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

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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


- **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

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- 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

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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:

Migrated from listserv to Discussion Board in October 2019

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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)**

**GOAL: Access to Nutritional Services**

- Monitoring Rates of Malnutrition Risk in Outpatient Community Cancer Centers Utilizing the Malnutrition Screening Tool Embedded into Electronic Health Record. JAND (in prep)
- Systematic Review for MN Screening
- NCCN Head & Neck and Pancreatic Guidelines
- NCCN Older Adults
- NCCN Breast Ca Risk Reduction
- NCCN Adolescent and Young Adult
- MN Screening Consensus

“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)

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Health Informatics Infrastructure (ANDHII)
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.


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


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.

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.
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

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Oncology Nutrition Symposium – Meeting Planner
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