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“One of the most important things that an organization must do for its members is listen to their needs and do the best it can to fulfill them,” says Lillie Shockney, Program Director of AONN+. “Holding this regional West Coast meeting is one example of how AONN+ is doing this.

“We know it can be a challenge for navigators to join our annual Navigation and Survivorship Conference when it is held on the other side of the country. This regional meeting – which exceeded our attendance goals and expectations – provided an opportunity for members and non-members alike to enjoy two days of networking and education closer to home. As importantly, the feedback we received from attendees confirmed that we had fulfilled their needs.”

Presentations offered during the inaugural meeting focused on some of the most pressing issues in the field of navigation, including survivorship planning, end-of-life care and the 2015 Commission on Cancer guidelines. Many of these sessions qualified conference attendees for continuing education units (CEU).

In addition to oncology nurse and patient navigators, conference attendees included oncology social workers, case managers, oncology nurses, nurse practitioners, practice managers and physicians. The Sixth Annual Navigation and Survivorship Conference will be held in Atlanta, October 1 – 4, 2015.

About the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators® (www.aonnonline.org)
The Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators, Inc. (AONN+) is the largest national specialty organization dedicated to improving patient care and quality of life by defining, enhancing, and promoting the role of oncology nurse and patient navigators. The organization, which has more than 5,000 members, was founded in 2009 to provide a network for all professionals involved and interested in patient navigation and survivorship care services in order to better manage the complexities of the cancer treatment process.

The Journal of Oncology Navigation & Survivorship® (www.jons-online.com) is the official publication of AONN+. It is published six times a year and features topics related to patient navigation and survivorship care. JONS offers original research, best practices, interviews, case reports and study highlights as well as a platform through which navigators can share research and views on navigation and survivorship issues.

CONQUER: The Patient Voice Magazine™ (www.conquer-magazine.com) is the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators’ (AONN+) premier forum for patients with cancer. CONQUER features articles written by and for patients with cancer, survivors, nurse navigators, and other oncology team members. This magazine
addresses the issues that patients, their family members, and caregivers face every day in an easy-to-read format. Issues include interviews with patients with cancer, information on access to care, and articles on lifestyle topics such as nutrition, stress management, personal finance, and legal and employer issues. CONQUER also features patient stories that are nominated for the AONN+ HERO OF HOPE™ award, which will be presented at the AONN+ Annual Conference. All stories are compiled in a special issue of CONQUER at the end of the year.
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