



Nominating Chair-Presbyterian



Dear Colleagues:

I would like to announce that ACONS is planning their 10th **Annual Southwest Regional Oncology Nursing Symposium**. The event will be held August 18, 2018 at Hotel Albuquerque.

We are planning talks focusing on the unique role of the oncology nurse in treatment of breast cancer, melanoma, head and neck cancer and follicular lymphoma. We are looking forward to our GCAP speaker on survivorship.

This event includes a full day of learning opportunities, as attendees will receive CNEs for participation. We are reaching out to a broader audience this year. We were invited to post our symposium on the national ONS website to advertise nationally. We expect over 120 oncology professionals from all over New Mexico and as far as Colorado and Arizona.

Vendor tables will be set up again on the perimeter of the room where participants will eat both breakfast and lunch. Our oncology professionals will be encouraged to interact with the vendors on their breaks.

For those who are new to the industry and as a reminder to all the Goals ACONS Board of Directors follow and our purpose spell out ACONS PRIDE.

- 1) **A**=Adhere to the 6 core values of the ONS-Integrity, Innovation, Stewardship, Advocacy, Excellence and inclusiveness
- 2) **C**=Cultivate Oncology Nursing in area schools
- 3) **O**=Offer educational activities/programs to increase oncology nursing knowledge and networking opportunities
- 4) **N**=Nurture community awareness of our profession through education and participation in community events
- 5) **S**=Supply access to a statewide informational, networking and employment opportunity portal
- 6) **P**=Promote advocacy on behalf of people with cancer including their families and caregivers
- 7) **R**=Retain and increase membership for ACONS at the local and National level
- 8) **I**=Increase legislative involvement of ACONS members
- 9) **D**=Develop guidelines for scholarships to ONS institutes of Learning and ONS Congress
- 10) **E**=Encourage ACONS Leadership Involvement

We hope that you will join us again this year to support the Oncology Nurses who care so well for our loved ones.

Vendor tables will be \$950.00 each. To register and save your table space, visit our website at acons.vc.ons.org. Click on the Vendor registration tab on the horizontal black bar on the top of the home page. Please fill in all the information requested to insure proper identification of you, your company, and your payment. Space is limited, so register today!
Once you have registered, **please send us your company logo** so we can use it in our program and interactive games.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you in August. **ACONS Board of Directors 2018**

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