

Writing for Publication

By the time you receive this issue of the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON)*, it will be winter in many areas of the country. Maybe you like freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and slogging through more snow, but I hate it. What a perfect time to stay inside, make some hot chocolate, cozy up to your computer, and write something for publication! Of course, my preference is that you write for this fine journal. Let me tell you about some of the new changes in *CJON*, and you may find yourself inspired to write.

The *CJON* Editorial Board consists of eight wonderful associate editors (AEs) who help me to keep this journal relevant to current practice. We go through a proactive process at every board meeting, where we examine content, columns, and practice trends to ensure that we are addressing oncology nurses' knowledge needs. At our most recent board meeting, we made the following changes.

New Columns

- **Safety:** New AE Lisa Hartkopf Smith, RN, MS, AOCN®, will cover a broad range of clinical problems and professional trends in safety issues, such as drug safety, immunizations, practices to reduce errors, safe-handling issues, and emergency preparedness.
- **Oncology Myths and Legends:** New AE Patricia A. Weiss, RN, BSN, OCN®, will address clinical questions expressed by patients or nurses, focusing on areas where little evidence is available. Examples include the appropriate use of tumor markers in healthy people, use of serum carcinoembry-

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onic antigen in early breast cancer, use of mastectomy precautions for patients who receive sentinel lymph node biopsy, and integrative care issues.

- **CJON Scholar:** AE Melanie N. Hurst, APRN, BC, FNP, will focus on education matters, both for patients and nurses. The column will incorporate the use of technology in education, such as using PDAs at the bedside and will address how to write test questions and evaluate educational programs.
- **Professional Issues:** New AE Marianne J. Davies, RN, MSN, APRN, ANCP, will cover this column, which replaces “*CJON* Reporter” and “Prevention and Wellness.” The column will address professional development issues, socialization, workplace aggression, conflict management, having a non-nurse as a supervisor, and authorship skills.

Continuing Columns

- **Case Analysis:** AE Joyce A. Marrs, MS, APRN-BC, AOCNP, focuses on the management of primary care disorders seen in patients with cancer.

- **Diagnostic Reasoning:** AE Catherine C. Burke, MS, APRN, BC, ANP, AOCN®, discusses diagnostic workups of oncologics conditions.
- **Evidence-Based Practice:** AE Monica R. McLemore, MPH, RN, examines the evidence behind nursing practice.
- **Oncology 101:** Marrs highlights basic oncology content.
- **Picture This:** Hurst describes unusual case presentations.
- **Supportive Care:** AE Deborah Davison, MSN, NP-C, CRNP, focuses on symptom management.

Additionally, columns are now eligible for the New Writer Award, which the Oncology Nursing Society presents each year at its annual Congress. And while you are still cozy by the fire, why not become a *CJON* reviewer? I am always in need of manuscript reviewers because they play such an important role in ensuring that articles are accurate and current.

So stay out of the cold, and do some writing. Seeing your name in print will warm your spirit for some time to come!

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