LNN Leaders,

Thank you for promoting the field of navigation and local growth of your members! Here is third quarterly or Summer Edition “topics for discussion” or “news briefs” that shares the current AONN+ updates for you in 2019. Again, this information is compiled after Leadership Council meetings and Quarterly Committee Chair calls. Please share with your LNN members!

I hope many of you will Join us in Nashville to celebrate 10 years of AONN+! Exciting presentations, skits and events are being planned for over 1000 oncology navigators and care providers to gather to advance the development, implementation, utilization, and metrics of multidisciplinary oncology navigation. There are plans for an LNN networking session where current LNN members can mingle with Industry and access local representatives to come to their events and sponsor a dinner or speaker. Also, the AONN+ leadership present can hear how we can continue to support LNNs. LNN leadership will be notified once plans are finalized.

AONN+’s committees continue to be integral in advancing the Academy’s mission and success.  The current National AONN+ Committee purpose and actions are:

* + Metrics Committee
    - Purpose: Develop standardized metrics in the areas of return, on investment, clinical outcomes, and patient experience using, all the areas in which navigators’ practice to provide quality, patient care and financial stability for their organizations.
    - Actions: Data from the initial study will be reviewed at the end of the summer. As a secondary deliverable to the National Metrics Study AONN+ in collaboration with ACS will be developing an implementation toolkit. ACS will be leading this initiative and the Metrics Committee will be leveraged to speak into the toolkit and provide insights and feedback for the tool development.
  + Assistance for Quality Improvement and Research (AQUIRE) Committee
    - Purpose: Provide mentorship support to AONN+ members in areas of quality, processes, improvement, metrics, and reporting.
    - Actions: They are putting together a webinar in August. Natalie is looking for a new co-chair as well as recruiting five new members
  + Technology & Innovation Committee
    - Purpose: Focus on the use of technology to capture data/metrics for evaluation, improve quality in navigation, and provide patient education and navigator resources.
    - Actions: They are developing a survey to get a better handle on the broad needs of the membership in terms of technology – how is it being used to support navigation? Feedback will be used to plan webinars and other activities. They will host a session at Annual about Health Literacy that incorporates the use of technology. The goal is to add 3-4 navigators to the committee who use technology in their role
  + Survivorship Committee:
    - Purpose: Provide education and support regarding survivorship programs and sustainable metrics through sharing of best practices.
    - Actions: They will present three topics at Annual Conference - Sexuality, AYA, and Palliative Care and Advanced Care Planning. They will do a webinar on survivorship CoC standard after the Annual Conference. This committee is currently full.
  + Clinical Trials Committee
    - Purpose: Provide education and support to navigators to promote clinical trials to their patients and institutions.
    - Action: No Report
  + Conference Planning Committee
    - Purpose: Provide relevant and high-value conference agendas and speakers that will enhance and develop members’ professional growth and development.
    - Actions: Successful Midyear Conference, feedback was very positive, and topics were well-received. Topic list for Annual 2019 is planned – wide variety of topics based on what attendees asked for. They are looking for some additional members as some drop off

The Conference Planning Committee is starting to plan 2020 conference agendas, so please send any topic or faculty suggestions to Peg and Penny.

* + Policy and Advocacy Committee
    - Purpose: Use legislative, regulatory, and policy advocacy to protect and promote the practice of oncology patient navigation to best serve individuals and families impacted by cancer.
    - Actions: Elizabeth is excited to have New Advocacy Co-Chair: Clara Lambert. They are preparing for a webinar in August for members to learn more about advocacy and doing a presentation at Annual, focused on case studies. Look for their JONS article focused on Medicaid expansion. They have signed on to several policy letters regarding patient protection and plan to launch an advocacy blog.
  + Abstract Committee
    - Purpose: Objectively review AONN+ member abstracts and provide feedback for revision, with the greater goal of building momentum and evidence around navigation.
    - Actions: They are reviewing abstracts submitted prior to the first deadline to July 3rd. The late-breaking abstract call will be from August 12 – September 5 – abstracts will either be accepted or rejected, no time for revisions. Please encourage your colleagues to submit their research. The committee is currently full
  + Newsletter Committee
    - Purpose: Produce a quarterly newsletter with a focus on providing concrete tools and resources for quality improvement, research, and metric development that dovetails with the domains of certification for both novice and seasoned navigators.
    - Actions: July’s newsletter will include an article for the metrics committee and local navigator networks. They are interested in collaborating with the Genetics & Genomics Committee on the BRIDGE program for an article in the Q4 newsletter

Please encourage members to nominate for Annuals awards! Especially the LNN Award!



**Lillie D. Shockney Lifetime Achievement Award**

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an AONN+ member who has made outstanding contributions to the field of oncology navigation and to the Academy. This individual is an important leader who exemplifies the mission and vision of the Academy within the organization as well as in his or her own community.

The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award receives $1000, a plaque, a feature in the Journal of

Oncology Navigation & Survivorship®, and a lifetime complimentary AONN+ membership.

**Eligibility:**

• Award consideration is based on the following:

• Nominee must be an AONN+ member

• Nominee must have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the field of oncology navigation

**Application materials:**

• 2 Letters of Recommendation

• Nomination narrative that highlights the nominee’s career achievements, and demonstrates his

or her contribution to oncology navigation, patient care, or education

• Nominee curriculum vitae

<https://aonnonline.org/2019-lillie-d-shockney-lifetime-achievement-award>



**AONN+ Evidence into Practice Award**

The Evidence into Practice Award recognizes the contributions of an AONN+ member who has

conducted and promoted evidence-based research that has augmented the field of oncology navigation.

The recipient of the AONN+ Evidence into Practice Award will receive a $250 gift card, a plaque, an acknowledgment in the Journal of Oncology Navigation & Survivorship®, and a 2-year complimentary AONN+ membership.

**Eligibility:**

• Award consideration is based on the following:

• Nominee must be an AONN+ member

• Nominee must have authored a body of work in 1 or more of the following forms:

• Published article

• Abstract

• Poster

• National presentation

• Nominee’s research builds on the body of work in oncology navigation

**Application materials:**

• 2 Letters of Recommendation

• Nomination narrative that highlights the nominee’s body of work in oncology navigation

• Nominee’s curriculum vitae

• Submission of body of work

<https://aonnonline.org/2019-aonn-evidence-into-practice-award>



**AONN+ Organizational Recognition Award**

The AONN+ Organizational Recognition Award acknowledges employers who embrace the critical role of oncology navigators and foster their growth.

The recipient of the AONN+ Organizational Recognition Award will receive a plaque and an acknowledgment in the Journal of Oncology Navigation & Survivorship®. In addition, the award allows the employer to further support its oncology navigators by granting a 1-year AONN+ membership with free annual conference registration for oncology navigation team members.

**Eligibility:**

• Award consideration is based on the sustained support of the oncology navigation program by the employer, as evidenced by 1 or more of the following:

• Employer’s support of the members to attend AONN+ meetings such as the Midyear Conference

and the Annual Navigation & Survivorship Conference

• Employer’s support for the members to attend CNE events

• Employer’s support of employee involvement in AONN+ at the national level or in a Local

Navigator Network

**Application Materials:**

• Nomination narrative that demonstrates how the organization sustains support for oncology navigation

• Description of oncology navigation program

• Letter of Gratitude from oncology navigation team

<https://aonnonline.org/2019-aonn-organizational-recognition-award-nominations>



**AONN+ Ambassador Awards**

Exceptional leadership and devoted service sharing AONN+ mission to oncology patients & families and professional communities

**Eligibility Criteria:**

• Nominee must be an AONN+ member

• Demonstrates engagement within AONN+ community

o May include but not limited to:

▪ Faculty Member

▪ LNN

▪ Committee

▪ JONS/CONQUER submissions

▪ AONN+ LC

**Application Materials:**

• 2 Letters of recommendation

• Nomination narrative

• Nominee’s CV



**AONN+ Outstanding Local Navigator Network Award**

Local Navigator Network’s exceptional work in establishment of an open forum for professional development and networking that aligns with the AONN+’s national mission

**Eligibility:**

• LNN meets a minimum of 50% of active AONN+ members

• Meet all requirements for LNN (quarterly meetings, submission of meeting reports and annual report) – Link to requirements

• Aligned with national AONN+ mission and vision

• Demonstrate active engagement with local community and industry partners

**Application Materials:**

• Provide full list LNN members and state membership status

• Provide measure to demonstrate LNN growth

• Narrative to demonstrate growth of LNN, and professional development and networking activities that align with AONN+ mission and vision. Highlight special project/initiative.

Please be aware of key initiatives that AONN+ is promoting for navigation support and growth!

* Building Relationships in Delivering Genetic/Genomic Education (BRIDGE) aims to use educational interventions to best connect oncology nurses and patient navigators to cancer genetics/genomics professionals with the goal of ensuring that patients have access to the most current emerging technologies. AONN+ hopes that through this effort, patients will experience an enhanced level of care and quality of life.  This project development is in collaboration of ISONG and National Society of Genetic Counselors.

* The Cancer Advocacy & Patient Education Initiative (CAPE): aims to create a web-based library of best-practice information that providers in the lung cancer space can give to their patients and caregivers at each point of interaction.  To develop this library, the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+) partnered with Takeda Oncology and a multi-stakeholder coalition of leading patient advocacy organizations for lung cancer. Broader goal once CAPE- Lung is piloted is to expand this platform to other disease sites.

* Collaboration between Astellas, LLC and AONN+ to develop, standardize and validate an evidenced-based oncology Acuity Tool.  When finalized, the Acuity Tool will be used to help oncology navigators characterize the intensity of patient navigation workload, aid in the allocation of resources, and measure the effectiveness of navigation on patient outcomes.
  + “A patient’s ‘acuity’ refers to attributes that can be used to stratify care needs and navigation requirements. Once you have an accurate way to quantify and prioritize patients’ needs, you can make predictions that aid in the allocation of resources.” AONN+’s Danelle Johnston, MSN, RN, ONN-CG, OCN, Chief Nursing Officer and Senior Director of Strategic Planning and Initiatives.

* AONN+ Partnered with Pfizer: Patient Navigation in Cancer Care 2.0 Toolkit.  The toolkit examines the history and evolution of navigation, core competencies, current models of navigation, and the navigator’s role along the cancer care continuum. This valuable resource, developed with the support of a dedicated Advisory Committee comprised of AONN+ leadership, explores the importance of administrative engagement and outlines standardized metrics for the development of a successful—and measurable—navigation program. The toolkit will be distributed by Pfizer through their sales and clinical educational team. In addition, Pfizer speakers are presenting “Navigating the Cancer Care Continuum in the Context of Value-Based Cancer Care” to interested programs. This presentation aligns with the toolkit, which is distributed at these talks.  Currently developing a Prostate Clinical Pathways Toolkit.

Please reach out to me as needed and keep those reports coming!

