

**ELNEC-Oncology Award Winners
September, 2004 Course**

**Michelle Gabriel and Agnes Wong
San Francisco Bay Area ONS Chapter (SFBAONS)**

ONS Chapter:

- Established a new quarterly dinner series, sponsored by SFBAONS. They review various ELNEC modules and encourage discussions on the definition of palliative care, myths, and misconceptions. A packet is made available for each participant which includes copies of the presentation slides, pertinent tables, and comprehensive articles that may enhance the discussions.
- Write an article in subsequent SFBAONS chapter newsletters entitled “Palliative Care Corner.”

Workplace/Michelle:

- Provides in-services on death and dying and symptom management.

Workplace/Agnes:

- Works with patients and nurses regarding symptom management and quality of life issues

**Meldyne Hersman
Alaska Denali Oncology Nursing Society (ADONS)**

ONS Chapter:

- Developed needs assessment of ADONS chapter. From the assessment, four topics were identified and presented in a five-hour seminar format to the members of the ADONS chapter. Modules used: Symptom Management, Pain Management, Communication, and Loss, Grief and Bereavement.

Workplace:

- Presented 1-hour seminars, using the ELNEC curriculum
- Participated in a palliative care program planning work group for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. This group identified goals and objectives and a five-year plan for educating and training providers and eventually hospital staff in palliative and end-of-life care.
- Presented a one-hour session on the nursing role in end-of-life care to surgical nurses.
- Participating in the development of a model of palliative care that addresses the needs of Alaska’s unique situation. Healthcare outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Juneau is very remote and if there are facilities, they are small. Most native villages are without road access. The primary means of making a living is subsistence and the nearest health care providers are minimally-trained health aides. The obstacles encountered by patients and families seeking adequate end-of-life care close to home are difficult or non-existent. Mel is working with a pilot study that sends a nurse into a village clinic to train clinic personnel in

creating individualized palliative care plans for patients and family members facing end-of-life issues and care needs.

Joyce Marrs and Mary Murphy
West Central Ohio Oncology Nursing Society

ONS Chapter:

- Presented the ELNEC culture and communication modules for oncology nurses
- Have written articles for ONS newsletters on each ELNEC-Oncology module

Workplace/Joyce:

- Developed palliative care electives and has presented them to the Palliative Care Program Director
- Completed an educational CD-Rom presentation on symptom management topics such as nausea/vomiting, fatigue, depression, and lymphedema for Elsevier Publishing.

Workplace/Mary:

- Developed a symptom management book for Hospice of Dayton, using the ELNEC curriculum. This has been incorporated into lectures during 2005, with references to ELNEC.
- Completed an educational CD-Rom presentation on symptom management topics such as nausea/vomiting, fatigue, depression, and lymphedema for Elsevier Publishing.

Teresa Money-McLaughlin
Southwest Connecticut Chapter

ONS Chapter:

- Presented an overview of ELNEC to chapter members and board members.
- Presented an ELNEC-Oncology module to chapter during a dinner program. CE's were provided.

Workplace:

- Presented "Pain Management and Palliative Care" to over 100 nurses during Grand Rounds at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Lunch and CE's were provided.
- Presented "Loss, Grief, and Bereavement" to the oncology interdisciplinary team.
- Presented "Loss, Grief, and Bereavement" at the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society's First Connection Program.
- Partnered with the American Cancer Society at the Community Health Fair to provide education regarding palliative care awareness.
- Provided an educational program for parents of 3-4 year olds on "How to Talk About Death & Dying to Young Children."
- Implemented an Oncology Unit Primary Care Nursing Model and started a bereavement program on the unit. Implemented inclusion of palliative care in staff education requirement.
- Assisted in structuring a bereavement program as part of the oncology service. A memorial service was conducted in August 2005 with over 300 people and families in attendance.