

Oncology Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the premier organization of nutrition professionals in the United States. A dietetic practice group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is a group of dietitians who are members of the Academy whose work is in a particular area such as cancer or diabetes. The Oncology Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group or ON DPG is a dietetic practice group of the Academy. We are a national organization with over 2000 members. The practice of oncology nutrition covers research, prevention, treatment, recovery, palliative care, and hospice. The ON DPG provides dietetic professionals with resources and networking opportunities to deal with the complexities of oncology practice. Members work in clinical, public health, education, and research settings.

Mission

Empowering ON DPG members as oncology nutrition leaders and experts through advocacy, education and research.

Vision

Optimizing the health of persons with cancer and cancer survivors and contributing to cancer prevention efforts through food and nutrition.

Philosophy

To be a resource for oncology nutrition experts across the continuum of care.

Website

<https://www.oncologynutrition.org>

Contact

on@eatright.org

Social Media



Membership

<https://www.oncologynutrition.org/get-involved/become-a-member>

Status	2019-2020	2018-2019	Difference
Active	2042	1887	+ 155
Associate	5	5	0
International	34	35	-1
Life	3	4	-1
Retired	66	64	+2
Staff	13	50	-37
Student	216	219	-3
Total	2380	2229	+151, +7%

Leadership

Elected:

Chair: Caitlin Benda, MBA, MS, RDN, CSO

Chair-Elect: Renee Stubbins, PhD, RD, CSO, LD

Past Chair: Alice Bender, MS, RDN

Secretary: Lori Kiker, MS, RDN, LD, CSO

Treasurer: Jyoti Benjamin, MS, RD, CSO, CD, FAND

Nominating Committee Chair: Monica Bojko, MS, RD, CSO, LDN

Nominating Committee Chair-Elect: Laura Brown, MS, RD, CSO, CNSC

Nominating Committee Member: Rebecca Robins, MS RD CSO CDN

DPG House of Delegate: Shayne Robinson, RD, CSO, CDN

Appointed:

Communications Coordinator: Julie Lanford, MPH, RD, CSO, LDN

E-Blast Coordinator: Erin Williams, RDN, CSO, CNSC

Student Member Coordinator: Anna Sewell

Electronic Mailing List (EML)/Discussion Board Administrator: Raymond Palko, MS, RD, CSO

Social Media Coordinator: Anna Maria Bittoni, MS, RD, LD

Website Administrator: Kelli Oldham, MS, RDN, CSO, LD

Website Public Content Manager: Katie Badgett, MS, RDN, CSP, LDN

Diversity Liaison: Anu Kaur, MS, RDN

Continuing Education Coordinator: Tiffany Barrett, MS, RD, CSO, LD

Webinar Planning Chair: Amy Patton, RDN, CSO

Membership Coordinator: Maureen Gardner, MA, RDN, CSO, LDN

Mentorship Program Coordinators: Dianne Piepenburg, MS, RDN, CSO; Karen Godinez, RD, CSO

Pediatric Subunit: Nancy Sacks, MS, RD, LD; Karen Ringwald-Smith, MS, RDN, CNSC; Rachel Hill, RDN, CSO, LD, CNSC; Jennifer Caceres, MS, RDN, LD; Kristy Gibbons, MD, RDN, CSP, CSO, LDN

BMT Subunit: Tara Coghlin Dickson, MS, RD, CSSD

Policy & Advocacy Leader: Sara Estabrook, MA, RDN, CSO, LDN

Reimbursement Coordinator: Gretchen Gruender, MS, RDN, CSO

Speakers Bureau: Anne Coble Voss, PhD, RDN, LD

Research Coordinator: Colleen Spees, PhD, MEd, RDN, LD, FAND

NACHO (Nutrition Access and Cancer Health Outcomes): Elaine Trujillo, MS, RDN (Project Chair); Jeannine Mills, MS, RDN, CSO, LD; Suzanne Dixon, MPH, MS, RDN; Rhone Levin, MEd, RDN, CSO, FAND; Colleen Spees, PhD, MEd, RDN, FAND; Katrina Claghorn, MS, RDN

CDR/ANDHII Research Project: Tricia Cox, MS, RDN, CSO, LD, CNSC

Networks Coordinator: Kelay Trentham, MS, RDN, CSO, CD, FAND

Sponsorship Chair: Rhone M. Levin, MEd, RD, CSO, LD, FAND

Small Research Grant Coordinator: Heidi Ganzer, DCN, RDN, CSO, LD

Oncology Nutrition in Clinical Practice (Revision Project Coordinators): Anne Voss, PhD, RDN, LD; Valaree Williams, MS, RD, CSO, FAND

Oncology Nutrition Handbook: Tools and Counseling Resources for Professionals (2nd edition): Maureen Gardner, MA, RDN, CSO, LDN; Lindsay Malone, MS, RDN, CSO ON, Annette M Goldberg MBA MS RD LDN, Caitlin Benda, MBA, MS, RDN, CSO, Heather Bell-Temin, MS, RD, CSO, LDN

Symposium Chairs: Heather Bell-Temin, MS, RD, CSO, LDN; Jeannine Mills, MS, RD, CSO, LD

Leadership Meetings:

- **Teleconference:**

10 monthly phone calls held with ON DPG Leadership

Mid-Year Leadership Meeting - virtual: April 24, 2020

- **In-Person**

FNCE® Leadership Meeting: October 15-26, 2019

Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 2019

- **ON DPG EC Meeting Day 1:** Friday, October 25, 2019 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **ON DPG EC Dinner:** Friday, October 25, 2019 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, sponsored by Abbott
- **ON DPG EC Meeting Day 2:** Saturday, October 26, 2019 7:00 am – 2:30 pm
- **Member Reception at MANNA:** Sunday, October 27, 2019 ON DPG Member Award Reception and Networking Event
- **ON DPG Spotlight Session:** Tuesday, October 29, 2019 *“Sarcopenia in Cancer: Strategies for Diagnosis and Treatment”*, CPEU: 1.5 hrs
Speakers: Jill Hamilton-Reeves, PhD, RD, CSO; Vickie Baracos, PhD
Moderator: Caitlin Benda, MBA, MS, RDN, CSO

Financial Information

	Budget	Actual*
Revenue	\$303,151	\$109,268
Expenses	\$321,362	\$76,813

- The actual revenue and expenses were impacted by the cancellation of the Oncology Nutrition Symposium due to COVID-19
- Money set aside to support member resource development
- Additional funds reallocated for more outreach in oncology nutrition advocacy, particularly for booth space at annual NCCN conference

	Investment Reserve as of 5/31/2020	FY 2020 Total Expense Budget	Reserve % of 2020 Budget
ONCOLOGY NUTRITION	\$483,723	\$321,361	151%

Newsletter (Electronic)

<https://www.oncologynutrition.org/member-benefits/newsletter-issues>

The Oncology Nutrition Connection Newsletter of the Oncology Nutrition DPG published four electronic Newsletters. Newsletter articles are also disseminated via a special edition Oncology Nutrition Connection E-Blast.

Newsletter Team:

Editors:

Jennifer Lafferty, MS, RD, CSO, LD, FAND
Gabrielle Ricky, MS, RDN, LD

Associate Editors:

Karen Berg, MS, RDN, CDN
Emily Collins, MS, RD, L

2020 Volume 27. No. 2

Message from the Chair: Caitlin Benda, MBA, MS, RDN, CSO
Apps for Diabetes Care and Management
Type 2 Diabetes Medication Update and Clinical Pearls
Introducing Boost Soothe (Ad)
Continuous Glucose Monitoring Data Interpretations for Clinicians

2020 Volume 27. No. 1

Message from the Chair: Caitlin Benda, MBA, MS, RDN, CSO

Laying the Foundation for Improved Access to Oncology Nutrition Services
Vitamin D Deficiency and its Association with Acute GVHD in Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplant
Turmeric: Is the Golden Spice Still Golden in Breast Cancer?
The International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI): Raising Global Awareness
IDDS Quiz Questions
CPE Certificate

2019 Volume 26 No. 4

Message from the Chair: Caitlin Benda, MBA, MS, RDN, CSO
Feeding with More Than Food: A Novel Multidisciplinary Approach to Combat Pediatric Malnutrition
A Multidisciplinary Approach to Survivorship
Malnutrition Coding Denials: Documentation Matters
On the Cutting Edge
Student Feature: Ashwagandha: An Herbal Approach to Combat Cancer?

2019 Volume 26 No. 3

Message from the Chair: Caitlin Benda, MBA, MS, RDN, CSO
The Commission on Cancer Recognizes Nutrition Services as Standard of Care
Flavonoids in the Prevention and Treatment of Ovarian Cancer
Pediatric Subunit Feature Pediatric Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia and the Effect of a Dietary Intervention on Glucocorticoid- Induced Metabolic Syndrome
Student Feature Gastrostomy Tube Feeding Education and the Effect on Nutrition-Related Complications: Implications for the Oncology Population
Pledge of Professional Civility and DPG/MIG Online Netiquette Guidelines
Oncology Nutrition Leadership Directory, 2019-2020

Webinars

Overcoming Food Insecurity to Maximize Quality Care and Patient Outcomes

Speaker: Laura Kerns, MPH, RD, CSO, LDN, FAND

May 12, 2020

1 CEU

The Role for Oncology Dietitians in Lymphedema

Speaker: Jean LaMantia, RD

April 8, 2020

1 CEU

Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell Therapy for Patients with Relapsed and Refractory ALL

Speaker: Colleen Callahan, RN, MSN, CRNP

February 19, 2020

1 CEU

Motivational Interviewing and MNT In Cancer Prevention, Treatment, and Survivorship

Speaker: Ashlea Braun MS, RD

December 18, 2019

1 CEU

Functional Foods and Dietary Supplements for Cancer Prevention & Survival

Speakers: Natalie L Ledesma, MS, RDN, CSO, CLT and Maureen Leser, MS, RDN, LD

June 6, 2019

1 CEU

Member Awards

Academy Excellence in Practice Award 2019

Elaine Trujillo, MS, RDN

Distinguished Practice Award 2019

Paula Charuhas Macris, MS, RD, CSO, FAND, CD

Connie San Andres Robles Distinguished Service Award 2019

Kelay E Trentham, RDN, CSO, LMT, CD, FAND

Friend of the DPG Award 2019

Kristina M. Gregory, RN, MSN, OCN from National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)

Professional Partnership Award 2019

ASPEN (American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition)

Award for Excellence in Oncology Nutrition Research 2019

Joyti Benjamin, MFN, RD, CSO, CDN, FAND

Small Research Grant 2019

Traci Roberts, MS, RD

"Effect of skeletal muscle loss on treatment tolerance and quality of life in breast cancer patients"

Joanna Wirkus, RDN, CSO

"Deciphering the Role of Dietary Fat Composition in Pancreatic Carcinogenesis"

Educational Grants 2019

Elizabeth Gorecki, MCN, RD, CSO, CNSC, CD and Kristin Cuculovski, MS, RDN, CSO, LDN

Communications

E-Blast announcements

Moved to new E-blast platform, Higher Logic.

Provided 39 updates, alerts and announcements to members via email.

Social Media

Started an Instagram account in June of 2020

Facebook:

May 31, 2020: 13,438 likes

June 1, 2019: 12,106 likes

Increase of 1332 likes (11% increase)

Twitter:

May 31, 2020: 252 followers

June 1, 2019: 144 followers

Increase of 108 followers (75% increase)

LinkedIn:

May 31, 2020: 212 members

June 1, 2019: 154 members

Increase of 58 members (38% increase)

Instagram:

June 2019: N/A

May 31, 2020: 32 followers



Website

Average pageviews/month: 83,847/month

Unique pageviews/month: 71,009/month

Average time on page: 1 minute 49 seconds

Top 3 Pages viewed:

- <https://www.oncologynutrition.org/erfc/eating-well-when-unwell/white-blood-count-diet>
- <https://www.oncologynutrition.org/erfc/healthy-nutrition-now/foods/flaxseeds-and-breast-cancer>
- <https://www.oncologynutrition.org/erfc/healthy-nutrition-now/sugar-and-cancer>

Migrated from listserv to Discussion Board in October 2019

Total Discussion Posts	New Threads	Replies to Discussion	Replies to Sender
2,138	615	1,523	365

Pediatric Subunit:

Nancy Sacks, MS, RDN, LD; Karen Ringwald-Smith, MS, RDN, CNSC; Rachel Hill, RD, CSO, LD, CNSC; Kristy L Gibbons MS RDN CSO CSP LDN, Jodie Greear, MS, RD, CSO, LDN

The ON DPG Pediatric Subunit contributed expert content for publications and continuing education; finalized questionnaire collection and analysis for a survey of pediatric oncology dietitians on current practices for pediatric oncology patients. Data was finalized and began to write up the corresponding paper.

Publications:

Publication of 2 Pediatric Articles in Oncology Nutrition Connection (Pediatric Oncology Nutrition Corner)

- 2019, Volume 26, Number 4: “Feeding with More Than Food: A Novel Multidisciplinary Approach to Combat Pediatric Malnutrition” by Christina Stella, MS, RDN, CDN, CDE and Hannah Husby, MS, RDN, CDN
- 2019, Volume 26, Number 3: “Pediatric Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia and the Effect of a Dietary Intervention on Glucocorticoid Induced Metabolic Syndrome” by LeAnna Allyson Beech, MS, RDN, LDN; Karen Ringwald-Smith, MD, RDN, LDN, FAND; Jodie Greear, MS, RD, CSO, LDN and Marie van der Merwe, PhD

Pediatric Webinar:

- Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell Therapy for Patients with Relapsed and Refractory ALL; Presented by: Colleen Callahan, RN, MSN, CRNP; February 19, 2020

Webpage:

- Planning and executing content revision

Oncology Nutrition Symposium 2020 Planning

- Assisted in selection of speaker and topic for pediatric session
- Collaboration with BMT subunit for combined topic

Oncology Nutrition for Clinical Practice, 2nd Edition

- Revision of pediatric chapter by several leadership team members

Project 1: Pediatric Oncology RDN Practice Questionnaire

- Questionnaire responses collected and tabulated
- Finalized publication draft

Project 2: Proactive Nutrition Support Algorithm

- Development of a proactive nutrition support algorithm for pediatric oncology patients (deferred until completion and publication of practice questionnaire)

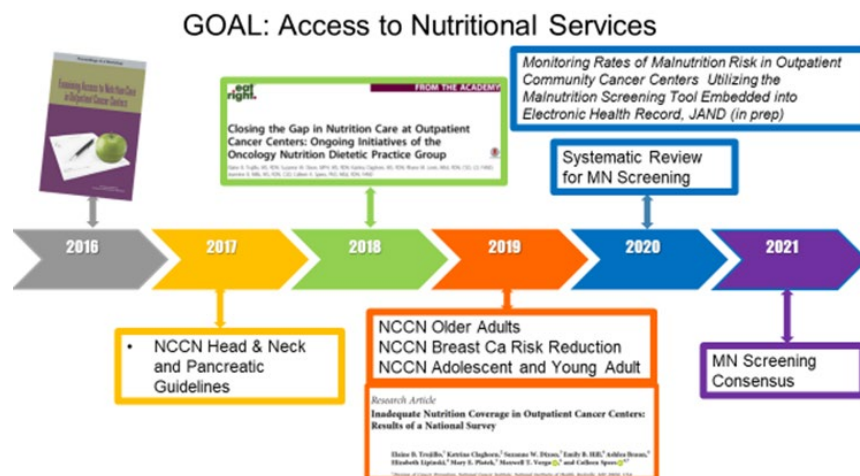
BMT Subunit

Strategic Plan Development by co-leaders

- Prioritized membership recruitment and publicity
 - Created E-Blast announcement to ON DPG membership
 - Initiated outreach through the Academy venues
 - Developed BMT Subunit information for ON DPG Website
 - Developed and filled volunteer coordinator position
 - Developed a volunteer interest survey and offered to new members
 - Initiated volunteer page
 - Initiated About Us Page
 - Developed a FAQs page
- Created a FAQs team with volunteer editors and coeditor
- Recruited and developed volunteer authors for creating 9 evidenced based FAQs for BMT Subunit webpages
- Created and developed Outreach Team to help identify BMT RDs nationally through institutions with BMT Programs
- Developed and filled liaison position for outreach to BMT related external professional organizations with whom ON DPG's BMT subunit has established relationships

- Created and recruited for Author Mentor position to support new authors for publication or poster submission
- Developed and filled a volunteer to help manage and represent BMT Subunit on the Discussion Board
- Developed and filled position for BMT Subunit page webpage manager
- Identified and secured speaker for Fall BMT Webinar
- Contributed BMT specialized research article to ON Connection Newsletter
- Created binder of 2018-2019 BMT Subunit member benefits and accomplishments including FAQs for FNCE ON DPG Member Booth
- Recruited speakers and successfully submitted BMT Subunit presentation for 2020 Symposium
- Oncology Nutrition Symposium 2020
 - Coordinating possible opportunities for BMT Subunit business and networking with Symposium Planning Committee
- Initiated Clinical Practice Guidelines Project

Nutrition Access and Cancer Health Outcomes (NACHO)



"Building a Case for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists" ACCCBuzz Blog Post and Interview with Suzanne Dixon MPH, MS, RDN

Working with ASPEN on Consensus Development for Malnutrition Screening in Outpatient Cancer Centers

ON DPG Representation at Meetings and Liaison Positions

- [NCCN Virtual 2020 Annual Conference Exhibitor](#)

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Health Informatics Infrastructure (ANDHII)

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For the past four years ON DPG has collaborated with the Academy to design a feasibility study with the goal of determining the effect of medical nutrition therapy by an RDN in outpatient cancer centers.

The study includes six outpatient cancer centers associated with academic or community hospitals, or free-standing cancer centers. The outpatient facilities have an electronic health record, and a screening tool in place for all patients.

All six sites have completed IRB approval, either by their own local IRB or a global IRB at the University of New Mexico. They are all currently in the process of or have completed data collection and documentation of seven patients receiving anti-neoplastic treatment for lung, esophageal, colon, rectal, or pancreatic cancer.

In 2019, the Oncology Outcomes Research group has submitted a summary for the ON DPG newsletter and the protocol paper was published in JAND in March, 2019. The research committee has begun to analyze the current data that has been collected and plans to host a webinar and possibly a spotlight session at FNCE in 2021.

Rationale and Study Protocol for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Outpatient

Oncology Outcomes Feasibility Study. Guest DD, Cox T, Coble Voss A, Nguyen A, McMillen K, Williams V, Lee J, Beck P, Lenning K, Titus-Howard T, Petersen J, Yakes Jimenez E. J Acad Nutr Diet. 2019 Jul;119(7):1205-1208. doi: 10.1016/j.jand.2019.01.013. Epub 2019 Mar 28.

Oncology Outcomes Pilot Study: Making Sure Every Patient Has Access to a Dietitian. By Tricia Cox, MS, RD, CNSC, LD, Dolores Doane Guest, PhD, RDN, Anne Coble Voss, PhD, RDN, LDN, Andreea Nguyen MS, RD, CNSC, LD and Elizabeth Yakes Jimenez, PhD, RDN, LD. Oncology Nutrition Connection. 2018. Vol. 25, No. 3

Publications

Oncology Nutrition Handbook: Tools and counseling Resources for professionals, second Edition (Old Resource Kit) peer review completed and recommendations for updates made.

Speakers Bureau

Currently have a total of 14 speakers.

Supported the following speakers:

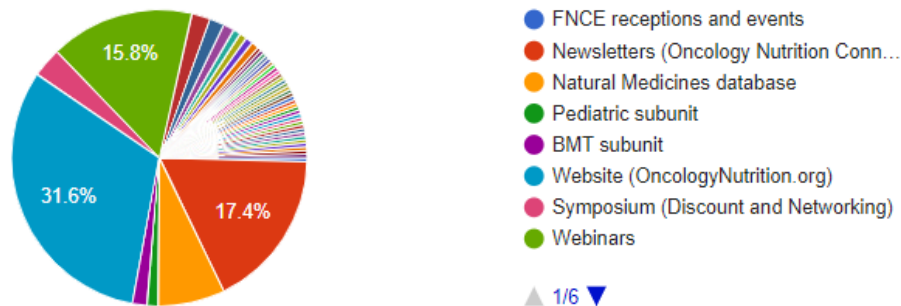
- Suzanne Dixon presented to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in San Francisco January 25, 2020

Membership

ON DPG ended the year with a total of 2,380 members which was an increase of 151 members or 6% over the previous membership year. Membership Chair, Maureen Gardner surveyed membership regarding the most used benefit. The website came in first place with 32% of the 247 respondents selecting it as the most used benefit. This was followed by the newsletter and webinars.

The ON DPG benefit I use the most is

247 responses



Volunteer/Mentorship

Mentorship

Mentorship chairs worked to revamp the ON DPG Mentorship Program to create more mentorship options and create increased access to mentorship. Industry standards were studied and other DPG mentorship programs were researched to develop a three-tier option for mentorship. New mentors were recruited for a total volunteer team of 19 mentors. The year ended working towards developing a strategy to brand and launch the revamped ON DPG Mentoring Program.

Volunteer

Currently there are 36 volunteers available

- Volunteer list for 2020-21 established

Oncology Nutrition Symposium 2020

The 2020 Oncology Nutrition Symposium was scheduled to be held from April 24 – 26, 2020 at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Spa in Glendale, Arizona. Registration for the symposium opened in December 2019. Sponsorship was secured and speakers were scheduled. The Symposium sold out in early March but had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

Platinum Sponsors



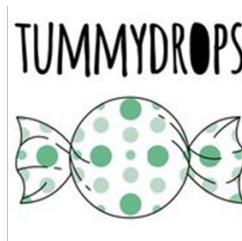
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Silver Sponsors



Exhibitor Sponsors



Diversity Committee

Diversity chairs (Anu Kaur and Matthew D'Aria) surveyed the ON DPG members regarding members interest in diversity and needs. Also, reached out to AND MIGs and Diversity liaisons of other DPG to assess diversity projects being done in community. Based on this research it was decided to work on the Diversified Table Project which involved creating rubric for a diversified recipe contest.

Policy and Advocacy

Sara Estabrook, the ON DPG Policy and Advocacy leader led the DPG in coordinating requests for comments from the Academy. Sara also coordinated a meeting with the EC and Mark Rifkin, the Academy's Manager, Consumer Protection and Regulation. Mark shared the Academy's request for comments process and understanding the nature of various types of federal regulatory requests.

The DPG provided comments on the CDC Survey of Ovarian Cancer Patients and Survivors

- Actions requested through listserv and direct email request (response in part by Gretchen Gruender)

The DPG provided comments for Transitions of Care from Pediatric to Adult Services for Children with Special Healthcare Needs

- Response coordinated by Rachel Hill, Pediatric Subunit Chair of ON DPG

Networks

ON DPG Network partners include:

- American Institute of Cancer Research
- National Cancer Institute

Annual Network activities include:

- The John A. Milner Nutrition and Cancer Prevention Research Practicum; Bethesda, Maryland in partnership with the NCI. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- Recognition of Cancer Prevention Month in partnership with AICR

Sponsorship

ON DPG Sponsorship: \$22,300

- Abbott
- Abbvie
- Healthcare Nutrition Council
- Orgain
- SGW (Nestle)

Independent Contractors

Oncology Nutrition Connection – Design and Layout

Academy Graphic Communication

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Oncology Nutrition Symposium – Meeting Planner

Premier Meeting & Event Management

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