

# REGIONAL ONCOLOGY NURSING COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS November 2004

### CHANGE IN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- Dorothy Broeders-Morin, RN, Manager, Saint Elizabeth Health Care replaces Carole Sproule.
- Angela McCallum resigned. The council presently lacks a representative from Prevention (Health Units).

### SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP-FATIGUE

The Symptom Management working group has been working on a Fatigue nursing education program.

The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS-USA) has published evidence-based guidelines for practice and education on fatigue.

A question went forward to Esther Green (CCO CNO) if the Program in Evidence Based Care (PEBC) were considering reviewing published evidence-based guidelines such as those by ONS.

The PEBC is planning on developing a process to review all external guidelines. The RONC will lobby for the ONS fatigue guidelines to be reviewed.

### AMBULATORY/ COMMUNITY SYSTEMIC THERAPY CLINICAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Draft terms of reference were circulated and discussed.

Council approved establishing a standing systemic therapy committee.

There has been an informal regional collaborative nurses group in place however establishing the committee will now formalize collaboration and bring regional issues of practice and patient care under the umbrella of the RONC-SEO.

Discussions included whether inpatient nursing should also be considered and whether the treatment modality of radiation therapy since over 40% of patients are on combined modality.

### GENERIC RONC-SEO "ROAD SHOW" PRESENTATION

Jane Warner presented a draft of a short presentation on RONC. The purpose of this presentation is that any member of council can download it from the website to

present. As well it will provide other nurses a concise presentation about the council.

### RONC-SEO WEB SITE

Much of the meeting focused on reviewing the web site prototype.

The website prototype was presented by Linda Robb Blenderman.

The website will be accessed through the Regional cancer Program website.

The Cancer Program has been very supportive of this initiative and for a short while was able to provide a student to work on the project.

The plan is for the website to "go live" in early 2005, possibility [National Oncology Nurses Day April 19, 2005](#).

Content is being developed at a steady pace however all members need to participate. The core headings were decided upon:

[About RONC, Prevention, Screening, Cancer Genetics, Diagnoses, Clinical Practice \(includes treatment, symptom management, palliation etc.\), Special Populations, Education, Systemic Therapy, Radiotherapy, Palliative/End-of-Life, Research, Professional Links.](#)