

REGIONAL ONCOLOGY NURSING COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2004

1ST ANNUAL ONCOLOGY NURSE'S DAY

The 1st annual CANO Oncology Nurse's Day is being held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004. The Kingston chapter of CANO is trying will be arranging a presentation and dinner for that day.

REGIONAL PREVENTION AND SCREENING ACTIVITIES

Brenda Bass (OBSP) gave an overview of the regional prevention and screening activities she was involved with:

- Network includes 6 public health groups (some groups extend beyond the region of RONC).
- The groups include all health units that support OBSP.
- The group meets 4 times a year to discuss breast screening and cervical screening.
- 1st meeting was February 27, 2003.

REGIONAL NURSES LEARNING NEEDS SURVEY – PROPOSAL

Members were asked to read the proposal and get to the Principle Investor (PI) within a week. It was discussed about sending a letter out to all

agencies asking how many nurses work with cancer patients greater than 50% of their time. The agencies would then send back the numbers and the PI would then send out the correct number of surveys to each agency.

It was also discussed that the investigation team would contact RONC members for numbers. The investigation team is trying to be very comprehensive to reach all nurses dealing with cancer in the region.

Some agencies have a research committee that needs to give their approval of any survey before it can be distributed to the nurses in their organization.

The Principle Investor requested another pilot evaluation of the survey as it has now gone from 16 pages to 9 pages. It will be sent to the same 5 representatives of RONC to review the survey as they did before.

RONC-SEO Website

The chair has approached the VP of Cancer Services re: support for a RONC website.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The letter to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care written by the chair on behalf of RONC to support SEO Palliative

Care Partnership Proposal was circulated.

PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY GUIDELINES

Maryanne Gibson (POGO Nursing Advisory Representative) highlighted some recent issues that have arisen. Maryanne explained that being a representative from Kingston is a challenge in itself; working jointly with adult and pediatric patients unlike the 4 other primary pediatric centres.

She raised the question as to whether the RONC would facilitate POGO and CCO nursing groups working collaboratively on generic adult & pediatric guidelines. A letter will go to Esther Green, CCO.

RESEARCH DAY

The Nursing Research Council of SEO Health Sciences Centres are hosting a Research Day to be held on June 4, 2004 at the BioScience Centre, Queen's University.

A call has gone out for posters, etc., the deadline is April 2, 2004.

The RONC will submit an abstract.

