AONN+ Enjoys Strong Presence at Biden Cancer Summit

The Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+) had a strong presence at the Biden Cancer Initiative's inaugural Biden Cancer Summit on September 21. In addition to presenting at the anchor event in Washington, DC, Community Summits were hosted by AONN+ members Peg Hairston, Manager, Special Programs and Community Relations, Miami Cancer Institute, and Margaret Rummel, RN, MHA, OCN, ONN-CG, Nurse Navigator, Penn Medicine, Philadelphia.

CRANBURY, N.J. (PRWEB) October 29, 2018 -- The importance of partnerships was a running theme during the Biden Cancer Initiative’s inaugural Biden Cancer Summit, held on September 21 in Washington, DC, and at 450 community sites around the country.

“Partnerships are key in the battle against cancer,” emphasized Vice President Joe Biden during the Cancer Town Hall—the Summit’s closing event. He went on to illustrate the many ways in which partnerships will help advance research, education, and, ultimately, treatments for cancer.

Among the Biden Cancer Initiative’s partners in this battle is the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+). In addition to having a strong presence at the anchor event in Washington, DC, Community Summits were hosted by AONN+ members Peg Hairston, Manager, Special Programs and Community Relations, Miami Cancer Institute, and Margaret Rummel, RN, MHA, OCN, ONN-CG, Nurse Navigator, Penn Medicine, Philadelphia.

A highlight for the Academy was the Patient Navigation work session in Washington, DC, which was co-facilitated by its own Danelle Johnston, MSN, RN, ONN-CG, OCN, Chief Nursing Officer and Senior Director of Strategic Planning and Initiatives, and Chair of the Biden Cancer Initiative’s Navigation Committee. During this session, Johnston joined with Brenda Nevidjon, RN, MSN, FAAN, Chief Executive Officer, Oncology Nursing Society, and an audience of about 30 oncology professionals to identify tangible solutions and/or partnerships to increase access to oncology patient navigation services for patients and families.

“AONN+ is thrilled to collaborate with the Biden Cancer Initiative,” says Johnston. “Its mission—to help develop and drive implementation of solutions to accelerate progress in cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, research, and care, and to reduce disparities in cancer outcomes—aligns closely with the Academy’s own mission and commitment to the broader oncology community.”

The Biden Cancer Summit brought thousands of people together to focus national attention on urgency and action against cancer. Throughout the day, participants enjoyed talks and panels meant to inspire and provide action. Interactive breakout sessions examined complex systems and issues with the goal of developing fresh solutions and opportunities for individuals and organizations to collaborate.

On stage at the Washington, DC, anchor event, and on social media, people shared stories epitomizing what it meant to be #cancerFIERCE. Meanwhile, global communities engaged in real-time, immersive conversations about shared cancer experiences through Shared Studios Portals.

Out of this event came 57 new actions and collaborations, made by organizations and companies that will make a real, practical difference in the lives of patients and their families.
For more information about the Biden Cancer Summit or the Biden Cancer Initiative, visit bidencancer.org.

About the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators® (www.aonnonline.org)
The Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (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 8,200 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 the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+). It is published 12 times a year and features topics related to patient navigation and survivorship care. The Journal of Oncology Navigation & Survivorship 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 Patient 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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