

Aran Elizabeth Tavakoli, RN, MSN, AOCNS

EDUCATION

- 2003 - 2005 University of California Los Angeles, School of Nursing
Masters of Science in Nursing, with a focus on
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Oncology.
- 1998-2000 Loma Linda University, School of Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010-Present University of California San Diego Health System San Diego, CA
Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist
 - Responsible for supporting oncology care staff, patients, and administration through education, leadership, quality improvement, research, and clinical expertise.
 - Participation in service line committees and teams, education planning, performance improvement projects, development and implementation of evidence-based practice for the oncology population.
 - Coordinate educational offerings, including Basic Oncology, OCN Review, the ONS Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Course and ONS Treatment Basics.
- 2005-2010 Scripps Cancer Center La Jolla, CA
Advanced Practice Nurse for Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla
 - Responsible for the coordination of orientation, education and staff development for direct patient caregivers. Evaluating clinical practice for the unit and monitoring standards of care. Providing clinical supervision. Facilitating point of service decision making activities including education, research and performance improvement for the oncology population.
 - Receive referrals from physicians, nurses and other team members for symptom management, psychosocial support and patient education for the oncology population.
 - Program Director for two annual conferences that draw nation wide attendance. The Scripps Oncology Nurses Symposium and the Scripps Oncology Nursing Advanced Practice Conference.
 - Coordinate educational offerings, in a 5 hospital system, including Basic Oncology, OCN Review, the ONS Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Course and monthly Oncology Educational Series.
 - Co-chair the multidisciplinary physician Breast Cancer Quality Task Force and Nursing Practice Council
- 2001-2005 University of California Los Angeles Medical Center Los Angeles, CA
Clinical Nurse II - Oncology Services
 - Responsible for in-patient care of autologous and allogeneic bone marrow transplant patients including drug administration and symptom management. Care of renal cell carcinoma patients with high dose Interlukin-2 treatment and the care of post-operative and medical oncology patients.
 - Educating patients and families regarding treatment and symptom management.
 - Working and communicating with health care team regarding patient care.
 - Acting as preceptor and mentor for new employees and new graduates on the unit.
 - Cross-trained to Bowyer Oncology Center - responsible for administering chemotherapy regimens and patient education in an outpatient setting.
 - UCLA Patient Education Committee - participating in improving patient education materials and assessing needs of patients, families and staff related to education.

LICENSURE and CERTIFICATION

- 2010 - present ONS Treatment Basics Trainer
- 2006 - present Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS®)
- 2005 - present **Clinical Nurse Specialist** in the State of California
- 2005 - present ONS Chemotherapy Certification and trainer

2001 - present Public Health Nurse Certification in the State of California
2000 - present **Registered Nurse** in the State of California
1998 - present Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

PUBLICATIONS

Levine, A. (2010). Chemotherapy. In J. Eggart and M. Callaghan (Eds.) Cancer Basics. Pittsburgh, PA: ONS Press Inc.

Levine, A. (2008). How Do I Become a CNS? In J. Fulton & M. Wickline (Eds.) So, You Want to be a Clinical Nurse Specialist? Pittsburgh, PA: ONS Press Inc.

Levine, A. (2005). Clinical Trials Research: Challenges of patient education and informed consent. Oncology Nursing Forum, 32(4), 737-739.

ABSTRACTS

2008 Implementing a Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy Program: Nursing's role in assuring continuity of care in a community hospital. Accepted for podium presentation at ONS Congress

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

04/29/11 ONS Congress Session, "The 5 Ws of Chemotherapy Competency"

05/27/10 FDA Satellite Broadcast and Webcast, "Using Employee Health and Personal Hygiene Measures"

09/16/09 San Diego Fox 5, "Protect Yourself From The Flu"

06/18/09 San Diego Oncology Nursing Society, "Chemotherapy Safety"

04/18/09 International Oncology Network's National Nursing Meeting, "Understanding and Treating ITP"

02/23/09 Scripps La Jolla Nursing Grand Rounds, "CVC Line Removal: A case study"

11/15/2008 Critical Concepts in Oncology Nursing Management of Adverse Events in Targeted Agents, Seattle, "Current Paradigms for Managing Infusion Reactions"

9/14/2008 Oncology Issues and Trends Conference, Las Vegas, "Oncologic Emergencies, Hypercalcemia, Tumor Lysis Syndrome and Spinal Cord Compression"

5/15/08 ONS Congress Podium Presentation, "Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy"

6/10/2007 Cancer Survivorship San Diego, "A Thriver's Guide to Managing the Short Term and Long Term Side-Effects of Cancer Therapies"

1/23/2007 Scripps Memorial Hospital Grand Rounds, "Central Lines: Making them Better"

10/6/2006 Association of Clinical Nurse Leaders (ACNL) San Diego Chapter. Innovation Program, "FMEA to Increase the Safety of Chemotherapy Administration"

1/19 /2006 San Diego Oncology Nursing Society, "Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia: Issues and Insights"

10/19/2006 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Poway Support Group, "Symptom Management"

9/16/2005 University of California, San Diego, Oncology Core Curriculum Course, "Health Promotion and Professional Performance"

4/29/2004 ONS Congress Roundtable Facilitator, "Management of Vesicant Extravasation"

2002-2005 "Oncology Symptom Management" for Chemotherapy Class and Oncology Core Curriculum at UCLA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2001 - present Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)
 - 2011 – ONS Leadership Web Course Planning Team Member
 - 2011 – ONS Leadership Think Tank Contributor
 - 2010 – ONS Life Long Learning Position Statement Development Contributor
 - 2009 & 2010 ONS Congress Team Member
 - 2008 Leadership Development Institute Graduate
 - 2008 – ONS Mentorship Planning Team Member
 - 2007 – ONS Mentorship Weekend Attendee
- 2005 - present San Diego Chapter ONS
 - President 2008
 - President Elect, 2007
 - Chairman, Program Committee 2006 - 2007
- 2005 - present ONS Clinical Nurse Specialist Special Interest Group
 - SIG Coordinator 2010
 - SIG Coordinator Elect 2009
- 2004 - present Sigma Theta Tau International, Nursing Honor Society
- 2004 - present National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
- 2001 - 2005 Greater Los Angeles Chapter ONS

TEACHING

- 2010 - present Clinical Preceptor, Graduate Nursing Program, Point Loma Nazarene University
- 2006 - present Clinical Preceptor and guest lecturer, Graduate Nursing Program, University of San Diego
- 2006 Clinical Preceptor, Graduate Nursing Program, University of California Los Angeles

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2005 - 2008 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – Patient and family support group facilitator

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2010 Nominated for the Woman of the Year Campaign by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- 2008 Scripps Health Quality Award winner for the Breast Cancer Quality Task Force
- 2008 Awarded “Outstanding Nurse in a Supportive Role” at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla
- 2007 Nominated for “Values in Action” at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla
- 2005 UCLA School of Nursing Graduation Speaker
- 2005 Awarded Outstanding Poster for content originality and innovation at Cedars-Sinai’s Nursing Research Symposium
- 2004 Greater Los Angeles Chapter ONS Scholarship
- 2003-2005 Mosby Nursing Scholarship from UCLA