Maggie Smith, our current CCONS President, has been driven for many years to bring attention to the disparity issues in Chicago for women with breast cancer. Her efforts and intervention with African-American women became her doctoral dissertation and is now a publication in the August issue of CJON.


Accepted into the American Academy of Nursing

Congratulations to Joseph Tariman, Phd, ANP-BC

We are very proud to make the announcement that Joseph Tariman, Assistant Professor of Nursing at DePaul University and our President-Elect for CCONS has been accepted into the American Academy of Nursing. The American Academy of Nursing is a nationally recognized organization that works to disseminate knowledge about nursing. It is one of the most prestigious nursing honors to receive. After his induction this October, he will add FAAN to his credentials.

Joseph focuses on the study of myeloma, specifically in regards to decision making treatment options and how they impact the quality of life for patients with myeloma. He has spent his career researching myeloma and has published numerous academic journal articles and is on the editorial board of several nursing publications. Joseph has presented on myeloma nursing practices at conferences across the world. His textbooks, “Multiple Myeloma: A Textbook for Nurses” (first and second editions) are the only myeloma nursing textbooks available today. These publications are now widely referenced and used in the myeloma nursing practice.
President of CSMA in Chicago
Mary Jo Cronin, RN, MSN, OCN®, RNBC

Mary Jo Cronin is currently an Oncology Care Manager at Advocate Christ Hospital. She is proud to announce that she is currently President of the Case Manager Society of America (CSMA). Congratulations and best wishes for a productive year!

Attending Geriatric Oncology Conference
Got Engaged in Hawaii!!!!
Jacqueline Lippe, RN, BSN, OCN®

Jackie Lippe, pictured on the right, is currently a staff nurse on hematology/oncology/stem cell transplant at University of Chicago Medicine. She also anticipates graduating in May, 2017, with her Masters degree as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (oncology specialty) from Loyola University-Chicago.

Jackie is proud to announce that she has been chosen to attend the NCI-funded (N25 nursing grant) Geriatric Oncology conference in Anaheim, CA. She will be attending July 25-27th with UCM NP colleagues Jean Ridgeway and Katie Cappitelli.

We are thrilled to announce that Jackie became engaged on May 15, 2016. Her romantic fiancé proposed in Hawaii under the stars! Wedding date is set for Sept 16, 2017.

Member of ONCC Test Development Committee
Vacationed in the Caribbean
Eric Zack DNP, RN, ACNP-BC, AOCN®, BMTCN®

Erick Zack is working as a RN3 at Rush University Medical Center. He is currently serving on the Blood & Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN®) Test Development Committee for ONCC.

He just recently had the opportunity to take a family vacation to Turks & Caicos in the Caribbean. He is pictured (3rd from the left) with his wife and 4 children.
Thank You for 11 Years of VOLUNTEER Service
to our Virtual Community
Beverley Caraher, MSN, RN, AOCN®

Words cannot begin to thank Bev Caraher for her eleven years of dedicated time and work to create a Virtual Community that CCONS is proud to call their own. During her early years, she worked solo in her job as coordinator. As our oncology needs changed and the VC became a main link of communication for CCONS, Bev then shared the load with a grateful committee. Your committee will always appreciate how you mentored and guided us to produce a virtual community that is nothing less than the very best.

In Bev’s own words regarding her retirement from nursing:

After 48 years as a nurse, I have FINALLY fully retired! My career has included positions as staff nurse, nurse manager, instructor, assistant professor of nursing, and clinical nurse specialist. My work settings have included hospitals, cancer centers, diploma nursing program, associate degree program, and baccalaureate nursing programs, as well as industry. I became hooked on oncology nursing in 1978, and never really wanted to do anything else. It's been a great ride, and CCONS provided great mentorship for me as an oncology nurse and clinical nurse specialist. Although I never wanted to work in any area unrelated to oncology during my career, I have found the best job of my lifetime in retirement, as full time Nana to my one year old granddaughter, Violet, as well as finding time to enjoy all five of my beautiful grandchildren. Thanks to all of you wonderful colleagues I have met through this organization!