipients in 2012, the following two were ONS members. Nancy E. Kane, RN, MS, AOCN®, is an advanced oncology certified nurse in the Payson Center for Cancer Care at Concord Hospital in New Hampshire. In addition, Colleen Lemoine, APRN, MN, AOCN®, RN-BC, is a clinical nurse specialist for oncology at the Louisiana State Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

"The St. George National Award recipients share a passion with the ACS for helping to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays," said W. Phil Evans, MD, FACR, president of ACS. "We are proud to honor these volunteers for their exemplary service to the society's mission."

For more information, visit <http://pressroom.cancer.org>.

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