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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patti Adams, RN, MSN, AOCNS

In the recent ONS Leadership Update newsletter, an article was written about opportunities that exist for ONS chapters to partner with other nurses around the world. Kate Shaughnessey Hankle, ONS Manager of International and Leadership Development, introduced this opportunity. She wrote "Is your chapter looking for a capacity-building partnership, an exciting bilateral learning experience, or an innovative way to align chapter goals with ONS's strategic plan? If you are looking for a meaning way to make an impact on oncology nursing, why not consider the influence you can have outside the United States? A tremendous need exists throughout the world for oncology education, and more and more ONS members are seeking ways to become involved with new projects and initiatives, expand their comfort zones, and play a proactive role in the transformation of cancer care on a global level."

Kate reported that many ONS chapters have already connected with nurses in low-resource countries to sponsor memberships, web course participation, books, and even conference registrations so these nurses can obtain the training, education, and networking opportunities that ONS can provide. Currently, one of the new collaborations that ONS is working on is with the Ocean Road Medical Center in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Ocean Road Medical Center is the only cancer center in Tanzania. Also, many oncology patients come to this center from surrounding countries. The nurses who take care of these oncology patients have diplomas, but no oncology specialization or financial resources to train their nurses. They have recently requested assistance from ONS on ways to increase their nurses' oncology education. ONS leadership has given the following ideas that ONS chapters may like to consider in order to connect with these nurses from Ocean Road Medical Center. "E-mail partnerships are an easy way to discuss best practices, cultural barriers, and key aspects of cancer care." ONS has also suggested that chapters could sponsor "Cancer Basics" web course registrations for these nurses.

I think that this opportunity could be a very exciting one for our chapter with many possibilities in participation. We could financially assist with these nurses' education or "talk" with these nurses on a one-to-one basis. Exchanging ideas and practices could be beneficial to all involved. Please let me know your thoughts and if you would like to be involved in this exciting new adventure. Please e-mail me at [pladams213@gmail.com](mailto:pladams213@gmail.com).



# COMMUNITY CORNER



**Next meeting:** October 13, 2012

WCO-ONS members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Contact Mary Murphy @ 937-256-4490 x4417 Go green as efforts are made to carpool to the event with other members**



## NATIONAL/LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### OHIO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Currently, the Ohio legislative calendar is occupied with passing a new budget and pursuing campaign issues for the fall elections. Two bills await hearings to be scheduled in their respective health subcommittees:

- ✚ **Senate Bill 194:** would require payment parity for oral chemotherapy with IV chemotherapy. It will also outlaw 'brown bagging', the practice of having a patient obtain his drugs from a designated specialty pharmacy and bring them to the infusion center for administration.
- ✚ **House Bill 119:** restricts the use of tanning beds to those under 18 years of age without a physician's prescription.
- ✚ **Senate Bill 83:** which authorizes most advanced practice nurses to prescribe schedule II controlled substances has been signed into law and will become effective June 8, 2012. The bill prohibits APNs working in retail 'mini-clinics' from this prescriptive authority. The Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) Committee on Prescriptive Governance has updated the formulary which will be posted on its web site on June 8, 2012. OBN is also in the process of writing rules to cover the bill's continuing education requirements for those with a Certificate to Prescribe. The rules are projected to be effective October 31, 2012, so that the requirement can be met by that date in 2013 to coincide with the renewal cycle. APNs may commence prescribing schedule II drugs on June 8, 2012, as permitted in the bill and the new formulary. Additional information and frequently asked questions are available at: [http:// www.nursing.ohio.gov/Practice.htm#AdvancedPractice](http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/Practice.htm#AdvancedPractice)

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# EDUCATION & SUPPORT



## SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a number of award application due dates coming up. Now is the time to consider yourself or one of your peers for an ONS award. October 31st is the deadline for the ONS Excellence awards. These include, excellence in private practice oncology, radiation therapy, bone marrow transplant, management, and palliative care, just to name a few. See the complete list at [www.ons.org/awards](http://www.ons.org/awards).

Want to attend the new fall ONS conference: "Connections: Advancing Care Through Science" but don't have the funds? There are scholarships available to attend. The deadline for applications is 9/1/12.

Do you know an outstanding OCN, AOCN, or other Oncology Certified Nurse? The deadline for these awards is 12/1/12.

Submitted by: Susie Newton RN, MS, AOCN, AOCNS

## NEW ONCC RENEWAL METHOD

ILNA...is the individual Learning Needs Assessment for renewal of OCN®, AOCNP®, AOCNS®, CBCN® or CPHON®. This affects candidates who are renewing beginning in 2012.

Renewing your credentials will be made more meaningful with ILNA...you will be taking the assessment, and based on the results, the candidate will only need to attain ONCRO points in content you are weak in. You will not need to spend extra hours getting ce or other professional development that isn't needed. For those certifying for the first time, their point requirements will be based on their exam score report. Most candidates would require less than 40 points compared to the 100 points required at this time. The least number of points required will be 25, and the most 100.

ONCC will notify you when you are eligible to take the assessment, you will take his assessment on your own computer. The first access to the assessment will be in February of 2013. Once you log in to the assessment, you will need to complete it in one sitting. This is not a test. If you don't complete the assessment, you can still renew the usual way by getting 100 ILNA points or by retaking the appropriate exam. There is no score on the ILNA, just a diagnosis of learning needs. You can't pass or fail the assessment. There is no fee to take the assessment. You can begin using the ILNA the first re-newal after passing a test.

To determine if your topics match your points, you will need to match the topic or subject with the test blueprint, which is found on [www.oncc.org](http://www.oncc.org). You should keep program descriptions/outlines of any programs you complete for ILNA points should ONCC have any questions. All your ILNA points can be earned through continuing education. Your ILNA points will be submitted via online logs through the ONCC website. Complete the ILNA logs when you add points, but only submit when ready to renew. ILNA points are the same as ONCPRO points in value. One academic credit will equal 15 ILNA points. There is a chance that some ILNA points may not be accepted, therefore, it is a good idea to submit early so you can have addition time to earn points, or get a few extra points just in case. Any questions, check with ONCC or any advocate such as myself.

Submitted by: Bertie Ford, RN, MS, AOCN

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# NEW TREATMENT FOR METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

PERJETA™ is now approved for the first-line treatment of HER2+ metastatic breast cancer in combination with trastuzumab and docetaxel. The effectiveness of PERJETA is based on significant improvement in independent-review facility (IRF)-assessed progression-free survival (PFS) in the phase III trial CLEOPATRA.

## Indication

PERJETA™ (pertuzumab) is a HER2/neu receptor antagonist indicated in combination with trastuzumab and docetaxel for the treatment of patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer who have not received prior anti-HER2 therapy or chemotherapy for metastatic disease.

## CLEOPATRA [Study Overview](#)<sup>1,2</sup>

### Study Design

- Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase III trial of 808 patients with HER2+ metastatic or locally recurrent, unresectable breast cancer<sup>†</sup>
- Patients were randomized in a 1:1 ratio to one of two treatment arms (A or B):

#### Arm A

- Placebo: intravenous (IV) infusion every 3 weeks (q3w)
- Trastuzumab: loading dose of 8 mg/kg IV, followed by 6 mg/kg IV q3w
- Docetaxel: 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV q3w for ≥6 cycles

#### Arm B

- PERJETA: loading dose of 840 mg IV, followed by 420 mg IV q3w
- Trastuzumab: loading dose of 8 mg/kg IV, followed by 6 mg/kg IV q3w
- Docetaxel: 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV q3w for ≥6 cycles

## CLEOPATRA Efficacy Summary<sup>1</sup>

- PERJETA extended median IRF-assessed PFS by 6.1 months (from 12.4 months to 18.5 months)<sup>1</sup>
  - HR for progression or death, 0.62; 95% CI=0.51-0.75; *P*<0.0001

### Most Common Adverse Reactions (ARs)<sup>1</sup>

	Placebo + trastuzumab + docetaxel  n=397	PERJETA + trastuzumab + docetaxel  n=407
<b>Most common ARs (&gt;30%)</b>		
Diarrhea	46.3%	66.8%
Alopecia	60.5%	60.9%
Neutropenia	49.6%	52.8%
Nausea	41.6%	42.3%
Fatigue	36.8%	37.6%
Rash	24.2%	33.7%
Peripheral neuropathy	33.8%	32.4%



# ONS CHEMOTHERAPY & BIOTHERAPY COURSE HOSTED BY KETTERING HEALTH NETWORK

November 5 & 12, 2012, deadline is Oct 19

Contact Rae Norrod at [Rae.Norrod@khnetwork.org](mailto:Rae.Norrod@khnetwork.org) or 937-298-3399 x 57318

## WCO-ONS 2011 BOARD MEETING DATES:

Members are invited, welcome and encouraged to attend!

**WHEN:** TBA. Meetings are on Tuesday evenings unless otherwise specified. Complementary dinner is served at 5:30 pm, meeting immediately following at 6:00 pm. Please contact Mary Murphy @ 937-256-9507, #4417 to make reservations for the meal.

**WHERE:** Location is the Dayton Hospice, South Board Room. Enter the Shaw building.



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