

## North Texas AONN+ Local Navigation Network

### 2019-2020 Officer Nominees



Cathy Simmons, RN, BSN



Tam Burks, RN, BSN, OCN



Kristi Pyle, MSN, RN



Kaylene Smith, RN, BSN

#### **President-Elect - Cathy Simmons, RN, BSN**

My name is Cathy Simmons. I would like to run for the position of President Elect. I have served as an officer for 2 years as Historian and 1 year as Secretary. At the AONN+ National meeting I was able to take and pass the exams for ONN-CG and ONN-CG (T).

#### **Community Outreach - Tam Burks, RN, BSN, OCN**

Tam Burks is a Certified Oncology Registered Nurse currently serving as the Senior Clinical Program Coordinator for Head and Neck Cancer at the UTSW NCI Accredited Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center. She works closely with the multidisciplinary teams with her service and actively participates in the management and care of patients with Head and Neck Cancer. She has over 20 years oncology nursing experience which includes Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Chemotherapy Infusion and Oncology Research. Tam is a wife and mother of two. She believes Oncology Nursing is not her profession; but, her "calling".

#### **Program/Vendor Liaison - Kristi Pyle, MSN, RN**

My passion for nursing started in high school. I was an LVN for 7 years and then went back for my Associate Rn to MSN in Education. I have had experience in several different fields of nursing in my 16 years of nursing, but Oncology stole my heart. Navigation is a new role for me as of October 2018, but everyday has been a blessing guiding patients, family, and staff through the Cancer continuum. I am thankful for my position as Oncology Nurse Navigator for the Baylor Scott and White Medical Center-Grapevine and I look forward to supporting the AONN chapter and would love to serve as the Program Liaison and to bring exciting presentations to our members.

#### **Membership Chair – Kaylene Smith, RN, BSN**

My name is Kaylene Smith and I have been an Oncology Nurse for 16 years. My career started on an inpatient Oncology unit at Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas Hospital. I became a Research Clinical Coordinator at Texas Oncology. During my 12 years in research, I was able to see many drugs and new treatments approved for all cancer indications. I presently have become an Oncology Nurse Navigator at Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas for a year and half. I am the Lung and Ovarian Nurse Navigator, and also have a Low Dose CT screening program. I'm passionate about the cancer patient and privileged to help them on their journey.