

## PEOPLE & EVENTS

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### Masny Tapped for National Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson recently selected Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Agnes Masny, RN, MPH, MSN, CRNP, to join the

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society.

Masny, of Roslyn, PA, a research assistant and nurse practitioner at Fox Chase Cancer Center and an adjunct assistant professor of nursing at Temple University, joins 12 physicians, scientists, and other experts on the newly appointed committee. At the department's request, the committee may consider the broad range of human health and societal issues involving the development, use, and potential misuse of genetic technologies and make recommendations as appropriate. The committee's charge includes considering the clinical, ethical, legal, and societal implications of genetic testing and other technologies, and its members include experts in each of those areas as well as consumer representatives.

### Brown Receives Distinguished Nurse Researcher Award



ONS member Jean K. Brown, PhD, RN, FAAN, was awarded the Distinguished Nurse Researcher Award at the 2002 convention of the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA). Sponsored by the

Foundation of NYSNA, this award recognizes continued excellence in nursing research.

Widely recognized as an expert in oncology research, Brown has published extensively in a variety of publications, including scholarly papers in *Clinical Nursing Research*, *Oncology Nursing Forum*, *Nursing Outlook*, *Research in Nursing and Health*, *Nursing Re-*

*search*, and *Cancer*. Her program of research focuses on cancer-related symptom management. She also is a collaborator on multisite studies of lung cancer symptom management.

Brown is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and an active member of ONS, where she has served in various leadership positions, including director-at-large, chair of the Education Committee, and, most recently, as a member of the Scientific Advisory Panel. She also has served as a peer reviewer for grants, awards, journals, and oncology-related conferences and has initiated programs to disseminate research to clinicians.

Brown currently holds a joint appointment at the State University of New York at Buffalo as an associate professor in the School of Nursing and adjunct associate professor of nutrition. In 2002, she was named the associate dean for academic affairs in the School of Nursing and received the Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award.

### ONS Members Receive Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania

ONS members Melanie Hurst, RN, OCN®, BSN, and Diane McElwain, RN, OCN®, MEd, are recipients of the 2002 Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania, which recognize the top nurses in six categories throughout the state.



Hurst, the oncology clinical research coordinator for Jennersville Regional Cancer Program in West Grove, PA, received the Clinical Practice RN Award. She is a BSN graduate of the University of Dela-

ware and began her involvement with patients with cancer as a research assistant. Hurst is president of ONS's Delaware Diamond Chapter, was instrumental in establishing a Web-based cancer information network for nursing colleagues through her chapter, and has given several poster presentations, the most recent at the 2002 ONS Congress. In her role as research coordinator, Hurst has implemented an oncology ambulatory care unit, a smoking cessation program, a pain resource program, and a protocol management office. She also is an event coordinator for Relay for Life.



McElwain, the outpatient oncology coordinator at the York Cancer Center of WellSpan Health in York, PA, was recognized in the Advanced Practice RN category. She is a diploma graduate

of Lankenau Hospital School of Nursing and a BSN graduate of York College, and she received her master's in health education from Pennsylvania State University. Her involvement with patients with cancer began when she was part of the hospice team for the Visiting Nurses Association in the 1980s. McElwain develops and coordinates outpatient services and support mechanisms for patients with cancer and is the liaison with the inpatient nursing staff to facilitate coordination of care for patients after discharge. Both in her professional role and as a volunteer, McElwain develops, organizes, and presents numerous educational programs for professional caregivers, patients, and the community. She is active in ONS and is a former president of its Pennsylvania Capital Region Chapter.

### Oncology Leaders to Serve National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

Several oncology leaders have been appointed to serve the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS). Ada K. Jacox, RN, PhD, a professor of nursing at the University of Virginia and chair of the American Pain Society's Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee, was appointed as a member of the board of directors. A former psychiatric nurse for emotionally disturbed children, Jacox has taught in many of the nation's most respected nursing schools. She is a well-known expert in patient outcomes, pain, health policy, and urban health. Jacox has served on the boards of the American Nurses Association, American Pain Society, and American Health Quality Association and served as an advisor to the U.S. Pharmacopoeia Convention. Her extensive list of publications includes her book, *Pain: A Sourcebook for Nurses and Other Health Professionals*. She also has served on

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