AONN+’s East Coast Regional Meeting Provides Hundreds of Oncology Nurse and Patient Navigators with Two Days of Education, Networking, and Fun

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New Orleans, LA (PRWEB) May 20, 2016 -- A lot can be accomplished in 48 hours. It’s a fact that more than 200 navigation and oncology professionals discovered during the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+) East Coast Regional Meeting held May 13-15 in New Orleans. This intimate meeting — which drew attendees from east of the Mississippi as well as Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma — provided guests with an abundance of educational sessions, networking opportunities, and, of course, fun.

“Oncology navigation is a rapidly evolving profession,” says Sharon Gentry, RN, MSN, CBCN, CBEC, AONN+’s East Coast Regional Meeting Chair and Breast Health Navigator, Novant Health, Derrick L. Davis Cancer Center. “AONN+ recognizes this fact and is constantly working to provide its members with access to the knowledge and support that they need. These regional meetings — which we launched last year — offer our members the chance to access this timely information closer to home while expanding their local network.”

Over the course of the two-day event, attendees learned about some of the most pressing issues in the field of navigation, including survivorship planning, the role of palliative care, and adherence to the Commission on Cancer guidelines. Many also participated in a special Code of Ethics Workshop for patient (nonclinical) navigators.

As a nationally recognized leader in the effort to standardize and bring value to the navigation profession, AONN+ also administered the Oncology Patient Navigator—Certified Generalist™ (OPN-CG™) beta test in conjunction with this year’s regional meeting. About two dozen patient navigators took the exam.

In addition to oncology nurse and patient navigators, conference attendees included oncology social workers, case managers, oncology nurses, nurse practitioners, practice managers, and physicians. AONN+’s next event is its Seventh Annual Navigation & Survivorship Conference, which will be held in Las Vegas, November 17-20, 2016.

For more information and the complete agenda for the East Coast Regional Meeting, please visit aonnonline.org/regionals.

About the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators® (AONN+) (www.aonnonline.org)
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 5000 members, was founded in 2009 to provide a network for all professionals involved and interested in patient navigation and survivorship care services to better manage the complexities of the cancer treatment process.

The Journal of Oncology Navigation & Survivorship® (JONS) (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

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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 AONN+’s 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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