

## **ELNEC-Oncology Award Winners**

### **February 2004 Course**

These oncology nurses were given the ELNEC-Oncology Awards for the outstanding work they did and continue to do in disseminating and implementing the ELNEC curriculum in their ONS chapter and/or workplace.

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### **Patricia Julian**

North Central West Virginia

#### ONS Chapter:

- Wrote an article about her ELNEC participation in the local chapter newsletter.
- Sent a summary of the module "Loss, Grief, and Bereavement" to chapter members.

#### Workplace:

- Instrumental in starting a Palliative Care Team on June 1, 2004.
- Presented a 2-hour pain/end of life course.
- Worked with pharmacist on two presentations: "General Principles of Pain Management in End of Life Care" and "The Magic of Methadone." Both CE's and CME's were offered with over 25 nurses/pharmacists and 4 physicians in attendance.
- Presented "Final Hours" with 20 people in attendance.

### **Carma Erickson-Hurt and Marlon Saria**

San Diego Chapter

#### ONS Chapter:

- Conducted a needs assessment survey to the chapter.
- To present ELNEC at chapter meeting in 2005.

#### Workplace/Carma:

- Has conducted two ELNEC courses.
- Collaborated in the opening of two "comfort care" suites that opened in August 2004.
- Worked on developing standard orders and pathways that have improved patient care and nurse advocacy for patients.
- As a Lt. Commander in the US Navy, Carma has spent the last few months on a hospital ship off the Northern coast of Sumatra, near Banda Aceh. While witnessing the devastation of the tsunami, she has seen the role for palliative care. They have provided free medical care to many post-tsunami survivors. In addition, she has seen many advanced cancers and has provided education for Indonesian nurses on pain control.

#### Workplace/Marlon:

- Worked with the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and San Diego Hospice in providing a class on ethics and end-of-life care.
- Presented both the ethics and culture module at the Balboa Naval Medical Center on two different occasions.
- Provides leadership in working with critical care nurses to develop and improve end-of-life care through the UCSD end-of-life care initiative.

## **Mary Pat Johnston and Lori Wendt**

Southeastern Wisconsin ONS Chapter

### ONS Chapter:

- Received a grant to do a pre and post course survey evaluating chapter member's knowledge on end-of-life issues.
- Organized 2-day ELNEC-Oncology course in November 2004 with 56 attendees.
- Applied for educational grants to fund the above-mentioned course. They raised approximately \$10,000 in grant funding through pharmaceutical companies, plus modest registration fee to cover program expenses.
- The ELNEC Oncology curriculum was an agenda item for all Board & Membership meetings for 18 months.
- Newsletter article for the membership was emailed.
- Collaborated with ONS chapter presidents in Wisconsin and Illinois and with the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Submitted poster abstract for Southeastern Wisconsin Nursing Research Conference on "Evaluating Impact of End of Life Education on Nurses Caring for People with Advanced Cancer."

## **Carol Curtiss and Helen James**

Western Massachusetts

### ONS Chapter:

- Though an ELNEC program was scheduled for October, the chapter has disbanded.

### Workplace/Carol:

- In April, held an ELNEC Train-the-Trainer program in collaboration with Hospice and Palliative Care Federation of Massachusetts. The program reached participants throughout the New England area.
- Collaborating with Central Massachusetts Consortium to Improve End of Life Care and Massachusetts Pain Initiative in integrating end of life content into long term care through 50 various educational programs.

### Workplace/Helen:

- Presented a class entitled, "Palliative Chemotherapy: How Does It Fit With Hospice?" to 30 hospice nurses at the Springfield, MA VNA/Hospice facility.
- Is working with an interdisciplinary group to begin a palliative/supportive care clinic proposal that started in March 2005. The initial target population will be patients who are receiving radiation and chemotherapy.