

ASSOCIATION OF ONCOLOGY SOCIAL WORK ■ 25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AOSW



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EXCELLENCE IN  
PSYCHOSOCIAL  
ONCOLOGY

The Enduring Impact of 25 Years of Advancement in Psychosocial Care

MAY 6 – 8, 2009 ■ SAVANNAH, GA ■ Hyatt Regency Savannah

[www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org)

# General Information

## AOSW Mission

The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) is a non-profit, international organization dedicated to the enhancement of psychosocial services to people with cancer and their families. Created in 1984 by social workers interested in oncology and by existing national cancer organizations, AOSW is an expanding force of psychosocial oncology professionals. **For more information on AOSW or for information on becoming an AOSW member please visit our website at [www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org)**

## 2009 Annual Meeting Theme

### *Association of Oncology Social Work: The Enduring Impact of 25 Years of Advancement in Psychosocial Care*

The 2009 AOSW Annual Conference marks the 25th Anniversary of the organization and will be held in Savannah, Georgia, a city appropriately rich in tradition, strife and innovation. We will celebrate the history of our profession and membership, the strides made in the advancement of psychosocial care, and the challenges overcome. We will share accumulated wisdom and experience. We will also identify challenges that remain or lie ahead, learn, strategize and work together toward the timeless mission of AOSW: advancing excellence in the psychosocial care of persons with cancer, their families, and caregivers through: networking, education, advocacy, research, and resource development.

For the past 25 years, oncology social workers have been essential leaders and innovators in the realm of psychosocial care. This conference will provide a forum to strengthen and maximize the visibility and impact of oncology social work as we bring psychosocial care into the future.

**Please visit [www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org) for the conference objectives.**

## Activities and Pricing

### **What is included in the conference fee?**

- Unlimited course selection beginning with the Opening Keynote Address on Wednesday, May 6 and continuing through conference adjournment on Friday, May 8
- Entrance to Exhibits
- Annual Business Meeting
- Poster Session Receptions on May 6 and 7
- American Cancer Society Sponsor Luncheon on Thursday, May 7 and National Marrow Donor Program sponsored Breakfast on Friday, May 8
- AOSW 25th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, May 8
- CEUs
- Access to password protected website where handouts will be available for download prior to and following the conference

## We're Going Green!

Session handouts will be uploaded to a password protected page of the AOSW website ([www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org)). **Conference attendees will be responsible for downloading and printing handouts for the sessions they plan to attend.** AOSW will not be providing printed handouts. Look for the electronic handouts beginning in April 2009!

## Continuing Education

AOSW has applied for up to 21.5 hours of Continuing Education Units from NASW, Catholic University, and the state boards of WV, CA (#946), FL, MI, and OH. Certificates of attendance will be available to conference participants at the conclusion of the conference, after completion of the conference evaluations. Sign-in sheets will be available at the CEU table each day. There are up to 5 hours of ethics available during the conference. The final number of approved will be available at the conference.

**For Florida:** In accordance with the criteria outlined in the Florida Statutes Chapter 491 and by the Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality assurance, the Florida Society of Oncology Social Workers (FSOSW) Provider Tracking Number: 50:775, exp. 3-31-2011, will be applying for CEU's for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors for Licensure renewal. There is no fee for FSOSW members; other Florida nonmembers will need to pay \$5.00 per CEU or join the organization for \$25. Florida registrants may obtain an exact list of approved clinical and non-clinical sessions or more information by contacting Cara Kondaki, LCSW, at 954-659-5604 or by email at [kondokc@ccf.org](mailto:kondokc@ccf.org)

## Conference Hotel Accommodations

**Hyatt Regency Savannah  
On the Historic Riverfront  
Two West Bay Street  
Savannah, GA 31401-1189  
Phone: (912) 238-1234  
Toll-Free: (800) 233-1234  
[www.hyattregencysavannah.com](http://www.hyattregencysavannah.com)**

## Reservations

A special AOSW rate of \$191, single or double occupancy, is available to conference attendees at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. This rate is available two days prior and two days after the conference subject to availability. Please make your reservation directly with the Hyatt Regency Savannah on or before April 6, 2009 by calling 1-800-233-1234. The hotel will accept reservations at the reduced conference rate on a space-available basis **until April 6, 2009 or until block is sold out.** When making your reservation please be sure to mention the AOSW conference rate of \$191.

**Reservations may also be made online by visiting [www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org)**

## Silent Auction

Once again we will be holding a silent auction to support scholarships for future conferences. We welcome any contributions by conference attendees or your organizations. Examples of donated items include handcrafts or artwork you have created, a weekend at your family's vacation home, etc. The auction will be set up and silent bids will be taken during the Thursday poster session. If you have items to donate please e-mail Melanie Canetta at [canettam@yahoo.com](mailto:canettam@yahoo.com) by April 11.

# Special Events & Offerings



## Welcome & Opening Keynote Address

Wednesday, May 6, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

### The Only Way Forward: The Burden and Value of Value – Based Practice: Life After The Institute of Medicine Report

Matthew J. Loscalzo, MSW has 28 years experience in caring for cancer patients and

their families. He is recognized internationally as a pioneer in the clinical, educational, and research domains of psychosocial aspects of cancer. Mr. Loscalzo was the President of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society and the Association of Oncology Social Workers.

In June of 2007, Mr. Loscalzo was recruited to the City of Hope to be the Administrative Director of the Sheri and Les Biller Patient and Family Resource Center. In this position, Mr. Loscalzo has been given the charge to create the best program of humanistic caring in the world by integrating all palliative care and psychosocial services within one unified department.

## Leadership Institute Plenary

Wednesday, May 6, 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

### Envisioning the Future for Oncology Social Work through the Development of Core Leadership Competencies, Jim Zabora, ScD

This plenary session and workshops build on the first Leadership Institute held in Louisville in 2008 and conference evaluations. While the Institute was highly evaluated, participants clearly identified a need to operationalize the core leadership competencies of visioning, execution, and creation of an energizing environment into specific and concrete examples. In addition, leadership skills in the primary domains of administrative (career development and management), conceptual (visioning and planning), and interpersonal (conflict resolution and emotional intelligence) require similar examination.

## Leadership Institute Breakouts

Wednesday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### LI 1: Leadership Institute Breakout Session 1

#### Career Pathing in Oncology Social Work: Moving and Marketing Yourself Up the Career Ladder, Carolyn Messner, DSW, MSW, LCSW-R, BCD; Lisa Marquette Porat, MSW, LCSW

Are you positioned for strategic career growth? This experiential workshop will identify steps to empower you to stretch your career goals. We will highlight: training/education, skill enhancement and experience necessary to map and attain specific career goals. Areas that will be addressed include: knowing your occupational typology, marketing and packaging yourself for promotions, entrepreneurial consulting, niche/expertise development, and networking strategies to tap into the hidden job market and your hidden potential.

### LI 2: Leadership Institute Breakout Session 2

#### From Oncology Clinician to Director: Who Better Than You?

Susan Hedlund, LCSW; Vicki Kennedy, LCSW

This workshop is inviting oncology social workers to consider their future potential as supervisors and directors. We will help practitioners identify key characteristics of successful leaders and how to optimize leadership opportunities within the work

setting. Presenters will discuss the expanding oncology practice environment and the unique lens that oncology social workers bring to leading organizations. How to develop specific skills, and importantly, to picture oneself as a leader, will be important aspects of this workshop.

### LI 3: Leadership Institute Breakout Session 3

#### Strategic Planning 101: A Guide to Developing Quality Programs, Jim Zabora, ScD

Oncology social workers create and lead successful programs. In this session, social workers will learn how to develop a strategic plan that, whether for a new program or for leading a department creates a blueprint for success. Effective strategic planning defines the vision and mission, measurable objectives, action steps, and evaluation tools vital for quality programs. Learn how to make strategic planning an energizing and dynamic process that motivates team members toward a unified goal.



## NASW Assurance Services Workshop

Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

### Ethically and Practically Speaking: Managing Your Malpractice Risk as a Social Worker

Greg V. Jensen, ACSW, LISW, is the director of the Department of Social Service and

administrator of Behavioral Health at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and resides in Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Jensen received a bachelor of arts in Criminal Justice from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and an MSW from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He is a former Trustee of the NASW Insurance Trust and filled the chairmanship in 2002.

Mr. Jensen has practiced social work since 1979 in a variety of settings including health care, child welfare, behavioral health, and private practice. The extent of his service to the NASW includes Iowa Chapter President from 1990-92 and member of the Iowa Board for the previous five years leading up to his presidency; Iowa delegate to the Delegate Assembly in 1993 and 1996; Region IX representative to the National Board from 1998-2001; National Executive Committee from 1998-2001; and presider of the Delegate Assembly in 2002. Additionally, Mr. Jensen served as the panel chair and member on several COI cases, Chair of the social work Licensing Coalition in Iowa, and the National Task Force for Health Care Specialty Certification.

## American Cancer Society and CURE Magazine Luncheon on Patient Navigation



Thursday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### Patient Navigation: Definitions, Roles, and Opportunities for Integration

A moderated panel discussion. Moderator: Pam Murph, LCSW

In 1990, Dr. Harold Freeman established the nation's first patient navigation program. Since, patient navigation has grown into a national movement and encompasses programs from organizations such as ACS, NCI, and CMS. Services are provided by professionals (including social workers) and lay persons, and subsequently this brings different perspectives and skill sets to the role as well as varying definitions of patient

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navigation. The challenge for the medical community is how to maximize understanding and integration of these differences.

Patient navigation as a verb is intrinsic to cancer care, but as a noun it has been harder to operationalize. This presentation will begin with an overview of two leading Patient Navigation programs. Following, a panel of professionals representing different disciplines and perspectives (including social work and patient navigation) will speak to the definitions, roles and opportunities for integration of patient navigation in cancer care. A Q&A session will follow.

*\*Funding provided by American Cancer Society and CURE Magazine*



### American Cancer Society's Quality of Life Award

Thursday, May 7, 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

#### It's Not Just About the Body: Revisiting Cancer Care for the Whole Person

*Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW* has been a social worker in the health care field for twenty

seven years and has extensive experience working with individuals and families facing life threatening illness and loss. She is currently the Director of Social Services for Hospice and Palliative Care of Washington County in Portland Oregon, and is on the faculty of the School of Medicine at Oregon Health & Sciences University, as well as the Graduate School of Social Work at Portland State University. She was previously the Director of Counseling at Cancer Care Resources, and the Clinical Manager of Social Work at OHSU.

She is a past president of the National Association of Oncology Social Work, and received their Leadership Award in 1999. She speaks nationally and internationally, and publishes on topics related to coping with illness, end of life issues, and loss. Additionally she serves on the Oregon State Task Force to Improve the Care of Terminally Ill Oregonians, the Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control, is a Senior Scholar for the Center for Ethics at OHSU and co-founded the Well Arts Institute, a non-profit program for arts in health care settings. She is currently the chair of the Health Specialty Practice Section for NASW nationally.

### Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2:50 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.

All conference participants are invited to attend the Annual Business Meeting to hear an overview about the future development of AOSW's major initiatives. This is an ideal opportunity for AOSW members to join with friends and colleagues and experience the collective power of our efforts and expertise. Don't miss it!

### National Marrow Donor Program Breakfast

Friday, May 8, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.



**Focusing on Survivorship**, *Kate Pederson, LICSW, MSW; Betsy Lucas* The NMDP's Office of Patient Advocacy has resources to help oncology social

workers support transplant survivors and their caregivers. A new online Survivorship Web site, post-transplant newsletters and

interactive telephone workshops help bridge the miles between survivors and hospitals/outpatient services. Oncology social workers can ensure that survivors are aware of available resources after the patient is no longer in active treatment. One survivor will share how she supports other BMT transplant patients and caregivers in partnership with the NMDP.

### A Lion in the House

Friday, May 8, 9:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

#### Adaptation of an Emmy award-winning movie to a Train-the-Trainer Session on Pediatric Survivorship using a DVD Module

*Bonnie Byers Crawford, MSW, LISW-S; Melissa Godoy* The LION IN THE HOUSE Modules for Health Care Education are curriculum-driven DVDs anchored by real-life stories of families facing childhood cancer and its aftermath. The training session utilizes documentary case studies from Childhood Cancer Survivorship Stories to focus on select late effects of treatment. More than 270,000 survivors of childhood cancer reside in the United States—that's 1 in 640 adults, ages 20 to 39—with improving treatment, more long-term survivors are expected. This module highlights the need for psychosocial support and effective resources, and provides training to health care professionals to equip survivors to become their own health care advocates.

*\*Funding provided by a Lance Armstrong Foundation Community Program Grant in the area of Education for Health Care Professionals.*



### Closing Keynote Address

Friday, May 8, 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

#### Cancer Survivorship in the 21st Century: Coordination and Caring

*Dr. Patricia Ganz* is a medical oncologist and Professor of Medicine and Professor of Health Services in the UCLA Schools of

Medicine & Public Health. Her research is focused on the study of quality-of-life outcomes in cancer and other chronic diseases. She is a leader in the integration of quality-of-life assessment in clinical trials, especially focused on the prevention and treatment of breast cancer. Current research in her laboratory is focusing on the mechanisms of fatigue and cognitive dysfunction in breast cancer survivors. She is involved in national policy activities related to the quality of cancer care, specifically focused on cancer survivors. In 2007 she was elected to the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine.

### 25th AOSW Anniversary Celebration

Friday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### Association of Oncology Social Work is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2009.

To celebrate the milestone, AOSW will host a celebration on Friday, May 8. Come share your memories and laughs, with your AOSW family, while enjoying the sounds of Paledave. You'll hear everything from high energy "drive-through-a-wall" rock, to 70s pop era hooks, to big band swing, to heart on a sleeve passion.

# Conference Program

## AOSW Conference-at-a-glance 2009

### Tuesday, May 5, 2009

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Registration

### Wednesday, May 6, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Welcome & Opening Keynote Address

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
Leadership Institute Plenary

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Leadership Institute Breakouts

2:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.  
Papers & Workshops

5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.  
Regional Meetings

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
First Time Attendee, New and International  
Members Reception  
Cancer Survivors Networking Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Opening Reception, Exhibits, Poster Session A

### Thursday, May 7, 2009

6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
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6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
Continental Breakfast

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ACS & CURE Magazine Luncheon on  
Patient Navigation

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.  
Papers & Workshops

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.  
ACS Quality of Life Lecture & Award

2:50 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.  
AOSW Annual Business Meeting & Awards  
Presentation

4:05 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.  
Papers & Workshops

5:05 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
SIG Leader Meeting

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Exhibits, Poster Session B, Silent Auction,  
& Reception

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SWORG Meeting

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ICC Train the Trainer (Parts I & II)

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Papers & Workshops

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Closing Keynote Address

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
AOSW's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Program subject to change. Please visit  
[www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org) for updates to the program.

Look for sessions with this symbol (★). This denotes possible ethics credits.

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Marketing Yourself Up the  
Career Ladder, *Carolyn Messner,  
DSW, MSW, LCSW-R, BCD; Lisa  
Marquette Porat, MSW, LCSW*

**LI2** From Oncology Clinician to  
Director: Who Better Than You?  
*Susan Hedlund, LCSW; Vicki  
Kennedy, LCSW*

**LI3** Strategic Planning 101: A Guide to  
Developing Quality Programs,  
*Jim Zabora, ScD*

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

**Papers & Workshops**

**A1/B1/C1** New Oncology Social Worker,  
*Pam S. Murph, LCSW; Ashley  
Varner, MBA, MSW*

**A2★** Ethical Issues in Working with  
Immigrant Patients, *Catherine  
Credeur, GSW, OSW-C, LSUHSC-S*

- A3** Psychosocial Assessment along the Continuum of Blood and Marrow Transplant, *Kate Pederson, MSW, LCSW; Jane Dabney, MSW, LISW; Emily Peterson, BA; Tammy S. Weitzman, MSW, LCSW*
- A4** A Room of their Own: Addressing the Unique Needs of Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancers, *Page Tolbert, MSW, LCSW; Carrie Panzer, MSW, LMSW*
- A5** Promoting Excellence in Pain Management and Palliative Care for Social Workers Course, *Shirley Otis-Green, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, OSW-C*
- A6/B6/C6** NASW Workshop, Ethically and Practically Speaking: Managing Your Malpractice Risk as a Social Worker, *Gregory V. Jensen, ACSW, LISW*

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

- B1/C1/A1** [Continued from A1]
- B2/C2** From Support Groups to Mutual Aid Groups: Helping Cancer Survivors to Thrive Using Group Work Models, *Barbara R. McLaughlin, MSW, LCSW; Jennifer Currin LMSW*
- B3/C3** The LGBT Cancer Experience: Understanding Health Disparities, Creating a Welcoming Environment and Providing Culturally-Sensitive Interventions, *Thomas J. Pier, MSW, LISW; J. Russell Kieffer, MSW, LISW, LCSW; Liz Margolies, MSW, LCSW*
- B4** Substance Abuse, Poverty, Mental Illness – And Now, Cancer...? *Marta Metz, LMSW, MPH; JoAnne Ellis, LMSW, ACSW; Amy Orwig-Willey, LMSW, ACSW*
- B5** A Model for Training Paraprofessional and Peer Patient Navigators: Integrating Concepts of Empathy, Boundaries, and a Strength-based Approach, *Les Gallo-Silver, ACSW, LCSW-R*

**B6/C6/A6** [Continued from A6]

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

- C1/B1/A1** [Continued from A1/B1]
- C2/B2** [Continued from B2]
- C3/B3** [Continued from B3]
- C4** Biopsychosocial Screening: Social Work's Most Enduring Contribution to Psycho-Oncology Care in the Last 25 Years, *Heather M. Ducksworth, MSW, LCSW; Carolyn Stouff, MSW*
- C5** Clinical Social Work Care for Children and Families throughout the Cancer Continuum: A Guide for Professionals, *Sandra J. Kerns, MEd, MSW, LCSW*

**C6/A6/B6** [Continued from A6/B6]

5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

#### Regional Meetings

- Region 1** – AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA WY
- Region 2** – IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, WI
- Region 3** – AL, AR, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV
- Region 4** – CT, DE, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
- Region 5** – International

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

#### First Time Attendee, New and International Members Reception Cancer Survivors Network Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

#### Opening Reception, Exhibits & Poster Session A

Thursday, May 7, 2009

6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### Registration

6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

#### Continental Breakfast

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

#### SIG Meetings

- SIG 1** – Blood and Marrow Transplant
- SIG 2** – Children and Cancer
- SIG 3** – End of Life
- SIG 4** – Complimentary and Alternative Medicine
- SIG 5** – Brain Tumor
- SIG 6** – Spirituality

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**ICC1 I Can Cope Facilitator Training, Part 1**, *Paula Plona, ACSW, OSW-C; Kelli Bass, LCSW, OSW-C*, Facilitator training for the American Cancer Society's I Can Cope (ICC) program is offered in cooperation with the Association of Oncology Social Work. Comprised of psycho-educational classes for adult cancer patients and caregivers, ICC is designed to help increase cancer knowledge and improve coping skills. Classes are facilitated by degreed health professionals such as social workers. This 2-part workshop provides training for new ICC facilitators. **Pre-registration and attendance at both sessions is required. The registration deadline for the ICC Facilitator Training, Parts 1 & 2, is April 13, 2009. No late or onsite registrations will be accepted.** Contact Greta Greer at [greta.greer@cancer.org](mailto:greta.greer@cancer.org).

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

#### Papers & Workshops

- D1/E1** Group Work 101: A Workshop, *Rachel M. Schneider, MSW, LCSW*
- D2/E2** Young Adult Cancer Survivorship: The New Frontier, *Leora Lowenthal, LCSW, OSW-C; Yvette Colón, PhD, MSW*
- D3** A Multi-faceted Campaign to Reach Spanish-Speaking Cancer Survivors and their Loved Ones, *Haley D. Justice MPH, CHES*
- D4** Rational Suicide: Is it Rational? *Miriam Innocenti, LCSW*
- D5★** Ethical Reasoning about Patient Eligibility in Allogeneic BMT Based on Psychosocial Criteria, *Larry W. Foster, PhD, MSW; Linda J. McLellan, MSW*

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

- E1/D1** [Continued from D1]
- E2/D2** [Continued from D2]
- E3/F3** "Navigating the Health Care System": A Program for Teaching Survivors and Their Family Caregivers, *Susan Blacker, MSW*
- E4** A Geriatric-Specific Group Intervention: Maximizing Coping in the Final Stage of Life, *Anne H. Martin, PhD, LCSW*

- E5** Nurturing the Spirit: How a Diagnosis of Cancer can Challenge or Strengthen One's Spiritual Well-Being: A Group Model, *Cheryl R. Koeber, MSW, LCSW, Suzanne C. Murdock, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C*
- E6/F6** 58 Years in Oncology Social Work: Exhilaration, Errors, Growth and Gratitude, *Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW; Hester Hill Schnipper, MSW*

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

- F1★** Social Work Ethics in Pandemic Emergency, *Patricia D. Bledsoe, MEd, MSW, LCSW*
- F2** Recognizing the Enduring Impact: The Sexual Self of Young Adult Cancer Survivors As Compared To Their Healthy Peers (A Research Project), *Sage Bolte, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C*
- F3/E3** [Continued from E3]
- F4** Let It Shine: Expanding Our Role through Public Speaking, Teaching and Presenting at Conferences, *Carolyn Messner, DSW, MSW, LCSW-R, ACSW, BCD; Michele Williams, MSW, MA, LCSW, OSW-C*
- F5** Identity: A New Model of Cancer Survivorship, *Barbara E. Abernathy, MS, LMHC*

- F6/E6** [Continued from E6]

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**American Cancer Society and CURE Magazine Luncheon on Patient Navigation**

Patient Navigation: Definitions, Roles, and Opportunities for Integration  
*A moderated panel discussion. Moderator: Pam Murph, LCSW*

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

- G1** Elements of Mind Body: Exploring Techniques to Reduce Distress, Ease Pain and Promote Wellness, *Drucilla Brethwaite, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C; Geronima Cortese-Jimenez, RN, MPH, OCN; Micheline Toussaint, MSW, LCSW*
- G2** Three Threads of History Connect: The Development of the Association of Oncology Social Work, 1984-2009, *Patricia Ann Fobair, MSW, LCSW, MPH*

- G3** "Help I'm Dying and No One Will Talk to Me about It!" *Rose L. Slirzewski, MSW, LCSW*

- G4** Psychosocial Interventions with Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Patients on an Adult Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, *Bryn M. Dunham, LCSW*

- G5** Maintaining Program Quality Assurance during Times of Change, *William Goeren, MS in Social Work; Richard Hara PhD, MS, LCSW; Robin Hershkowitz, MSW, LCSW*

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

**ACS Quality of Life Award Lecture It's Not Just About the Body: Revisiting Cancer Care for the Whole Person**  
*Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW*

2:50 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.

**AOSW Annual Business Meeting & Awards Presentation**

4:05 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.

**Papers & Workshops**

- H1** The Power of Collaboration: Extending Psychosocial Interventions and Care to Rural and Underserved Populations, *Carolyn Messner, DSW, MSW, LCSW-R, BCD, ACSW; Emily Peterson, BA*
- H2** Meaning and Suffering – The Importance of Achieving a Balance in Clinical Focus and the Power of the Research, Reflective Practice Loop, *Carrie Lethborg, PhD, MSW, BSW*
- H3** Portraits of the Dying Poor: The Lived Experience of Medicaid Patients with Advanced Cancer, *Tara J. Schapmire, MSSW; Anna C. Faul, PhD; Barbara A. Head, PhD, RN, CHPN, ACSW*
- H4** We Are Not Immune: Health Care Providers with Cancer, *Susan R. Glaser, LCSW*
- H5** Improving Outcomes for Families Facing Cancer: A Four Phase Treatment Approach, *Patricia A. Fennell, MSW, LCSW-R*

5:05 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

**SIG Leader Meeting**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Reception, Poster Session B & Silent Auction**

**Friday, May 8, 2009**

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Registration**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**SIG Meetings**

- SIG 7** – Diversity  
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**SIG 11** – Radiation Therapy  
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7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**ICC2 I Can Cope Facilitator Training Part II, [Continued from ICC1]**  
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8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**National Marrow Donor Program Breakfast**

**Focus on Survivorship**  
*Kate Pederson, LICSW, MSW; Betsy Lucas*

9:45 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

**Papers & Workshops**

- I1/J1** Sex & Oncology: Why keep it Undercover? *Melissa L. Donahue, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C*
- I2/J2** "PIRANHAS IN MY HEAD": The Power of Metaphor, Symbol and Myth in Clinical Interventions During Treatment and at End-of-Life, *Richard R. Dickens, MSW, LCSW-R; E. Willis Partington, M.Div., MSSW, LCSW-R*
- I3/J3** Caregivers and Pain, *Yvette Colón, PhD, MSW, Terry Altilio, MSW, LCSW; Shirley Otis-Green, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, OSW-C*
- I4** Post BMT Survivorship Education in the General Oncology Setting: Help Me Help My Patients! *Nancy Boyle, MSW, LCSW; Tammy Weitzman, MSW, LCSW*

**I5** Inflammatory Breast Cancer: The Orphan Disease, *Barbara E. Bond, LICSW, EdD; Susan J. Asci, BA; April G. Connolly, MSW*

**I6/J6** A LION IN THE HOUSE: Adaptation of an Emmy Award-Winning Movie to a Train-the-Trainer Session on Pediatric Survivorship using a DVD Module, *Bonnie Byers Crawford, MSW, LISW-S; Melissa Godoy*

10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

**J1/I1** [Continued from I1]

**J2/I2** [Continued from I2]

**J3/I3** [Continued from I3]

**J4** An Examination of Attachment Styles, Distress, and Oscillation among Parents Who Have Lost a Child to Cancer. Description and Findings, *Philip M. Domingue, PhD Candidate, MSW, RSW*

**J5** A Family-Enhanced Intervention to Reduce Fatigue in Breast Cancer Survivors: Qualitative Description and Evaluation, *Julianne S. Oktay, MSW, PhD; Susan Appling, MS; Melissa Bellin, MSW, PhD; Kathy Helzlsouer, MD, MHS; Susan Scarvalone, MSW, LCSW-C*

**J6/I6** [Continued from I6]

1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

### Papers & Workshops

**ICC3/ICC4 I Can Cope Train the Trainer, Part I**, *Paula Plona, ACSW, OSW-C; Kelli Bass, LCSW, OSW-C*  
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**K1/L1** Teaching a Positive Psychology Approach of Supportive Counseling to Students and Staff: Innovations in What you are Supporting and How it Can Help a Person Affected by Cancer, *Les Gallo-Silver, ACSW, LCSW-R*

**K2/L2★** Ethical Stress: Sources and Resources, *Patricia O'Donnell, PhD, LICSW; Karlynn BrintzenhofeSzoc, PhD, MSW, OSW-C; Adrienne Farrar, PhD, LCSW-C*

**K3** A Glimpse Beyond: Recognizing and Interpreting "Near-Death Awareness", *Wendy Walters, LCSW, OSW-C*

**K4** Out of the Box Thinking: Generating Dollars for Oncology Social Work Staffing, *Carole F. Seddon, MA, LCSW-C, BCD, OSW-C; Louise S. Knight, MSW, LCSW-C, OSW-C*

**K5** Quality of Life Scores Pre & Post Autologous Stem Cell Transplant and a Comparison of QOL of Patients Greater Than and Less Than 60-Years-Old, *Jane M. Dabney, MSW, LISW-S*

2:15 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

**ICC4/ICC3** [Continued from ICC3] **Completion of ICC facilitator training and Part 1(ICC3) are prerequisites for this session. Preregistration is required. The registration deadline is April 13. No late or onsite registrations will be accepted after April 13.**

**L1/K1** [Continued from K1]

**L2/K2★** [Continued from K2]

**L3** Development of Psychosocial Oncology Program – King Hussein Cancer Center-Jordan, *Bassam Kamal, PhD; Jamal Khatib*

**L4** Clinical Interventions for the Young Adult with End-Stage Cancer in an Inpatient Hospital Setting: A Life Cycle Perspective, *Barbara J. Golby, MS, MSW, LCSW*

**L5** Cancer Clinical Trials: Advocacy and Support by the Oncology Social Worker, *Karlynn BrintzenhofeSzoc, PhD, MSW, OSW-C; Margo Michaels, MPH*

3:15 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

**M1** Telephone Group Model, Innovation in Counseling: Perspectives on a Brain Tumor Group, *Mary P. Lovely, PhD, RN; Richard R. Dickens, MSW*

**M2** Everything Old is New Again: Getting Back to Basics with Distress Screening: Advancing Social Work Practice through Distress Screening, *Mary E. Turney, MSW, LCSW; Jolene A. Rowe, MSW, LCSW*

**M3** Seamless Care: Integrating Palliative Care into Oncology Practice, *Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW; Nancy Boyle, MSW, LCSW*

**M4** Locked in Our Own Prisons: Finding Freedom, *Debra K. Mattison, MSW, ACSW, OSW-C, LMSW, BCD; John Harrington, MSW, LMSW*

**M5** Life Interrupted: A Descriptive Study Addressing the Impact of a Brain Tumor Diagnosis in Young Adults, *Lauren C. Hendley, BA; Harriet A. Patterson, MPH; Jenette A. Spezeski, MPH*

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Closing Keynote**  
**Cancer Survivorship in the 21st Century: Coordination and Caring**  
*Patricia A. Ganz, M.D.*

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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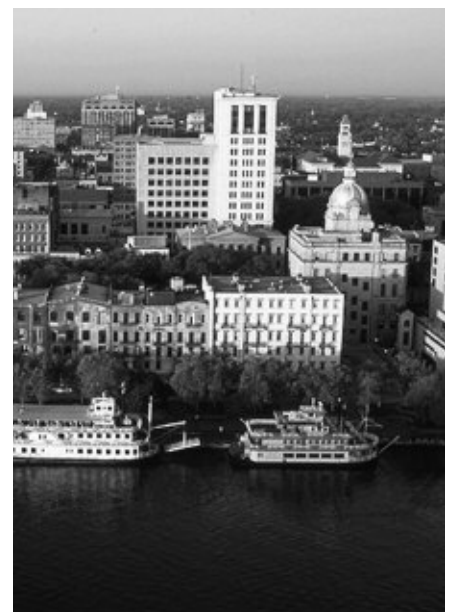


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## POSTERS

### Poster Session A Wednesday, May 6, 2009

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

- P1** Programming for Survivorship: An Overview of the Center for Survivors of Breast Cancer at the Ireland Cancer Center, *Rita Abdallah, MSW, LISW, ACSW, OSW-C; Kim Day, MSSA, LISW, OSW-C; Jaime Hein, MSSA, LSW*
- P2** Support Group for Couples that Lost their Children to Cancer, *Arza Ashkenazi, MSW*
- P3** "Oncology Social Work with Companion Animals across the Human-Animal Relationship Continuum – Implications for New Directions and Opportunities in Oncology Social Work Practice." *Christina E. Bach, MSW, LSW*
- P4** When a Caregiver Becomes the Lymphoma Patient: The Dynamics of Role Changes, *Mary Ann Bassham, MSSW, LCSW; Miriam Osadchey, MSW, LMSW*
- P5** Survivorship Program Development Transitions: Choices in Recovery, *Frances Becker, MSW; Elizabeth Manfredo, MS, RD*
- P6** "Living Under a Shadow": A Group Intervention for Myeloma Patients and Their Caregivers, *Erica Bergman, LMS*
- P7** Being with Dying Patients and Their Patients: A Contemplative Approach at the End of Life, *Irma R. Bernales, MSW, LCSW*
- P8** Psychological Distress and Quality of Life of Participants Utilizing Community Cancer Support Services: Data from Gilda's Club New Members, *Amy Mlodzianski, MS*
- P9** "Do you have an Online Profile?" Working with Transference in a Time-Limited Spousal Bereavement Group, *Kimarie Boerger, LMSW; Marina Lenderman, LMSW*
- P10** The International Expansion of Hospice: A Historical Perspective and the Impact on Oncology Social Work Practice, *Lorie L. Cabitac, LMSW; Teresa A. Flores, LMSW*
- P11** Exploring Financial Quality of Life in Three Under-served Populations Coping with Cancer, *Christine C. Callahan, MSW, LCSW-C*
- P12** The Complexity of Hope for Bone Marrow Transplant Patients, *Meredith A. Cammarata, LMSW*
- P13** Continuing Education among Cancer Center Healthcare Professionals: Oncology Social Workers Taking a Leadership Role, *Elisabeth T. Carrino, MSW, LGSW; Nancy Robinson, MSW, LCSW-C*
- P14** Proton Therapy and the 'Seemingly Well' Cancer Patient: Expanding Horizons in Social Work Practice, *Sloane R. Caskey, MSW, LCSW; Wendy J. Evans, MSW, MBA, LCSW*
- P15** CBT for IBC: The Challenges of Using a Familiar Treatment Modality with a Rare Patient Population, *Lisa A. Castro, MSW, LMSW; Rose Y. Lefebvre, MSW, LMSW*
- P16** Changes in Psychological Distress in the Inpatient Oncology Treatment Setting using FLEX Care™: An Intervention Study, *Paul G. Clark, PhD, LCSW*
- P17** "Back to the Future": the Psychosocial Aspects of Oncology Social Work, *Teresa T. Crone, MSW, LISW*
- P18** The Financial Impact of Breast Cancer for African American Medically Underserved Women, *Kathleen H. Darby, PhD; Cindy Davis, PhD; Connie F. Rust, MSSW*
- P19** END OF LIFE CARE DISCUSSION: Overcoming the Barriers and our Inadequacies and Discomforts, *Rosemary A. DeMarco, MSW*
- P20** The Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance: Innovative Approaches to the Education and Support of the Newly-Diagnosed Ovarian Cancer Patient, *Katherine Easton, LCSW, OSW-C, Nancy Noto, MBA*
- P21** Building a Psychosocial Support Program for Head & Neck Cancer Patients at Mount Sinai Medical Center, *Stephanie G. Eisenman, LMSW; Alison Snow, LCSW*
- P22** A Survey of Oncology Social Workers' Experiences Supporting Patients with Cancer of Unknown Primary Origin (CUP), *Mark G. Erlander, PhD*
- P23** Reframing Rehabilitation in Advanced Cancer: Oncology Social Worker's Role in Managing Expectations for Patients, Families, and Treatment Teams, *Mary Lacy Fetting, LCSW-C*
- P24** Problems and Solutions for Sexual Life after Breast Cancer, *Patricia Ann Fobair, MSW, MPH*
- P25** How you can become a Fulbright Senior Specialist, *Patricia Ann Fobair, MSW, MPH*
- P26** Moving Towards a Wider View: Using the Mutual Aid Approach to Group Work for Caregivers of Cancer Patients, *Djuana D. Fomby, LCSW; Miriam L. Osadchey, LMSW*
- P27** Utility of the Psychosocial Assessment of Candidates for Transplantation (PACT) Scale in Allogeneic BMT, *Larry W. Foster, PhD, MSW; Linda J. McLellan, MSW*
- P28** Prostate Cancer: It's a Family Affair, *Tena Gardiner, MSW, LCSW; Tamara Elzy, MSW, LMSW; Laura Walther-Broussard, MSW, LCSW*
- P29** A Group for Patients with Advanced Disease: Rewards and Perils, *Richard Glassman, MSW*
- P30** Beyond Face Value: Ethical Considerations in Head and Neck Cancer Treatment, *April Greene, MSSW, LMSW; Kimberly Unger, MSW, LMSW*

**P31** “Just this Moment” A Qualitative Study of a Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Course for Cancer Survivors, *Amy Grose, LICSW; Stephanie Meyers, MS, RD, LDN; Mary Jane Ott, MN, MA, APRN, BC*

**P32** A Model for Providing Psychosocial Support to People with Cancer and Their Families, *Gail A. Hamm, MSW, ACSW, LCSW*

**P33** Board of Oncology Social Work Certification

## Poster Session B Thursday, May 7, 2009

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**P34** Promoting Best Practices in Cancer Care through Regional Collaboration, *Rita Abdallah, MSW, LISW, ACSW, OSW-C; Kim Day, MSSA, LISW, OSW-C; Jaime Hein, MSSA, LSW*

**P35** Innovative Collaborations and Partnerships: Re-envisioning Supportive Cancer Care, *Joyce Hendershott, MSW, LISW*

**P36** How Far Can a Social Worker Stretch: From Florida to Alaska, The Building of a Cancer Center in the Last Frontier, *Sandra J. Kerns, MEd., MSW, LCSW*

**P37** End of Life Care and Pain Management of Cancer Patients, *Elizabeth G. Kitlas, LMSW*

**P38** “Don’t Stress: Creating Solutions for Reducing Job Stress and Compassion Fatigue” *Irene R. Korcz, BA, MSW, PhD*

**P39** When a Parent Has Cancer: Strengthening the Oncology Social Worker’s Response, *Ellen Levine, MSW, LCSW, OSWC*

**P40** Parenting through Cancer: A Family Systems and Strengths-based Perspective, *Melissa Lundquist, MSW; Janice Haines, BA*

**P41** Head and Neck Cancer: the Unique Challenges to Social Work Practice, *Mary Anne Macaulay, MA, LICSW*

**P42** Building Bridges...From Cancer Patient to Cancer Survivor, *Arlene A. Mathew, LMSW*

**P43** We’re All in This Together: A Model Of A Parents/Children Support Group, *Linda S. Mathew, MSW, LSW, OSW-C; Deborah Leif, MSW, LCSW*

**P44** Invisible People in the Workplace: The Biopsychosocial Challenges Posed by Night Shift Work, *Carolyn Messner, DSW, MSW, LCSW-R, ACSW, BCD*

**P45** ENACCTing Wellness: Use of One-on-One Counseling to Address Treatment Decision Making Support in Newly Diagnosed/Recurred Patients with Blood Cancer, *Melissa Miller, PhD; Jeff Belkora, PhD; Natasha Blakeney, MPH; Kathleen Coyne, MSS, LCSW; Bonnie Crawford, MSW; Mitch Golant, PhD; Margo Michaels, MPH; Margaret Stauffer, MFT*

**P46** Woman to Woman: Development of a Hospital Based Multi Modality Support Program for Women with Gynecologic Cancer, *Arden Moulton, LMSW*

**P47** Social Work Role in the Integration of Palliative Care during the Administration of Intra-Peritoneal Chemotherapy for Ovarian Cancer, *Shirley Otis-Green, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, OSW-C*

**P48** Oncology Social Workers, Death Anxiety, and Advance Directives, *Marlys R. Peck, PhD*

**P49** A Community Toolkit: Sharing Best Practices and Continuous Improvement Strategies, *Suzanne L. Potts, MSW, MPH; Devon McGoldrick, MPH; Melissa Sileo, MSW, LCSW*

**P50** If You Plan It, Will They Come? Developing a Caregiver Education Program for Men Caring for Women with Cancer, *Anne M. Rihaneck, MSW, LCSW; Martha H. Ballentine, MSW, LCSW; Gerarda (Geri ) Weis, RN, MSW, LCSW*

**P51** Womenstories, an Organization Which Created an Original DVD Series for Breast Cancer Patients, Designed to Provide Psychosocial Support, *Roslyn R. Romanowski, MD*

**P52** Challenges in Delivering Psychosocial Health Services to Cancer Patients in Outlying Clinics, *Alicia Rubel, BA, MSW*

**P53** Completing the Circle – A Celebration of Life, *Diana Lynn Ruffin, LCSW*

**P54** Are Face-to-Face Oncology Support Groups Viable in Today’s Challenging Climate? *Susan A. Scarvalone, MSW, LCSW-C; Toni L. Cabat, DSW, MSW, LCSW, Judith A. Solomon, MSW, LCSW, MPH*

**P55** Providing Psychosocial Support to Cancer Survivors through a Multi-Faceted Collaborative Approach, *Melissa Sileo, MSW, LCSW*

**P56** Utilizing Hypnosis in the Hospital Setting and Implications for Social Work Practice, *Alison Snow, LCSW; Rachel Snow, LMSW*

**P57** Healing Through Journaling, *Kathy Thomas Welch, LMSW, OSW-C*

**P58** Using Collaboration to Meet the PsychoSocial Health Care Needs of the Person with Cancer, *Sandra K. Tripodi, MSW, LCSW, ACSW*

**P59** Collaboration and Connection: Addressing Loss in Support Groups in Veterinary and Human Oncology, *Stefanie L. Washburn, MSW, LSW; Christina E. Bach, MSW, LSW*

**P60** The Needs of the Family Caregiver of Brain Tumor Patients in South Africa, *Izabella Margareth White*

**P61** Cancer Center Patients’ Services Satisfaction is Enhanced by Use of Supportive Care Services, *R. Irene Sullivan, LCSW, OSW-C; Deane L. Wolcott, MD; Robert J. Wolosin, PhD; John S. Macdonald, MD*

**P62** The Cancer Center the Community Built, *Kathleen Crowley, LCSW; Diane Haley, LCSW*

**P63** Board of Oncology Social Work Certification

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