

December 2014

Happy Holiday!

Oncology nurses have a deep commitment to providing the best possible care to all of their patients. However, as nurse navigators we are reminded each day of the struggles that our patients face with navigating a complex and fragmented health care system. We also know too well that when no one is responsible for coordinating or navigating the journey, the burden will fall to the patient or caregiver. This is what motivates us to continue the work that we do.

To date, we have over 2,000 oncology nurses who are included in our NAV SIG. The leadership team of the Nurse Navigator SIG has been especially generous with their time and expertise. With the support of ONS, we are moving into 2015 with a clear vision as to the importance of what we need to accomplish in order to best support you in your role.

I'd also like to share The National Coalition of Oncology Nurse Navigators (NCONN) is disbanding at the end of 2014. The NCONN leadership reached out and encouraged their members to make ONS their new professional home. ONS is committed to providing resources and education to all oncology nurses, and we eagerly welcomed the opportunity to expand our reach. Please join us in welcoming these potential new members!

I offer my most profound gratitude to the staff at ONS and to all of you who have reached out to support our NAV SIG this year. Your stories and suggestions will help others as we work together.

We're wishing you and yours a memorable holiday and a healthy 2015.

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