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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Hello Chapter and Happy Fall!

I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some of the events and accomplishments our chapter has had over the summer!

This year the University of Kansas Cancer Center held their first annual ONS National Congress Review! The event was well attended and is hopefully the beginning of an annual tradition.

In July, four board members attended ONS National's Annual Leadership Weekend. This is held every July in Pittsburg PA, where ONS is headquartered. Our chapter must send at least 1 attendee to maintain our charter. It is also an amazing opportunity for chapter leadership to learn from and connect with other chapters from around the country. This year Joann Adams (Nominating chair elect), Dawn Deacon (Treasurer), Beth Harvey (President elect), and Jennifer Roggy (Director at Large) represented our chapter. These ladies brought back some fresh ideas that the board plans to implement, including: targeting new members including students and young professionals and ways for our chapter to be more involved in the community.

The board also utilizes feedback from our annual chapter member survey. This will be out before the end of October. Please complete it and make your voice heard!

Alec Stone, ONS's Public Affairs Director, has taken note of our chapter's involvement and passion for grassroots health care advocacy. He was very inspired by our chapter when he spoke at our meeting this January and grateful for the volunteers who spoke with local representatives earlier this summer. To reward our chapter, he allowed our chapter to send additional representative to with year's Annual ONS Capitol Hill Days. Lori Ranallo, Yvonne Ward, and Cathy Glennon attended for our chapter, representing both Kansas and Missouri. These nurses took the opportunity to advocate for patients and oncology nurses alike. THANK YOU, Lori, Yvonne, and Cathy, for representing us! Please read Yvonne's story about her experience!

Consider following Alec Stone on Social Media!

Check out these ONS "position papers" on current health care legislation issues:

<https://www.ons.org/advocacy-policy>

Don't forget about our annual Fall Education Fair! We hope to see you then!

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant local chapter!

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2018 ONS Leadership Weekend

Attended by

Beth Harvey, Dawn Deacon, Jennifer Roggy and Joann Adams

- **A huge Thank You to the GKCCONS board for financially supporting our travel and attendance to the Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.**
- **The 4 of us were proud to present the chapter's \$2,000.00 donation to the ONS foundation.** Parade of chapters was fun to watch! Folks were wearing lobster (or some type of crustacean) hats; beads; sports shirts; etc.
- **Keynote speaker, Mark Levin**, was very engaging! Good specific topics, just enough audience participation. Take-away for engaging members to become part of the board, "Ask the right people with the right characteristics"
- **Chapter Financial Awareness, Jeff DeWalt**, chief financial officer (CFO) of ONS – excellent question and answer after his presentation. Takeaways - Establish an annual budget. Chapter should have current year + one add'l year funds.
- **Breakout sessions**
 - Engaging Student Nurses and Schools of Nursing
 - Leadership 101: Avoiding Burn-out; Conflict resolution
 - Chapter Social Media Strategies

House and the Senate. With the heat index at 104 F, we had to take a taxi at times or we would miss our next meeting.

Support was requested for the following bills:

HR 1409 Cancer Drug Parity Act

HR 930/S. 497 Lymphedema Treatment Act

HR 1676/S. 693 Palliative Care & Hospice Education & Training Act (PCHETA)

HR 5160 Cancer Care Planning and Communications Act of 2018

Senator Pat Robert’s office gave us a Senate Gallery Pass. This allowed us to get into the gallery of the Senate floor. That was a whole experience in itself!

When all meetings were complete, we returned to our hotel and wrote a brief statement about each meeting for ONS to follow-up on. We then grabbed our bags and left for the airport.

I have a completely new perspective of how bills become law and what it takes to get a bill to pass. The legislative assistants in each office were so kind and helped us relax. We received a pleasant surprise when Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins popped into the room just to meet us.

This experience was both educational and fun and would love to repeat next year if possible! Thanks to the GKCONS Chapter for all the support and encouragement.



Member’s Corner

Cath Glennon has recently had research published!!

Method for Introducing a New Competency: Genomics (MINC) study- Cath Glennon and Marta Lawson served as KU study coordinators. Study included 25 Magnet sites varying in organizational size across U.S. Focus was to build awareness in the nursing workforce on integration of genomics and genetics in nursing practice. After yearlong implementation, C Glennon asked to be on 7-member NIH Advisory Board to develop toolkit. The MINC website provides resources for nurses and nurse leaders at all levels of genomics competency, ranging from basic knowledge about genomics to

its practical impact on healthcare systems and policies. The online Tool Kit, released in September, 2017, for all to use with more than 100 resources was part of a new website launched by the National Human Genome Research Institute and is the compilation of the study participants' work; divided into "educator" and "administrator" sections: <http://ahdev.dvinci.com/nhgri/minc/index.html>

If questions or assistance needed, contact Cath Glennon.

And:

Glennon C, McElroy SF, Connelly L, Mische Lawson L, Bretches AM, Gard AR, Newcomer LR. (2018). Use of Virtual Reality to Distract from Pain and Anxiety. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 45(4):545-552. doi: 10.1188/18.ONF.545-552.

**Its an honor to such an accomplished member of our chapter!!
Congratulations Cath!!**

Pharmacy Corner



• Lynparza (olaparib)

- Ovarian cancer FDA approval on Dec. 19, 2014
- Breast cancer FDA approval on Jan. 12, 2018
- **Dosing** (please note: **50 mg capsules are no longer available**, comes in 100mg and 150 mg tablets)
- Breast cancer, metastatic, HER-2 neg (BRCA mutated): **300 mg BID**
- Ovarian cancer, advanced (BRCA mutated): **300 mg BID**
- Ovarian Cancer, recurrent (maintenance): **300 mg BID**
- Renally dose for CrCl 31 to 50 mL/Min at **200 mg BID**.
- **≤30 mL/min has not been studied.**
- **MOA** – Olaparib is a poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) enzyme inhibitor.
- Olaparib is commonly referred to as a PARP inhibitor and was the first to be approved in this class of targeted therapies. The most common side effects are bone marrow suppression, N/V (usually mild to moderate), fatigue, weakness, diarrhea, respiratory symptoms, and increases in serum creatinine. Secondary malignancies have been reported (MDS/AML). The tablets can be taken with or without food avoiding grapefruit and Seville oranges, and should be stored at room temp.
- BRCA plays an important role in maintaining the genetic stability of cells. When BRCA is mutated, cells may become unstable which makes them more likely to become cancerous. PARP inhibitors target cells which are deficient in normal BRCA and are potentially cancerous. By inhibiting PARP enzymes, breaks in the DNA strand are formed and cannot be repaired resulting in cell death.

We'd love to have more Pharmacy Corner submissions, please consider sending us one!

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Calling All Oncology Nurses!!!!

Please consider nominating someone for a National Award! Each year, ONS grants prestigious recognition to oncology nurses, researchers, and employers who are changing lives and bettering their profession. The 2019 Awards nomination cycle is now open through 5:00 PM EST on September 30th. Nominating a colleague or employee gives special notice to their work—and most award winners are granted travel reimbursement to attend the ONS Annual Congress. Go to the link below to explore awards offered by ONS and nominate a deserving individual!

www.ons.org/member-center/awards



Save the Date

KC ONS Chapter Education and Vendor Fair 2018

October 20, 2018

Kansas City Marriott

Please Join Us!!!

Watch your email for registration information!

Help Wanted!!

Here is the list of open GKCCONS board positions for 2019/2020:

President-elect	for 2019 – then President in 2020
Treasurer	this is a one person, 2-year position
*Dir-at-Large - chair-elect	for 2019, then director-at-large chair in 2020
Membership chair	for 2019
Membership chair-elect	for 2019, then chair in 2020
*Programs chair-elect	for 2019, then chair in 2020
Nominating chair-elect	for 2019, then chair in 2020
Archives co-chair	for 2019/2020
*Newsletter chair-elect	for 2019, then chair in 2020
Social Media	for 2019/2020
Legislative Liaison-Missouri	for 2019/2020
Legislative Liaison-Kansas	for 2019/2020

*could be a one or two-person team for these positions

If interested, please contact Joann Adams, nominating chair-elect, at jadams@kumc.edu.



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