

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ROBIN EASLEY, RN, MSN, OCN



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ONS President**

Aloha to all the ONS members. As the incoming President for our chapter, I would like to give you a little background of my Oncology nursing experience. I currently work at Tripler Army Medical Center as a Nurse Practitioner in the Hematology / Oncology department. I have been a resident of Oahu for the past 3 years with plans to retire here.

I have been a nurse for 30 years, working in multiple areas of nursing, however, my area of expertise became Oncology. I feel, as I'm sure many of you do, this population of patients, family members, and care givers deserve strong, compassionate nurses to aid in their journey. I'm one of those nurses.

During my term as President-Elect, I noticed that this chapter can make a difference to many of our patients, as well as, members of our communities. For the next 2 years I will have the privilege of representing our Hawaii (Oahu) Chapter of ONS as your President. I am looking forward to

working with you on several projects throughout my tenure including past and future endeavors. As Oncology nurses, we support our patients and families in many ways, whether it's physically or emotionally. I would like to see our chapter participate in additional community service activities. If you would like to get involved on the planning of these activities, please contact me at

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From a business perspective, our chapter is now actively recruiting for the President-Elect position on the board for 2013-2015. This position does not require much of your time. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. We will have 4 board meetings per year to review and discuss chapter business. I will be reviewing our chapter's documents over the next couple of weeks and develop a working plan over the next calendar year. Thank you to all of the board members who will be continuing to support our chapter this year, as well as, our

previous board members for your service. Again, thank you for all your participation in our local chapter. Let's continue to recruit new members to keep our chapter strong.

ONCOLOGY ON CANVAS

Red, blue, pink and green, smiles and laughter are just some of the many colors and emotions that will be seen at the annual ONS Oncology on Canvas. Adults, children, loved ones, & staff will be expressing their feelings about the oncology journey through art. Each participant will write a short story about their artwork, as it will be later put on display. Art supplies, food, and drinks will be provided to all.

Oncology on Canvas is looking for ONS volunteers to help the days of the paintings (if you are not artistic, you could help with 'logistics') or to set up and take down the art show. If anyone is interested, please call the contact person at one of the four facilities hosting the event. We appreciate any help that can be given and look forward to seeing new and familiar faces. We encourage anyone to volunteer or join us as we continue to celebrate and honor those whose lives were touched by cancer.

Tripler Army Medical Center Oncology on Canvas

Friday, April 19, 2013 (3pm-8pm)

Saturday, April 20, 2013 (9am-3pm)

10th floor of Tripler Army Medical Center

Pat Nishimoto: pat.nishimoto@us.army.mil 433-4087

Queens Medical Center

Saturday, April 27, 2013 (9am-3pm)

Queens Medical Center, Queen Emma Tower 7

Darleen Sardinha: dsardinha@queens.org 691-8184

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center

Saturday, July 27, 2013 (10am-2pm)

Kaiser Mapunapuna Clinic, 2nd Floor, Maile Conference Room

Nalani.n.china@kp.org

Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children

Joyce Wong: joycwong@aol.com



Painting of a "leukemia cell" where the family is 'pulling up' the father from a possible death



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RN, Advanced Oncology / Clinical Trials

Various positions and shifts available. QET 7DH is opening a 6 bed Advanced Oncology / inpatient Translational Research Unit for phase 1 and 2 Clinical Trials. This is not a full ICU, but will manage oncology patients that are more acute than the typical QET 7DH patient. We continue to train our internal staff and want to offer exceptional external candidates an opportunity to work on this very special unit.

Additional Requirements Include:

- 2 years of RN experience in oncology, chemotherapy administration and ICU required
- Current ACLS required
- Experience in Oncology Clinical Trials preferred
- CCRN and OCN preferred

RN, Neurology Inpatient Unit

Various positions and shifts available. Tower 5 is a 40 bed (including telemetry and epilepsy) private room unit which operates on a 24 hour basis. Neuro, medical/surgical patients are admitted based on the specialties of this unit as well as by bed availability.

Tower 5 works closely with the Neuroscience Institute. The Neuroscience Institute consists of several interrelated programs with an overall objective to provide state-of-the-art medical care to patients with neurological diseases in the community of Hawaii and the greater Pacific Region through the integration of clinical excellence, education and research. The QMC Neuroscience Institute Comprehensive Stroke Center is the only facility in the State of Hawaii certified by The Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center.

The most frequent diagnoses include: spinal cord injuries, ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes, deep venous thrombosis (DVT), cervical fusion, posterior lumbar interbody fusion (PLIF), craniotomy for hemorrhage, tumor, or an aneurysm, seizures, and multiple system trauma resulting in traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Additional Neuro/Telemetry RN requirements include:

- ACLS certification, if Telemetry trained/experienced.
- Telemetry training preferred.
- At least 1 year M/S RN experience required.
- Neuro experience preferred.
- If telemetry trained/experienced, must pass QMC administered EKG competency exam (passing score 80% or better).



Qualified applicants are invited to apply online at:

www.queens.org

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UPCOMING ONS DINNER LECTURES

March 21st
April 4th
April 11th
May 9th

Topics and Locations TBA.



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Aloha, looking for courageous oncology nurses that want to share stories, experiences, and laughter with their fellow oncology nurses. Please feel free to submit articles, information to pass on, and suggestions for future newsletters. Submit to adzimmerman@hawaii.rr.com. Mahalo