



President's Message

Greetings MDONS Members! I cannot believe it is 2009. I look forward to a productive year for the chapter as we have several new things we will be initiating. First of all, I am happy to announce that we have a member, Carol Sjerven, who has begun to set up a web site for us via the ONS virtual community. This will allow us the opportunity to post dinner meeting fliers and other announcements on the web so it is visible to the general public. Having the web site will also allow us to provide links in the e-News to larger articles or items so we can provide you with more news and information.

Second, as a chapter, we are going to get involved in at least two community events. We will be asking for you to join us as a group to support prominent organizations that raise awareness and funds for cancer research. The goal of our involvement in these activities is to make the public aware of our organization while helping support our patients.

There are additional new items I want to initiate however I cannot share them with you until we vote on them as a chapter. So, please plan on attending our dinner meeting on February 17th as we will be having our annual business meeting prior to the presentation. Also, since we have several new members on the board this year, I will introduce the new board members, and we will be recognizing past presidents for their contribution to MDONS.

Let me say thank you for your participation in MDONS. I look forward to seeing you all at our various chapter events throughout the year.

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Nominating.....	MaryKay Schultz Michaelene Wolff
Communication.....	Carol Sjerven



Programs

Many thanks to the Programs Committee for continuing to find great dinner meeting topics and sponsors and for helping to provide CE's for their presentations! If the sponsor doesn't provide CE's, the committee applies for them from either Denver Health or UCH each month. We've had good luck getting the approval and hope to be able to continue to provide those precious CE's for the attendants.

Here are some future dinner meetings to put on your calendar:

- February 17th: NHL and Rituxan at Elways
- March 17th: Leptomeningeal Cancer
- April 21st : save the date, topic to come later

Community

Outreach



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer:

Annual walk held in May at Washington Park.
The kick-off breakfast will be held on March 12.

Daffodil Days

American Cancer Society's annual fundraising campaign. Orders will be taken through February 20, 2009, through Joanne Hindle

jlhindle@comcast.net

Rocky Mountain Research Multidisciplinary Research & Evidence-Based Practice Symposium:

March 12th & 13th at the Renaissance Denver Hotel. The theme this year is:

Improving Patient Outcomes through Evidence-Based Practice

For more information or to register for this event, visit: http://www.uch.edu/classes_events. Click on Continuing Education then 20th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Multidisciplinary.

Careers:

Oncology Unit-Nurse Manager/Clinical Educator

Exciting opportunity for an experienced oncology nurse who has strong leadership skills. Provide oversight of a 14-bed dedicated oncology unit. Serve as educator and consultant to staff throughout the organization who care for patients with a cancer diagnosis. Boulder Community Hospital offers a competitive salary and benefit package and a rich environment for professional growth. Please be sure to read all about our cancer program under Medical Services on our website. The position is listed under Careers and Management at www.bch.org or contact Connie Holden at 303.440.2469 or cholden@bch.org.



Your Ad HERE:

Do you have an employment opportunity for someone in the Oncology field? Contact Bonnie Wivell about placing your ad in future newsletters christmasbaby66@comcast.net



MDONS is now

On The Web!

Check out our calendar, updates, links, and more to come on our new ONS Virtual Community Page:

Visit us at

<http://mdons.vc.ons.org/>

Research

Look forward to journal clubs to occur in June and November!

The Research committee will conduct the membership survey this year. The survey is held every other year and focuses on assessing the membership's needs and desires. Let your voices be heard!

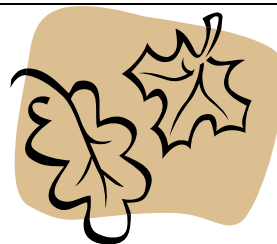
Treasure

Susan Dollarhide will develop 2009 budget and submit to board members prior to Feb. business meeting.

Nominating

The Nominating Committee now has 2 co-Chairs. This Fall we will be seeking positions for Secretary. Don't delay, get involved today! Additional information regarding these positions can be obtained by contacting:

MaryKay Schultz - MaryKay.Schultz@ucdenver.edu
or
Michaelene Wolff - mwolff_rn@hotmail.com



Fall **C**onference

Don't forget to plan to attend the MDONS Fall Conference. Registration forms for this event will be mailed out towards the end of June.

DATE: Friday, October 2nd 2009
TIME: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
LOCATION: Renaissance Denver Hotel 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO. 80207
For questions about Fall Conference, please email Teresa Trabert at teresa_T72@comcast.net

Health **P**olicy

Yay for ONS and ACS! We helped with a legislative bill that passed the Colorado house committee 10 to 0! It requires insurance companies to pay for the standard of care items when a patient enrolls to a clinical trial. If you have experience with patients whose insurance delayed or denied coverage to research patients, please contact Carol Sjerven at ccsjerven@comcast.net. We may need more testimony to present to the Senate. Thanks for your support!

Membership

We currently have 146 members! Remember, February is membership renewal month. For Information, contact Charlene at charlenetrouillot@msn.com



Opportunities

Check out these ONS Classes Available!

Master the Skill of Coding

[Reimbursement for Nurses: The Keys to Successful Coding](#)

Are You Ready for the Genetics Revolution?

[Genetics Online Education Series](#).

Prepare Now for the OCN® Certification Test

[OCN® Review Webcourse](#)

Breast Cancer Online Course

[Site-Specific Cancer Series Breast Cancer](#)

Attend the Access Devices: The Virtual Clinic

[Access Devices: The Virtual Clinic Online Course](#).

Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs Webcourse

[Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs Webcourse](#)

Cancer Basics

[Cancer Basics](#)

ONS Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Courses and Trainer Course

The next trainer course will be held April 29 in San Antonio in conjunction with the [ONS 34th Annual Congress](#). **Applications are due March 6.** Just want to take the [Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Course](#)? Find one in your area or take it in San Antonio before [Congress](#).

Update Your Chemotherapy Knowledge

[The Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Update](#)

Site-Specific Cancer Series: Head & Neck Cancer Webcourse

[Head & Neck Cancer Webcourse](#)

AOCNP/AOCNS Review Webcourses

[AOCNP®](#) and [AOCNS®](#).

Cancer Biology

[Cancer Biology Online Education Series!](#)

LifeSpark Is Coming To MDONS



LifeSpark Cancer Resources is a non-profit volunteer service organization focused on the use of energy therapies to provide support and care for individuals with cancer. LifeSpark is dedicated to serving individuals and the oncology medical community through education, training, advocacy and delivery of hands-on sessions. LifeSpark provides Reiki and Healing Touch as supportive care that improves physical comfort and well-being for individuals with cancer. Through the Energy Partners program, participants are matched with providers for weekly energy therapy sessions.

Energy therapies are holistic, supporting body, mind, and spirit. They complement traditional medical care. For cancer patients, sessions can help reduce fatigue, sleeplessness, anxiety, and nausea. Participants often report improved mental clarity and a sense of peace and well-being.

Look for LifeSpark Reiki providers at MDONS dinner programs beginning in April, and also at the Fall Conference in October. Take advantage of a free mini Reiki session before the dinner meetings to help release your stress and clear your mind after a busy day at work.

Learn more about LifeSpark Cancer Resources at www.lifesparknow.org .