Oncology nurses play an important role in the provision of survivorship care. Using report recommendations from the Institute of Medicine, nurses provide quality cancer care based on the specific characteristics of individual healthcare settings and the populations they serve. As part of the planning process, the evaluation of a setting’s resources and goals for desired survivorship activities can make the difference between success and failure. Collaborating with local and national resources for cancer survivors can help expand a setting’s services in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Models of care vary, and resources and communication differ among settings; as a result, survivorship care changes across models. Nurses are critical to implementing survivorship activities and facilitating communication among healthcare providers, patients, and caregivers. In addition, nurses significantly contribute to the dissemination and coordination of information between patients and healthcare providers.

At a Glance

- The concept of cancer survivorship is multifaceted and interdisciplinary.
- Oncology nurses will continue to educate and coordinate multidisciplinary teams on cancer survivorship care.
- Activities for meeting the needs of cancer survivors vary depending on the institution and available resources.

conclude with recommendations for survivorship care activities for all oncology nurses. The goal of this content is to inspire oncology nurses to join in providing quality survivorship care for all patients with cancer.

Background

The cancer survivorship movement began with the establishment of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) in 1986 and the recognition of cancer survivors as a unique...