

**ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY
NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP) SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES**

DATE: Friday, April 29, 2011
PLACE: Boston, MA, Boston Convention Center, Room 253B
TIME: 10 – 11:15 AM (ET)
RECORDER: Margaret Rosenzweig

ATTENDEES: (List of attendees attached)

I. Welcome and Introductions

M. Rosenzweig reviewed the agenda for the meeting – 24 attendees.

II. Approval of 2010 Minutes

NP SIG members had an opportunity to review the 2010 NP SIG Meeting Minutes prior to this meeting as the minutes were posted on the NP SIG Virtual Community. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. There were no revisions.

III. Election Results

Congratulations were extended to the NP SIG coordinator-elect, Tamika Turner, NP from Indianapolis, Indiana. We welcome her to the SIG leadership.

IV. Recognition

Recognition and thanks were extended to Megan Wholey for her years as editor on the NP SIG newsletter.

V. Strategic Goals for the NP SIG

The strategic goals for the NO SIG were reviewed with an update on progress made in the past year.

1. Publish manuscript outlining educational needs of new oncology nurse practitioners advocating for appropriate oncology education and training on entry to oncology practice.
1. We have submitted a manuscript based on the educational needs of new oncology nurse practitioners. The manuscript was revised and is in review.
2. Provide resources to NPs new to oncology from ONS website-resources.
2. An outline of resources organized according to perceived “need to know” has been developed by a small working or group and is ready for dissemination.
3. Collaborate with national organization for campaign that promotes the unique contribution of NPs in oncology.
3. Working with national pharmaceutical company to fund a dissemination campaign promoting the role of nurse practitioners in oncology. Funding appears likely.

VI. Pass Rates for AOCNP Exam

C. Miller Murphy, Executive Director of ONCC, spoke about the process of score adjustment for the AOCNP certification exam. Overall pass rate is 83% and the exam’s eligibility criteria was also discussed.

- A current, active, unrestricted RN license at the time of application and examination
- A master’s or higher degree in nursing from an accredited institution
- Successful completion of an accredited nurse practitioner program
- A minimum of 500 hours of supervised clinical practice as an adult oncology nurse practitioner. These hours may be obtained within the nurse practitioner program or following graduation from the program.

VII. Importance of Participation in Quality Improvement Project

G. Mallory, Director of Research ONS, spoke about the importance of participation in the ongoing Breast Cancer Care Quality Measures Project. This project is to develop and test measures of quality care for women before, during and after receiving chemotherapy for breast cancer. Dr. Mallory encouraged the NP attendees to participate in this project if asked. There was some discussion about the labor intensity of chart review vs. the value of practice analysis.

VIII. Advanced Practice Nursing Conference

G. Joy Tamayo, MSN, RN, OCN[®] from the planning committee of the Advanced Practice Nursing Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, UT spoke to the group about the conference and the unique educational opportunities it offers for advanced practice nursing.

IX. Newsletter

M. Wholey, newsletter editor, spoke about the need for help with the newsletter. She encouraged participants to write and share ideas.

X. Facilitated Small Group Discussion

Participants then broke into small groups to discuss a range of topics related to oncology NP opportunities and challenges.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM (ET).

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