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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3 & 4 Leadership

Elected:
Chair: Renee Stubbins, PhD, RD, CSO, LD
Chair-Elect: Mridul Datta PhD MS RD LD FAND
Past Chair: Caitlin Benda, MBA, MS, RDN, CSO
Secretary: Joy R Heimgartner MS RD CSO LD
Treasurer: Jyoti Benjamin, MS, RD, CSO, CD, FAND
Nominating Committee Chair: Laura Brown, MS, RD, CSO, CNSC
Nominating Committee Chair-Elect: Meghan J Garrity MS RD CSO CSOWM CDN
Nominating Committee Member: Peter Adintori, MS, RD, CDN
DPG House of Delegate: Shayne Robinson, RD, CSO, CDN

Appointed:
Communications Coordinator: Julie Lanford, MPH, RD, CSO, LDN
E-Blast Coordinator: Samantha A Mossman RD, CSO
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: Andrea Hamilton MS, RD
Diversity Liaison: Anu Kaur, MS, RDN
Continuing Education Coordinator: Tiffany Barrett, MS, RD, CSO, LD
Webinar Planning Chair: Erin N Gurd RD
Membership Co-Chairs: Monica Bojko, MS, RD, CSO, LDN and Lindsay B Colman RD, CSO, LDN
Mentorship Program Coordinators: Dianne Piepenburg, MS, RDN, CSO; Karen Godinez, RD, CSO
Pediatric Subunit: Rachel Hill, RDN, CSO, LD, CNSC; Karen Ringwald-Smith, MS, RDN, CNSC; Rachel Hill, RDN, CSO, LD, CNSC; Ranier Castillo, MS, RDN, ACSM-CPT; Kristy Gibbons, MD, RDN, CSP, CSO, LDN; Kelly Walker, MS, RDN, CSO, LD
BMT Subunit: Tara Coghlin Dickson, MS, RD, CSSD; Patty McDonnell RD, CSO, FAND, CD; Katie Harper MS, RD, CNSC, CSO

Policy & Advocacy Leader: Sara Estabrook, MA, RDN, CSO, LDN
Reimbursement Coordinator: Gretchen Gruender, MS, RDN, CSO
Leadership Meetings:

- **Teleconference:**
  10 monthly phone calls held with ON DPG Leadership
  Mid-Year Leadership Meeting - virtual: April 29, 2021
  Fall Business and Governance Meeting – virtual: November 21, 2020

Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ Virtual 2020

**ON DPG Spotlight Session:** Sunday, October 18, 2020, 11:30 am CST “The Gut Microbiome: Profound Implications for Diet and Cancer Therapy”, Speakers: Eamonn Quigley, MD, FRCP, FACP, MACG, FRCPI and Brett Loman, PhD, RD Moderator: Renee Stubbins, PhD, RD, LD, CSO
CPEU: 1.0 hrs

**Roundtable Discussion with ON DPG Award Winners,** Sunday, October 18, 2020, 6 pm CST, virtual

**DPG/MIG Showcase:** Live Chat with ON DPG Members, Monday, October 19, 2020, 12:30 pm CST, virtual

**Cook-Along with Ann Ogden Gaffney,** ON DPG Virtual Member Event, Monday, October 19, 2020, 6 pm CST
Financial Information

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Newsletter (Electronic)

[https://www.oncologynutrition.org/member-benefits/newsletter-issues](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

**2021 Volume 28. No. 2**
- Message from the Chair: Renee Stubbins, PhD, RDN, CSO
- Family Mealtime and Meal Support: Improve Appetite and Mental Health in Children with Cancer
- Self-Reported Changes and Perceived Barriers to Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Among Global Breast Cancer Survivors: Results from an Exploratory Online Novel Survey
- Feature: ON DPG Fundamentals Course Grant Winners
- Feature: Diversified Recipe Contest Winners
- Identifying Nutrition Education Interests and Delivery Preferences Among Cancer Survivors Participating in Cancer Dietitian Programs

**2021 Volume 28. No. 1**
- Message from the Chair: Renee Stubbins, PhD, RDN, CSO
- Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy Induced Mucositis and the Microbiome: Is There a Role for Probiotics?
- Excellence in Oncology Research Award
Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Dietitian’s Experience Navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic
2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans Released

2020 Volume 27. No. 4
Member Highlight: FNCE 2020 ON DPG Awardees
Diabetes and Cancer: Increased Risk and Mortality
Integrating Continuous Glucose Monitoring into Your Practice
Learn More & Request Samples of Boost Soothe® (Ad)
EXPERT INTERVIEW: Radiation Oncologists Partnering with Registered Dietitian Nutritionists
Cannabis Use for the Management of Nutrition Related Symptoms of Cancer Treatment

2020 Volume 27. No. 3
Message from the Chair: Renee Stubbins, PhD, RDN, CSO
Socioeconomic, Ethnic and Racial Disparities in Pediatric Oncology
NIH Announces Strategic Plan to Accelerate Nutrition Research
Member Highlight: Small Research Grant Award Winners
American Cancer Society Guideline for Diet and Physical Activity
ASCO Releases Guidelines for the Management of Cancer Cachexia
2020-2021 Leadership Directory

Webinars

Oncology Outcomes Feasibility Study: Advocating for Every Patient to Have Access to a Dietitian
Speaker: Tricia A. Cox, RD, CNSC
May 6, 2021
1 CEU

Integrative Medicine in Pediatric Oncology
Speaker: Elena J. Ladas, PhD, RD
January 20, 2021
1 CEU

CBD: What's All the Buzz About?
Speaker: Kelay Trentham, MS, RDN, CSO, CD, FAND
December 11, 2020
1 CEU

Nutrition Issues in Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation: Latest Advances
Speaker: Paula Charuhas Macris MS, RD, CSO, FAND, CD
November 4, 2020
1 CEU

Fat Malabsorption in Enterally Fed Patients: Overcoming the Challenges
Speakers: Jeanette Hasse, PhD, RD, LD, CNSC, CCTD, FASPEN, FADA
Thursday, August 27, 2020
1 CEU
Sponsored by Alcresta Therapeutics
Online Workshops and Courses

Blood and Marrow Transplantation Nutrition Workshop
Speaker: Kerry McMillen, MS, RD, CSO, FAND, Peter Adintori, MS, RD, CDN, CNSC, and Sarah Andersen, BHlthSc, Adv APD
February 24, 2021
4.0 CEU

Oncology Nutrition Fundamentals Online Course
Speaker: Daphne Burnett, APRN-CN and Leah Hoffman, PhD, RDN, LD, CNSC
January 14, 2021, January 21, 2021, and January 28, 2021
4.5 CEU

Member Awards

Academy Distinguished Practice Award 2020
Jeannine B. Mills

Connie San Andres Robles Distinguished Service Award 2020
Colleen Spees, PhD, MEd, RDN, LD, FAND

Friend of the DPG Award 2020
Dr. Faith Ottery, MD, PhD, FACN for her contributions to the development of the Scored Patient-Generated Subjective Global Assessment

Professional Partnership Award 2020
ACCC (Association of Community Cancer Centers

Award for Excellence in Oncology Nutrition Research 2020
Holly Paden

Small Research Grant 2020
Dr. Annie Lin, PhD, RD
“Cancer DietAssist App: Nutrition Made Easy for Colorectal Cancer Survivors”

ON DPG Educational Grant 2020
Lauren Fay, RD, CSO, CNSC

ON DPG Fundamentals Grant 2020
Camaria Welch, Finley Nadler, Grace Sinopoli, Megan Poole, Denise Sievering

Communications

E-Blast announcements

Provided 50 updates, alerts and announcements to members via email.
Distribution: 2230 members AVG Open Rate: 50.44% AVG Click Rate: 15.78 AVG Forwards: 238
Social Media

**Instagram:**
May 31, 2021: 1,157 followers  
June 1, 2020: 32 followers  
Increase of 1,125 followers (3500% increase)

**Facebook:**
May 31, 2021: 14,226 likes  
June 1, 2020: 13,438 likes  
Increase of 788 likes (6% increase)

**Twitter:**
May 31, 2021: 302 followers  
June 1, 2020: 252 followers  
Increase of 50 followers (20% increase)

**LinkedIn:**
May 31, 2020: 311 members  
June 1, 2020: 212 members  
Increase of 99 members (47% increase)

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:

Discussion Board

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Pediatric Subunit:

Leadership Team:
- **Lead:** Rachel Hill, RD, CSO, LD, CNSC  
- **Projects:** Karen Ringwald-Smith, MS, RD, LDN, FAND  
- **Secretary:** Kristy Gibbons, MS, RD, CSP, CSO, LDN  
- **Newsletter Coordinator:** Ranier Castillo, MS, RDN, LDN, ACSM-CPT  
- **Networking/Webpage:** Kelly Walker, MS, RD, CSO, LD
Overview:
The ON DPG Pediatric Subunit contributed expert content for publications and continuing education; published findings from our pediatric oncology dietitian practice survey; initiated “frequently asked questions” project, and continued ongoing contributions (newsletter, webpage content, and webinar).

Members:
We had 56 members as of 4/29/21.
Started 2021-2022 year off with 49 members (as of 6/1/21)!

Newsletter Publications:
Publication of 2 Articles in Oncology Nutrition Connection (Pediatric Oncology Nutrition Corner)
- Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Dietitian’s Experience Navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic by Ranier Castillo
- Socioeconomic, Ethnic and Racial Disparities in Pediatric Oncology by Melissa Gallardo, BS
- Additional articles are in process for the next year.

Pediatric Webinar:
- Integrative Medicine in Pediatric Oncology; Presented by: Elena Ladas, PhD, RD; January, 2020

Webpage/Networking:
- Planning and executing content revision
- One team member was devoted to keeping members updated with upcoming events/publications to increase communication and visibility

Oncology Nutrition Symposium 2022 Planning
- Assisting in selection of speaker and topic for pediatric session

Oncology Nutrition for Clinical Practice, 2nd Edition
- Revision of pediatric chapter by several leadership team members

Project 1: Pediatric Oncology RDN Practice Questionnaire --> Published in 2021!

BMT Subunit

Strategic Plan Development
- Prioritized Member Education, Development and Outreach 2020-2021
- Outreach to BMT related external professional organizations with whom ON DPG’s BMT subunit has established relationship – not accomplished due to covid related limitations with networking and external communication. Priority for 2021-2022.
• Created and recruited for Author Mentor position to support new authors for publication (especially for ON Connection Newsletter) or ONDPG Symposium poster submission (did not happen in 2019/2020)
• BMT related contributions to ON Connection Newsletter – unsuccessful in spite of newly created Author Mentor support position communicated to membership. Will continue to encourage membership contributions reemphasizing Author Mentor support option
• Recruited for and identified BMT Session Speaker for 2022 ONDPG Symposium
• Clinical Practice Guidelines – in process now with new editors outside BMT Leadership and mentors. Delayed due to new volunteer line in review process. Priority for 2021-2022
• Support Symposium Committee submitting RD recommendation for RD who includes BMT in clinical nutrition practice - successful
• FAQs – successfully continue to create new FAQs for membership quarterly
• BMT RD Business & Networking function – did not happen due to 2020 Symposium cancellation
• BMT Nutrition Workshop – successful
• BMT Nutrition Webinar – successful
• Recruited Breakout Sessions for Education, Networking and Development for members
• Recruited for and identified speakers and topics for half of 2021-2022 Breakout Sessions.
• Determined dates/times for all Breakout Sessions for 2021-2022
• Identified and secured speakers for Fall BMT Webinar
• Created binder and virtual message of 2019-2020 BMT Subunit member benefits and accomplishments including FAQs, Webinar, Clinical Practice Guidelines for FNCE ON DPG Member Booth

Continuing to prioritize Member Education, Development, Networking and Outreach in 2021-2022

• Speakers for **BMT Nutrition Workshop pre 2022 ONDPG Symposium**
• **Quarterly BMT Nutrition Breakout Sessions** – Small Group Educational Sessions for 20 members each Session facilitated by experts in topic areas
• **BMT Subunit Business and Networking Meeting at 2022 Symposium.**
• **BMT Webinar**- Speakers and potential date secured. Topics to be determined
• Outreach to BMT related external professional organizations with whom ON DPG's BMT subunit has established relationship – liaison ready with plans to attend related meetings

**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.

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 held a webinar on May 6, 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

Speakers:
- Currently there are 12 speakers listed on the ON DPG website under request a speaker. Two speakers decided to discontinue their role on Speakers Bureau (Audrey Clark, Katrina Claghorn).

Speaking opportunities:
- Worked with a company, BurnAlong, to increase the number of speaking opportunities. Jean LaMantia and Julie Langford contacted BurnAlong.

Speaker requests:
- Jean LaMantia presented virtually to Lymphoma Canada but requested no funding from ON DPG.
- No other speaker requests were received.

Application process:
- The application process was changed to meet Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics requirements.
- This new process will be posted to the ON DPG website Get Involved > Speakers Bureau.
Membership

ON DPG ended the year with a total of 2,281 members which was a decrease of 99 members or 4% over the previous membership year. This decrease is aligned with overall DPG/Academy membership rates which have been impacted by the economic effects of COVID-19.

Volunteer/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.”

Informal/Formal/Casual Programs:

Mentee applicants (Formal and Informal) – 25
Mentor applicants (Formal and Informal) – 24
Formal Partnerships – 10 (Final partnerships set to end April, 2021)
Casual/Discussion Board – 8 postings

Informal Mentor Check-in Survey:

1. We received 9/10 responses from the Informal Mentor Check-in Survey.
2. 89% of open-ended responses to the mentor experience was positive (8/9 responses)
3. 1 (11%) response – Wished for more guidance in being a mentor, thought there would be goals/objectives with the Informal program

Quarterly Eblast

First Eblast was sent-out in February, 2021

43.8% of recipients clicked on the link “How to be a good mentor”
10.2% clicked on the ON DPG mentorship page
10.2% clicked on the Ted Talk link
17.14% total – clicked on ON DPG mentorship information

Volunteer

Currently there are 36 volunteers available
• Volunteer list for 2021-22 established

Diversity Committee

Launched its Diversified Table Project which was a contest for diversified recipes. These are the winners and recipe names:
Kim Korf- Golden Milk Smoothie
Jennifer Sato- Miso Soup
Madeline Butler Sanchez- Tempeh Sweet plantain
Cindy Chou- Yam Rice Porridge
Lori Bumbaco- Plant Base Cholent
Lee Jackson and Holy Clegg- Black bean Enchilada
Gabbie Ricky- Chicken Tinola
Ki Keys- Walnut Porridge
Paula Macris- Greek Avgolemono Soup
Kelly Rashid - Caribbean Chicken Stew

Policy and Advocacy

Sara Estabrook, the ON DPG Policy and Advocacy leader led the DPG in coordinating requests for comments from the Academy.

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.
● Recognition of Cancer Prevention Month in partnership with AICR

Special Projects

Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation

In September of 2020 ON DPG started a collaboration with the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation (CCF) Founded in 2006, the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation is a global 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, whose mission is to find a cure and improve the quality of life for those affected by cholangiocarcinoma. As the only nonprofit in North America, and the largest charity in the world specifically dedicated to CCA, CCF has become a recognized leader among clinicians, researchers, industry, peer organizations, and patients and caregivers.

The goal of this project is to develop an evidence-based educational booklet regarding nutrition for persons with cholangiocarcinoma. Authors were recruited through eblast and social media communications.

Hope for Stomach Cancer

In November 2020, ON DPG embarked on a project in collaboration with Hope for Stomach Cancer. Hope for Stomach Cancer provides resources to patients, caregivers and loved ones while promoting early detection and prevention to the general and medical communities. ‘Hope’ creates and facilitates programs that enable those affected by stomach cancer to take actionable steps and overcome each phase of the disease.

The goal of this project is to develop an evidence-based educational booklet regarding nutrition for persons with stomach cancer. Authors were recruited through eblast and social media communications.
Sponsorship

ON DPG Sponsorship: $16,650

- Alcresta
- Kate farms
- Nestle
- Real Food Blends
- Trovita

Independent Contractors

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