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A message from the President

Colleagues, friends, and honored members,

It is with great humility and gratitude that I address all of you as the newly appointed President of the Houston Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society for 2026. I am deeply honored to serve a community so committed to excellence, compassion, and innovation in oncology nursing.

This year, we embrace the powerful and purposeful ONS Conference theme: *Momentum—Care in Motion: Keep Driving Oncology Nursing Forward*. Momentum is not just movement; it is progress with intention. It is the collective energy of our shared knowledge, our clinical expertise, and our unwavering dedication to patients and families navigating the cancer journey.

Before we look ahead, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to those who have brought us to where we are today. To our longstanding members—your wisdom, mentorship, and resilience have built the strong foundation we stand on. To our past board members—your leadership, vision, and countless hours of service have shaped this chapter into a thriving and respected organization. We are grateful for your legacy and your continued presence among us.

To our new members—welcome. You are not just joining an organization; you are becoming part of a dynamic and influential community. Your voices, ideas, and passion are essential. You are key stakeholders in shaping the future of oncology nursing, and we are excited to grow alongside you.

Our chapter's strength is amplified through collaboration. In the past couple of years, our partnerships with the Galveston Bay and Way Out West chapters have demonstrated what is possible when we work

together. These collaborations are more than shared events—they are a testament to unity, growth, and solidarity across Houston and the greater Texas region. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected oncology nursing community.

As we move forward, we remain aligned with our core values—advocacy, education, and excellence in patient care. Our legislative efforts continue to elevate the voice of oncology nurses, ensuring that policies reflect the realities of our practice and the needs of our patients. At the same time, our commitment to education remains steadfast. Our spring and fall events will serve as vital platforms for learning, innovation, and professional development, empowering each of us to stay at the forefront of oncology care.

In today's connected world, our momentum extends beyond in-person gatherings. I encourage each of you to engage with our chapter through our social media platforms, where we share announcements, highlight upcoming events, celebrate member achievements, and provide opportunities for involvement. These channels are an important way to stay informed, connected, and inspired—so I invite you to follow, participate, and help amplify the voice of our oncology nursing community.

Momentum requires action. It calls on each of us to engage, to contribute, and to lead in ways both big and small. Whether you are a student just beginning your journey, a bedside nurse delivering compassionate care, an advanced practitioner shaping clinical outcomes, or a retiree continuing to mentor and inspire—there is a place for you here.

So today, I invite you—no, I encourage you—to be involved. Participate in our programs. Share your expertise. Advocate for our profession. Mentor the next generation. Together, let us continue to build momentum, strengthening the future of oncology nursing at every stage of the professional journey.

Let us keep care in motion. Let us keep driving forward. Thank you.

Rose Moore, MBA, BSN, RN



From the Co-Editor's Desk: Thank you!

By LanAnh Nguyen, BSN, RN, OCN

Thank you for sticking it out with us this past year. 2025 was an outstanding year for HCONS. Our membership grew to over 800 members. We are thrilled to share your work and our collective accomplishments from the second half of 2025 in this delayed issue of HoustON'S News. We are looking forward to cheering you on this coming year. A lot of exciting work and opportunities to look forward to in 2026 including the ONS Congress just down the highway in San Antonio! Many thanks to the newsletter and communications team for your continued support. We welcome the involvement of HCONS members in our newsletters and encourage you to share your accomplishments and thoughts with us. We hope this issue of HoustON'S News allows you to reflect on our shared experiences of the last year and inspires you to make an impact in 2026.

Warmly,
LanAnh Nguyen, Co-Editor
Danya Garner, Co-Editor
Paula Rieger, Committee Member

Dear Colleagues,

As I conclude my term as President, I am deeply proud of what we have achieved together, and this year marked a defining period for the Houston Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society, shaped by rapid scientific advancement and a renewed commitment to the *Art and Science of Cancer Care*. Our focus has been on bridging innovation and practice, ensuring that emerging treatments and technologies translate into equitable, high-quality care for all patients, regardless of geography or socioeconomic status.

Key accomplishments include:

Scientific advancement: Expanded scientific programming to twice-monthly presentations and increased nursing scholarships, strengthening clinical excellence and professional development.

Community engagement: Sustained outreach through Light the Night, family support initiatives, increased financial and toiletries contributions, and continued presence at the school of nursing opening events.

While my term concludes, our mission continues. I am confident in the incoming board, led by Rose Moore, to advance research, education, and excellence in oncology nursing.

Thank you for your trust, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the Nursing Profession.

With gratitude,
Joaquin Buitrago, PhD, RN, OCN



51st Annual ONS Congress



May 13-17, 2026, San Antonio, TX

Join thousands of colleagues embracing new discoveries while keeping patient care at the forefront. ONS Congress® is the largest, most comprehensive conference dedicated to oncology nursing. Learn from the experts, connect with your peers, and bring back the latest tools to improve patient care. Look for more information to come for a HCONS Chapter group photo opportunity!



[Experience Momentum: Care in Motion at ONS Congress](#)

American Academy of Nursing Announces the 2025 Class of New Fellows

Reprinted from American Academy of Nursing Press Release

June 18, 2025 (Washington, DC) —The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) announces today that it will induct a highly accomplished cohort of nurse leaders as its 2025 Fellows. The inductees will be recognized for their substantial contributions to health and health care at the Academy's annual Health Policy Conference, taking place on October 16 – October 18, 2025 in Washington, DC. This year's conference theme is "Impact Through Integrity and Trust: Our Role as Navigators and Translators."

The newest Fellows represent 42 states, the District of Columbia, and 12 countries. Their extensive expertise will enrich the thought leadership of the over 3,200 Academy Fellows who together advance the Academy's mission of improving health and achieving health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science.

"I cannot emphasize enough at this pivotal time in history the vital importance of recognizing this extraordinary and sizeable group of nurse leaders. With rich and varied backgrounds from practice, policy, research, entrepreneurship, and academia, they have been instrumental in using nursing's holistic approach to improve the health of patients and communities throughout the world," said Academy President Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FADLN, FNAP, FAAN. "Induction into the Academy represents the highest honor in nursing. Earning the FAAN (Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing) credential is a prestigious recognition of one's accomplishments and signifies the power of nursing to transform health and enact positive outcomes."

The 2025 Class of Fellows, selected from a historically high number of applicants which resulted in a comparable overall acceptance rate as in previous years, represent the continued influence nurses have on ensuring innovative, evidence-informed solutions that champion health and well-being in their systems and communities. The Academy appreciates the dedicated work of the organization's Fellow Selection Committee and International Subcommittee, who led the rigorous review of the record-breaking number of applications.



Congratulations to HCONS members Meagan Whisenant (left) and Roselyn Ogunkunle (right) on being selected among the 2025 cohort of American Academy of Nursing fellows!

HCONS Membership Committee

Patty Johnston (Chair), Myra Granada & Katrina Aganekwu

The Houston Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society (HCONS) is proud to provide its members with a strong professional network and opportunities to connect with friends and colleagues. Our chapter fosters meaningful relationships that support career growth in oncology nursing.

As one of the largest ONS chapters in the country, HCONS is home to 875 dedicated members working together to advance the mission of the Oncology Nursing Society throughout the greater Houston area.

For 2026, the HCONS Board has approved

keeping annual chapter dues at just \$15.00.

We are also proud to highlight our collaboration with local schools of nursing, which resulted in the addition of a student nurse interested in oncology nursing to our HCONS Board this past year.

The HCONS Membership Committee values your feedback and welcomes suggestions for improvement. We also encourage anyone interested in joining the committee to reach out to us. Your involvement makes a difference, and we look forward to hearing from you!



Collaborative Advocacy Seminar

By Terry Throckmorton, PhD, RN

On Saturday, October 25th, the Houston Chapter of ONS (HCONS), Galveston Bay Area Chapter of ONS (GBACONS), Way Out West Houston Chapter of ONS (WOW) and the Texas Nurses Association (TNA) District 9 hosted a Collaborative Advocacy Seminar at Westbury United Methodist Church.

Speakers



Matt Duckworth



Jeremy Scott



Molly Cook



Kevin Stewart

Matt Duckworth, Vice President of Government Relations at Hart Health Strategies Inc, gave an overview of the ONS Legislative Advocacy Program. Jeremy Scott, MA spoke about National Nursing Associations and Lobbying. Kevin Stewart, JD, Legislative Counsel with TNA gave an overview of the Texas 2025 legislative session. Senator Molly Cook, MPH, MIS, RN, shared her experience as a nurse legislator for Texas District 15. The session ended with Kevin Stewart reviewing the special sessions in Texas.



If you would like to receive legislative updates and/or join the Legislative Committee, please contact me at tathrockmorton@gmail.com.

Community Outreach

Sally de la Cruz (Chair) & Rosalyn Jones-Waters

Thank you for your continued support of HCONS' Adopt-a-Family efforts. For the 2025 year, we were able to collect \$7,316 in donations. 2025 Adopt-a-Family funds were donated to Ben Taub Hospital and LBJ Hospital's Oncology department for distribution to families in need by social workers. We were able to support 17 families. Please continue to donate for our HCONS Adopt-a-Family efforts this year. Your donations are collected at the monthly membership meetings.



2026 March for Marrow Team HCONS

Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Team HCONS raised \$1,090. You can still donate to support Team HCONS [here](#). Congratulations to HCONS raffle ticket winners: Jermecca Robinson, Mercy Dcunha, Brenda Pesek and Christina Orozco. Team HCONS raised \$745 in raffle ticket sales!

HCONS Student Representative

By Beyonce Kyle Mutia

Introduction

My name is Beyonce Mutia, and I am currently in my third semester at UTMB School of Nursing. I am also serving as this semester's president for Student Nurses Against Cancer (SNAC). My commitment to community service and helping others has always been a core part of who I am. Inspired by my father's hard work and dedication as a nurse, I decided to follow in his footsteps and pursue a nursing career of my own. When I'm not in class or clinicals, I love to recharge by reading, visiting the beach, and enjoying time with family and friends.

My Nursing Student Experience

My time at UTMB SON has been filled with unique experiences that have constantly challenged my critical thinking. While the journey has not always been easy, I feel incredibly blessed to be here. My favorite memories so far include my clinical rotations and serving as an officer for various organizations, particularly my time here with SNAC.

My Interest in Oncology Nursing

My interest in oncology nursing stems after my grandmother was diagnosed with stomach cancer. I am also passionate about oncology nursing because of the profound resilience shown by patients and their families. My experience in a clinical has shown me that oncology is a field where critical thinking and empathy crosses paths daily. I want to be a source of steady support and a knowledgeable guide for those facing a cancer diagnosis.

I am honored to serve as the Student Board Representative for Spring 2026, and look forward to contributing to the growth of the oncology nursing community!



Member Spotlight: Priya Bhakta, MSN, RN, CMSRN

By Priya Bhakta, MSN, RN, CMSRN, Ben Taub Hospital, Harris Health, Clinical Resource Nurse

What do you love most about oncology nursing?

What I love most about oncology nursing is the privilege of walking alongside patients and families during some of the most vulnerable and transformative moments of their lives. It allows me to combine complex clinical knowledge with compassionate presence. Educating, advocating, and empowering patients while delivering evidence-based care that truly matters.

What do you enjoy the most about being a member of HCONS?

What I enjoy most about being a member of HCONS is the opportunity to collaborate with oncology nurses who are deeply committed to advancing practice and improving patient outcomes. The chapter fosters professional growth, leadership development, and evidence-based learning in a way that truly elevates oncology care within our community.

Do you have a memorable event in your oncology nursing career that you would like to share? If so, what is it?

One of the most memorable experiences in my oncology nursing career was caring for a patient from out of state during my first year as a new nurse. The patient underwent an incredibly difficult course of chemotherapy and radiation, and eventually required a full leg amputation. What stood out to me most was not just his kindness, it was his remarkable ability to continue living his life so fully, despite every challenge he faced.

Every time the patient would return for checkups, he made a point to stop by the unit and ask for me. If I wasn't working that day, he would even ask when I'd be back and return just to say hello. But the biggest impact he had on me wasn't those visits, it was witnessing his determination to keep moving forward. He didn't let his amputation define him or limit him. He continued teaching as a professor, stayed active, and embraced life with a sense of purpose that was truly inspiring.

His resilience, strength, and refusal to let anything stop him shaped me deeply during that challenging first year of nursing. He showed me what courage looks like, and I will always carry that lesson with me.



Spring 2025 Educational Scholarship Recipients

Colleen Jernigan (Chair) & Zandra Rivera

The following members received a \$1,000 academic scholarship for Spring 2025:

Monique Thompkins BSN Recipient, Graduated December 2025



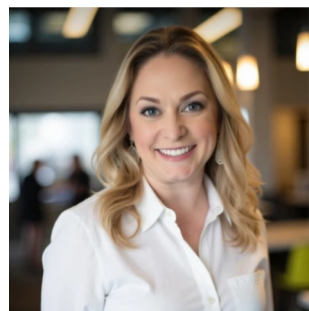
My interest in oncology nursing began after caring for a close friend who battled colon cancer. That experience opened my eyes to the emotional and physical challenges cancer patients face and inspired me to become a nurse who not only provides medical care but also advocates for hope, comfort, and dignity. Through my current oncology nursing course and clinical experiences, I've become deeply passionate about this specialty and am eager to continue learning, growing, and eventually contributing to the care and support of individuals and families affected by cancer. My long-term goal is to work in an oncology unit where I can make a meaningful impact, and possibly pursue oncology certification to specialize even further.

Chiamaka Chukwukelu BSN Recipient, Graduating April 2026



My curiosity about cancer encompasses understanding its causes, its spread mechanisms, and its potential cures. That curiosity opened the door to an incredible opportunity: my role as a Patient Care Technician on MD Anderson's Stem Cell and Immunotherapy Unit G17 has allowed me to experience firsthand the expertise of the world's leading cancer hospital. Every day, I see pure forms of innovation, resilience, and healing in action. My involvement in this environment has strengthened my dedication to oncology nursing—it's where my passion and purpose align. The greatest reward comes when a patient triumphantly rings the discharge bell following their courageous battle against illness, reinforcing my commitment to this work. My goal goes beyond patient care; I aim to help transform cancer into history. Receiving this scholarship would not only inspire and support my journey, but it would also be a dream come true—bringing me one step closer to making a lasting impact in oncology nursing.

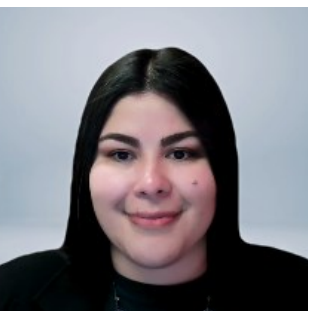
Mandy Owens MSN Recipient, Graduating May 2026



In 2005, I earned my BSN at Texas A&M- Corpus Christi and began my nursing career working in pediatrics. This is where I found my true passion for oncology nursing. Throughout my professional journey, I became a charge nurse, a preceptor, a nurse educator, and then finally transitioned into a formal oncology nursing leadership role. This has been so much more than a job for me, it is my passion and true calling. As a clinical oncology nurse navigation manager, I have had the honor of leading a team of highly experienced and certified oncology nurses across the Memorial Hermann System for the past several years. Our team is focused on serving all patients diagnosed with cancer, to assess and remove barriers to care, and to support them throughout their cancer treatment journey. It is such a privilege to care for patients during such a vulnerable and scary time. We are dedicated to make sure that no patient will have to fight cancer alone. My role is incredibly rewarding, and I do not take that for granted. As a wife and mother of three wonderful children, I aim to live and lead by example. Showing my children that it is never too late to invest in your education and to chase your dreams. If selected for the HCONS MSN scholarship, this would

be instrumental in helping me to achieve my professional goals. I aspire to obtain my MSN, so that I may continue to grow as an effective oncology nursing leader, and to also become adjunct nursing faculty to invest in our future oncology nurses. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration

Brianna Salinas Doctorate Recipient, Graduating August 2026



As a dedicated nursing professional pursuing a PhD, I am deeply committed to bridging the gap between clinical practice and research, with a particular focus on oncology nursing. My goal is to actively engage clinical nurses in the research process, fostering a culture of inquiry and evidence-based practice within oncology settings. I am especially interested in investigating research topics that inform and enhance care delivery models, with the ultimate aim of improving patient outcomes and quality of life. Through collaborative, practice-focused research, I aspire to contribute to the development of innovative, efficient, and patient-centered approaches to oncology care that empower nurses and elevate the overall standard of cancer treatment and support.

Fall 2025 Educational Scholarship Recipients

Colleen Jernigan (Chair) & Zandra Rivera

The following members received a \$1,000 academic scholarship for Fall 2025:

Chaneda Creeks BSN Recipient, Graduating May 2027



My interest in oncology nursing began when I was working with autistic adults and adolescents. During that time, I met a beautiful teenager who completely stole my heart. As a child, they had survived brain cancer, and while I was working with them, they were diagnosed with leukemia. Watching them go through so much at such a young age and still find reasons to smile changed something in me. The strength, courage, and light during their battle touched me deeply and sparked my interest in oncology. I found myself wanting to learn more about cancer and how I could be part of a team that helps people like the way they were helped through some of the hardest moments in life.

Not long after that, I started applying for hospital positions all over the Houston area. Then one day, an MD Anderson Cancer Center posting appeared on my Indeed timeline right after they lifted their hiring freeze. I took it as a sign. I applied to several oncology departments, and to my surprise, my very first interview and job offer came from the leukemia floor. I remember laughing to myself and thinking, "This is exactly where I'm meant to be." It felt like everything had come full circle working in an oncology hospital, on the same type of floor that had first inspired my passion.

Since starting at MD Anderson, I've learned so much about leukemia and the incredible people who face it every day. Being able to help patients and their families, even in small ways, brings me so much joy. Their appreciation and strength remind me daily why I'm on this path. I always knew I wanted to be a nurse, but I never knew what kind of nurse I wanted to be until now. The way my life has unfolded makes it clear that oncology nursing is my calling. Not every story has a happy ending but knowing that I can make a difference whether through kindness, comfort, or simply being there means more to me than words can express.

Looking ahead, my goal is to continue growing in the field of oncology nursing and to provide the same compassion and strength that inspired me to pursue this path. I want to be the kind of nurse who not only provides excellent care but also brings peace, comfort, and hope to patients and their families during the most challenging times of their lives. Earning this scholarship would help me continue my education and move closer to becoming the oncology nurse I've dreamed of being. This isn't just a career choice for me, it's a purpose that was placed in my heart through real experiences and real people who have changed my life forever.

Jessica Garcia BSN Recipient, Graduating April 2026

For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in pursuing nursing. However, it was not until my very own cousin was diagnosed with metastatic stomach cancer that I knew I was called to oncology. While seeing her fight her battle at MD Anderson until she passed was very hard on our family, this experience also made me positive that oncology was my calling. I made it my goal to get my foot in the door and have since worked in outpatient investigational cancer therapeutics. Once my school schedule became more demanding, I switched to the inpatient pediatric unit. I am now in my second-to-last semester and have never been more certain that, with absolute certainty, pediatric oncology is what I want to pursue after graduation. I am very passionate about oncology and cannot wait to give back to my patients in the role of a nurse.

Thomas Pasatiempo MSN Recipient, Graduating April 2026



My passion for oncology nursing runs deep, rooted in both personal and professional experiences. Cancer touches nearly every life in some way, whether it's a family member, a close friend, or a patient whose story leaves a lasting imprint on your heart. Throughout my nursing career, I have witnessed the courage, pain, and hope that define the cancer journey, and these experiences have shaped my calling to serve this population. Working at my current hospital has given me a greater understanding of cancer care, not only from the clinical side but also from the human perspective, how compassion, education, and teamwork can transform a patient's experience during their most vulnerable moments.

Learning in oncology is a continuous process, and I believe that as nurses, we never truly stop growing. This mindset inspired me to pursue my postgraduate degree as a Nurse Practitioner, so I can continue to practice nursing with the added depth of medical knowledge and clinical decision-making. I aspire to bridge the art of caring

Kim Navarrete Doctorate Recipient, Graduating May 2029



As a research nurse practitioner, my role extends beyond the traditional boundaries of clinical care and research. I see myself as a crucial connector between groundbreaking medical innovations and the communities we serve. I work closely with clinical trial patients throughout every stage of the study, from the initiation to the completion of the clinical trial. One of my primary goals is to increase awareness of clinical trials among patients, their families, and the public, ensuring they understand both the potential benefits and how to access these opportunities. My commitment is to ensure every patient feels informed, supported, empowered to consider clinical trials, and that their experiences are meaningful. In addition, I aspire to continue growing professionally and to contribute to the field by publishing evidence-based research.

HCONS Photo Recap

Academic Student Scholarship Recipients



Students Nurses Against Cancer (SNAC)



2025 Spring (left) and Fall (middle) academic student scholarship recipients. UTMB SNAC students at HCONS meeting (right).

Light The Night, October 25, 2025, Herman Square Park at City Hall, Houston, TX



Upcoming Events

- HCONS Spring Academic Scholarships now open, closes May 6, 2026
- HCONS Spring Educational Event April 18, 2026
- HCONS OCN Certification Scholarship opens June 2026
- HCONS ONS Bridge Scholarship opens July 6, 2026
- HCONS Annual Vendor Education Event September 2026
- HCONS Fall Academic Scholarships open September 7, 2026
- ONS Bridge Virtual Conference—September 15 & 16, 2026
- [HCONS Research Grant](#)—Up to \$10,000 funding annually for investigative nursing projects that affect oncology nursing practice and improve care for those at risk for or experiencing cancer and their families.



Texas Nursing Association District 9 Nursing Celebration, November 14, 2025



Outstanding Nurse Award Recipients left to right: Aleza Espinosa, Mikela Pettigrew, Benjamin Castillo, Maria Vo

2026 HCONS Board of Directors

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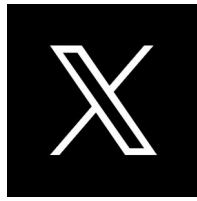
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ONS Houston Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
May 21, 2025

QINLOCK® (piperitinib) for the Treatment of Eligible Patients with Advanced GIST

SPEAKER: Rebecca Gannon, MSN, APRN-CNP
APRN - Oncology Educator,
OhioHealth - Supportive Cancer Carer

LOCATION: Mastro's Steakhouse
1650 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

RSVP via HCONS
Maximum participants = 65

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:
TOILETRY DRIVE! (May, June & July)
Please donate some toiletries (cash, check, Venmo or Zelle)

ADOPT-A-FAMILY Collection (\$5 (HCONS members) and \$10 (non-HCONS members) (accepting cash, check, Venmo or Zelle)

Thank you to our program host: **deciphera**
Deb Perl

ONS Houston Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
May 28, 2025

Neuroendocrine Tumors (NET)

CABOMETYX®
(cabotegrin) 80mg

SPEAKER: Susan Utley, MSN, FNP-BC, AOCN
Nurse Practitioner,
Tennessee Oncology

LOCATION: Carrabba's
3115 Kirby Dr Houston, TX 77098

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

RSVP via HCONS
Maximum participants = 55

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Thank you to our program host: **EXELIXIS**
Jamie Piazza & Doug Parker

ONS Houston Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
June 18, 2025

Non-Chemotherapy Treatment Option for Patients with Certain Types of Advanced Endometrial Carcinoma

SPEAKER: Kayla Castaneda, PhD, NP
Nurse Practitioner
Spero Women's Oncology Center, El Paso, TX

LOCATION: Perry's Steakhouse & Grille
1997 W Gray St
Houston, TX 77019

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

RSVP ASAP to HCONS
Maximum participants = 70

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Thank you to our program host: **Ensa** **Abco**
Andrea Mohr

ONS Houston Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
June 25, 2025

Role of XOFIGO in Treating Patients with Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (mCRPC)

Xofigo
(XO-023)

SPEAKER: Janie Connor, MSN RN OCN
Bayer Healthcare Representative

LOCATION: Quire's Table
3919 San Felipe St
Houston, TX 77027

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

RSVP ASAP to HCONS
Maximum participants = 60

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Thank you to our program host: **XOFIGO**
Janie Connor

ONS Houston Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
July 16, 2025

See How ENHERTU is Redefining HER2-Expressing Metastatic Breast Cancer Care for Eligible Patients

SPEAKER: Sarah Jax, NP, APRN, CNP
Plymouth, MN
Salina

LOCATION: 6750 Main St.,
Intercultural Houston by IHG
Houston, TX 77038

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

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Thank you to our program host: **Dalichi-Sankyo**
Signe Smith

ONS Houston Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
July 23, 2025

CAR T-Cell Therapy and the Crucial Roles of the Primary Oncology and Cell Therapy Teams

SPEAKER: Sagar Patel, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
University of Utah
Huntsman Cancer Institute

LOCATION: Perry's Steakhouse and Grille
1997 West Gray St.
Houston, Texas 77019

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

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Thank you to our program host: **Kite**
Grace Balada

ONS Houston Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting
August 20, 2025

ONIVYDE® (irinotecan liposome injection)

SPEAKER: Stacey Brewer MSN, RN, OCN
Sr. Clinical Nurse Educator
Ipsen, Oncology

LOCATION: Vic & Anthony's
1510 Texas Avenue,
Houston, TX 77002

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

RSVP ASAP to HCONS
Maximum participants = 60

FRIENDLY REMINDER:
ADOPT-A-FAMILY Collection (\$5 (HCONS members) and \$10 (non-HCONS members) (accepting cash, check, Venmo or Zelle)

Thank you to our program host: **IPSEN**
Anne Dafei

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September 24, 2025

Addressing Patients Who Have Myelofibrosis With Anemia: An Interactive Discussion of OJZARA (romiplostim)

Ojzara
(romiplostim)

SPEAKER: Devesh Pandya, MD
Oncology Consultants
Houston, Texas
Vic & Anthony's
1510 Texas Avenue,
Houston, TX 77002

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Holiday Cards Drive for Running Home Residents (bring 1 card or 1 pack, we'll take it!)

Thank you to our program host: **GSK**
Amy Hodde

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October 15, 2025

Advances in AML Series: Discussion on QUANTUM-First

SPEAKER: Thomas Leblanc, MD, MA, MHS, FAHPM, FASCO
Associate Professor of Medicine, Duke University

LOCATION: Steak 48
4844 Westheimer Road
Houston, Texas, 77027

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
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Maximum participants = 50

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Support Student Nurses Against Cancer (SNAC) (bring a brand-new toy and/or Sunblock)

Thank you to our program host: **Dalichi-Sankyo**
Mackenzie Phillips

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October 22, 2025

You are invited to a Speaker Program on WAYRILZ™ (rilzabrutinib)

"A Multi-Immune Modulator for Persistent or Chronic ITP Patients"

SPEAKER: Edward Pearson, MD
Hematologist/Oncologist
Sammons Oncology Clinic, Dallas TX

LOCATION: Guard and Grace
500 Dallas St.
Houston, Texas 77002

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

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Thank you to our program host: **sanofi**
Brian Bentley

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November 5, 2025

MRD in Hematologic Malignancies

SPEAKER: Richard Carter III, PhD
Senior Medical Science Liaison for Hematology/Oncology, Texas Genentech

LOCATION: Capital Grille
5265 Westheimer Road,
Houston TX 77056

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

RSVP via HCONS
Maximum participants = 70

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Wine/Gift Card/Gift Basket (Donate Items for Silent Auction)

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Thank you to our program host: **Genentech**
Caitlin Cressy Fernandez

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November 19, 2025

Novel Treatment for Small Cell Lung Cancer

SPEAKER: Caitlin Cressy Fernandez, PhD
Senior MS, Texas and Oklahoma Lung/GU/Derm Oncology Genentech

LOCATION: Pappalena Downtown
1001 Avenida de las Americas,
Houston, TX 77010

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Registration/Networking
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Program

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Donate Wine, Gift Card, or Gift Basket (Bring Items for Silent Auction)

Thank you to our program host: **Genentech**
Caitlin Cressy Fernandez

ONS Houston Chapter

President's Reception
Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Clinical Insights and the Evolving Role of NUBEQA (darolutamide) in mCSPC

SPEAKER: Janie Connor, RN
Bayer Nurse Educator

LOCATION: III Catering
6550 Bertner Avenue 6th Floor
Houston, Texas 77030

PROGRAM: 5:30 – 6:00 PM Registration/Silent Auction
6:00 – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting
6:30 – 7:30 PM Presentation

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Thank you to our program host **Janie Connor**