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“It’s an honor to be selected for Commission on Cancer membership,” says Lillie Shockney, RN, BS, MAS, program director of AONN+. “As a CoC member, we look forward to joining forces with some of the nation’s foremost oncology organizations to help write and implement policy that ensures patients have access to the highest standard of care available for their cancer. This includes ensuring that there is a continued effort to elevate the navigation profession and its value to the care continuum.”

The multidisciplinary CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education and the monitoring of comprehensive quality of care. As a member of the CoC, AONN+ joins more than 50 other national, professional organizations involved in cancer care.

Shockney has been selected as commissioner of the CoC representing AONN+. In this role, she will serve on one of the CoC’s standing committees, participate in meetings and engage in other projects and tasks as appropriate.

“CoC membership has been a long-standing goal for AONN+,” says Pam Rattananont Ferris, MPH, chief operating officer of AONN+. “In addition to providing us with the opportunity to help guide healthcare policy, it lends credibility to AONN+ and the educational materials and activities that we provide to the navigation profession.”

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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