General Information

The 9th National Conference on Cancer Nursing Research provides a forum to disseminate research findings and stimulate translation to practice. Conference objectives include:

- To discuss current and emerging cancer nursing research issues, methods, and findings.
- To apply research findings to cancer practice, education, research, and policy.
- To develop strategies for research funding opportunities and career development.
- To foster research partnerships and teams.

The conference planning team invites researchers, clinical trials nurses, advanced practice nurses, graduate students, and others with an interest in research relevant to cancer care to participate in the upcoming conference by submitting an abstract.

Abstracts may be submitted for completed research, research in progress, evidence-based practice projects, issues in research, and the ONS/ACS State-of-the-Science Lectureship.

Each abstract is reviewed by a group of Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) doctorally prepared volunteers with expertise in research, clinical trials, and translation of research into practice. Selection will be based solely on blind review. Abstracts may be selected for presentation in podium sessions, presentation as a poster, or the ONS/ACS State-of-the-Science Lecture.

More than one abstract may be submitted but only one will be accepted for podium presentation. Other submitted abstracts will be considered for poster presentation. Only one author (usually the first author) may present the podium or poster presentation. Abstracts may be submitted for consideration as a podium or poster presentation. Abstracts accepted for podium presentation are allotted 15 minutes for presentation. Authors may submit abstracts of work presented at a local or regional level, but abstracts may not be submitted that contain information that has been previously published or presented to national or international oncology nursing audiences. The primary author of the abstract must obtain consent from all authors and appropriate institutional clearances prior to abstract submission.
Authorship

First authors must be registered nurses, licensed healthcare professionals from another discipline (physician, pharmacist, physical therapist, etc.), or non-nursing doctorally prepared individuals.

Authors (including students) or institutions cannot submit more than two abstracts on the same topic or from the same data set. If data are from a multi-site study, each site may submit one abstract.

For abstracts with more than one author, the primary author is considered the contact person.
Guidelines for Abstract Submission

1. All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the Online Abstract Submission System.

2. The primary author's educational background, most recent presentations and publications pertinent to the topic, and financial disclosure information must be submitted with the abstract in order to meet the ONS CE Provider Unit requirements.

3. Authors (including students) or institutions cannot submit more than two abstracts on the same topic or from the same data set. If data are from a multi-site study, however, each site can submit one abstract.

4. Abstracts must be no more than 350 words (excluding the title and authors’ names). Abstracts submitted for the ONS/ACS State-of-the-Science- Lectureship must be no more than 600 words. Abstracts that contain more than the specified number of words will not be reviewed.

5. The abstract submission will not be accepted unless all required fields are completed.

6. To ensure consistent, high-quality content, all abstracts must be organized into the required format based upon the abstract category.

7. Include the abstract title (in CAPITAL letters), no more than six authors' names (given names first and surnames last) and credentials, institution name, city and state in the heading. The abstract title should clearly indicate the nature of the subject.

8. If the work is in progress, include all planned methods, projected sample size, and analyses.

9. For abstracts with more than one author, the first author is to be considered the contact person.

10. Presenters of selected abstracts must pay the conference registration fee.

11. Changes and/or corrections to the abstract will not be considered once it has been received and acknowledged by the project team.

12. Abstracts MUST be submitted by 5:00 PM, EASTERN TIME, on June 6, 2006. AVOID THE RUSH. Remember that ONS is in Pittsburgh, PA in the EASTERN TIME ZONE.
Abstract Categories

Podium and Poster Sessions

Completed Research Abstracts: Completed research projects may be presented either as a podium or a poster session. Research must be completed at the time of the abstract submission.

Research In Progress Abstracts: Research in progress abstracts will only be accepted for a poster session. Authors of accepted poster abstracts must be present at their posters during an assigned session at the conference to allow for dialogue with participants.

Evidence-Based Practice Project Abstracts: Evidence-based practice project abstracts may be presented either as a podium or a poster session. Examples of appropriate abstract topics include:

- Research utilization projects
- Quality improvement projects based on best evidence
- Impact of evidence-based practice change on outcomes

Issues in Research: Abstracts on all aspects of research methods for oncology nursing may be submitted for podium or poster sessions. Methods include all components and stages of the research process. Abstracts combining methods and empirical results are welcome. For example, submissions on the following topics are appropriate:

- Nursing research related issues in clinical trials
- Clinician-researcher partnerships
- Informed consent and ethical issues
- Design issues
- Subject recruitment, enrollment, retention and follow-up
- Collection, analysis or interpretation of data
- Statistical considerations
- Concept and theory development
- Sampling issues
- Development of measurement tools and assessment scales
- Recent trends and developments in qualitative or quantitative methods
• Multi-site research issues

**ONS/ACS State-of-the-Science Lectureship**

Abstracts submitted for this lectureship must provide a synthesis of current research on a specific cancer care symptom, outcome, or issue. The author must synthesize and critique the current research, identify areas in which more research is critically needed, and propose how multidisciplinary research can advance the science. The abstract should include a synthesis of the following:

• Multidisciplinary research that has addressed a specific cancer-care symptom, outcome or issue.
• Integrated reviews of research findings to date.
• Ethical and policy implications.
• Practice implications.
• Directions for future multidisciplinary research.

If the abstract is highly rated but not accepted for the state-of-the-art science lecture, the abstract may be considered for a general podium session. Click here for more information about this lectureship.

**Pharmaceutical/Industry Sponsored Abstracts**

Pharmaceutical company or industry employees may submit an abstract featuring their employer’s products or services if they fully disclose their employment and/or financial involvement. Abstract presentations may not be sales presentations and must not imply the Society’s endorsement of said products or services. The individual making the presentation must clarify this point during the presentation. All pharmaceutical or industry sponsored abstracts are strongly encouraged to address nursing role, implications for nursing research or clinical practice.

Researchers wishing to submit an abstract containing data related to a clinical pharmaceutical or industry trial conducted at their institution, must provide full disclosure of the presenter’s affiliation with the company, any financial gains (honoraria, travel reimbursement etc.) received, research support obtained, or involvement of the company in the research, as well as a complete list of all contributors (physicians, statisticians etc.) on the abstract submission. Failure to provide such disclosure will result in the automatic rejection of the abstract. The member is expected to add a nursing dimension to the existing clinical trial data to make such data interesting and applicable to the conference attendees.
**Scoring Criteria**

**The Review Process**

1. Upon receipt, the abstract will be reviewed for compliance with the preceding instructions and assigned a number to ensure anonymity.
2. Reviewers will blind review all abstracts.
3. Reviewers use one of the following four sets of scoring criteria, depending on an abstract's content area. Each item is scored on a scale of 0-5 (0 = missing; 5 = high).
4. The conference planning team will rank order abstracts for presentation at the conference.

**Scoring Criteria**
See below for details on scoring criteria. For additional questions or information, contact the ONS Education Team 866-257-4667 ext. 6296 or email absquestion@ons.org

**Scoring Criteria - Completed Research Abstracts**

1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Is the topic significant/important/of relevance to oncology nursing?
2. **PROBLEM AND PURPOSE:** Is the problem well developed? Are the purpose, specific aims or objectives of the study clearly stated?
3. **THEORETICAL/SCIENTIFIC FRAMEWORK:** Is the theoretical base or philosophic frame of reference (for qualitative research) clearly stated? Is the rationale or background for the study addressed?
4. **METHODS & ANALYSIS:** Is the research methodology including design, sample, procedure, and measurement described and appropriate? Are the reliability and validity (quantitative studies) or accuracy (qualitative methods) issues addressed? Is the data analysis described? Is it appropriate?
5. **FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS:** Do the conclusions flow logically from the findings? Are implications for research, education, or practice provided?
6. **PRESENTATION:** Is the abstract well written and are the ideas communicated clearly?
7. **INNOVATIVE:** Is this an innovative study?

**Scoring Criteria - Research in Progress Abstracts**

1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Is the topic significant/important/of relevance to oncology nursing?
2. **PROBLEM AND PURPOSE:** Is the problem well developed? Are the purpose, specific aims or objectives of the study clearly stated?
3. **THEORETICAL/SCIENTIFIC FRAMEWORK:** Is the theoretical base or philosophic frame of reference (for qualitative research) clearly stated? Is the rationale or background for the study addressed?
4. **METHODS & ANALYSIS:** Is the research methodology including design, sample, procedure, and measurement described and appropriate? Are the reliability and validity (quantitative studies) or accuracy (qualitative methods) issues addressed? Is the data analysis described? Is it appropriate?
5. **FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS:** Do the conclusions flow logically from the findings? Are implications for research, education, or practice provided?
6. **PRESENTATION:** Is the abstract well written and are the ideas communicated clearly?
7. **INNOVATIVE:** Is this an innovative study?
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2. **PROBLEM AND PURPOSE:** Is the problem well developed? Are the purpose, specific aims or objectives of the study clearly stated?
3. **THEORETICAL/SCIENTIFIC FRAMEWORK:** Is the theoretical base or philosophic frame of reference (for qualitative research) clearly stated? Is the rationale or background for the study addressed?
4. **METHODS & ANALYSIS:** Is the research methodology including design, sample, procedure, and measurement described and appropriate? Are the reliability and validity (quantitative studies) or accuracy (qualitative methods) issues addressed? Is the plan for data analysis described? Is it appropriate?
5. **FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS:** Is there evidence of preliminary findings and implications for research, education, or practice?
6. **PRESENTATION:** Is the abstract well written and are the ideas communicated clearly?
7. **INNOVATIVE:** Is this an innovative study?

### Scoring Criteria - Evidence-Based Practice Project Abstracts

1. **TOPIC:** Is the topic significant/important/of relevance to oncology nursing practice? Is nursing’s unique role or contribution described?
2. **PURPOSE/BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:** Does the purpose statement clearly describe the project or activity? Is the background of the problem summarized? Has the evidence been reviewed and evaluated? Is the rationale for the topic logical and supported by the clinical information presented?
3. **INTERVENTIONS:** Does the intervention/practice describe how the purpose was accomplished? Are the interventions/practices described appropriately for the clinical topic?
4. **INTERPRETATION:** Are the project goals evaluated according to specific measures? Are the clinical practice outcomes applicable to oncology nursing?
5. **DISCUSSION:** Are the implications for oncology nursing practice identified? Are the implications for oncology nursing research identified? Are the suggestions for using this information included?
6. **PRESENTATION:** Is the abstract well written? Are the ideas clearly communicated?
7. **INNOVATIVE:** Is this an innovative topic?

### Scoring Criteria - Issues in Research Abstracts

1. **PURPOSE:** Is the purpose of the issue important and clearly stated?
2. **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:** Is the approach to the issue apparent? Is the issue well developed?
3. **DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH ISSUE:** Are pertinent examples using the method approach included? If applicable, is information included regarding the usefulness of the approach, its strengths and weaknesses, and how it is best applied?

4. **CONCLUSION:** Do the conclusions flow logically from the approach used?

5. **IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Are practical implications and recommendations provided?

6. **PRESENTATION:** Is the abstract well written and are the ideas communicated clearly?

7. **INNOVATIVE:** Is this an innovative topic?

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**Scoring Criteria – ONS/ ACS State-of-the-Science Lectureship Abstracts**

1. **CANCER CARE SYMPTOM/ OUTCOME/ ISSUE:** Is the topic a specific symptom, outcome or issue that is significant and relevant to oncology nursing?

2. **RESEARCH FINDINGS TO DATE:** Are research programs relevant to the topic identified and discussed? Are current research findings synthesized and critiqued? Do the research findings stem from a variety of disciplines?

3. **ETHICAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Are ethical implications of the research to date identified? Are policy implications of the research to date identified?

4. **PRACTICE IMPLICATIONS:** Are specific implications for clinical practice included?

5. **DIRECTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH:** Are avenues/directions for future multidisciplinary research identified?

6. **PRESENTATION:** Is the abstract well written and are the ideas communicated clearly?

7. **INNOVATIVE:** Does the abstract represent innovative knowledge?
Sample Abstracts

The authors of the following abstracts have granted ONS permission to post their abstracts as examples. We hope that they are helpful as you prepare your abstract.

Sample Abstract 1
Category: Research in Progress
2005 Sample Abstract

Sample Abstract 2
Category: Evidence-based practice
2005 Sample Abstract

Sample Abstract 3
Category: Methodological Issues
2005 Sample Abstract
Preparing Abstracts and Posters

Articles:


Website information:

http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/IndexStart.html

http://www.biology.lsa.umich.edu/research/labs/ktosney/file/PostersHome.html


http://courses.washington.edu/~hs590a/modules/19/ppposterr.html

http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/guides/bio/posters.html
ONS NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Deadline for submission is June 6, 2006 by 5 pm EST
The recipient will be notified by mid July

The purpose of the ONS New Investigator Award is to recognize the contributions of new investigators in building a scientific foundation for oncology nursing practice. The ONS New Investigator Award will be presented at the ONS 9th National Conference on Cancer Nursing Research. The recipient will receive a $1000 award and plaque and a complimentary conference registration. The recipient will present his or her research results during a poster or podium session at the 2007 conference.

This award is supported by the ONS Foundation.

Selection will be based on the review of materials that are representative of productivity within cancer nursing research since earning your doctoral degree. Two letters of nomination from other nurse scientists are required, stating the candidate's overall contribution to oncology nursing research.

To qualify:
1. The candidate and nominators must be ONS members.
2. The candidate must have received his or her doctoral degree after August 2001.
3. The candidate must be the lead author of a submitted abstract to the 9th National Conference on Cancer Nursing Research. (refer to the abstract submission guidelines).

To apply, the following must be submitted electronically to the ONS Education Team:
1. An updated curriculum vitae.
2. Two letters of nomination from nurse scientists.
3. A personal statement that reveals evidence of productivity in the field of cancer nursing research since earning a doctoral degree. (Maximum 500 words)

Submit to the ONS Education Team (education@ons.org) no later than June 6, 2006 by 5 pm EST.

Questions? Contact the ONS Education Team at 866-257-4667 ext. 6296 or e-mail to absquestion@ons.org.
Confirmation Process

You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of completed materials. If you have not received confirmation that ONS has received your abstract within 48 hours of submission, please send e-mail to absquestion@ons.org.