



Dear Colleagues,

From Canada's coast to coast to coast, Oncology Nursing Day is an opportunity to pause and recognize the incredible contributions oncology nurses make to our national health care system. Cancer affects people of all genders, nationalities and age groups and Canadians know oncology nursing leadership and care is an integral part of their cancer care trajectory from surveillance through cancer diagnosis, treatment and research. Oncology nursing expertise is present in a range of specialty practice areas such as systemic therapy, radiation therapy, navigation, education, leadership and advanced practice in ambulatory, inpatient, and community settings. Thus, this year's OND theme of *From Coast to Coast: Uniting Our Practice / Unir nos pratiques d'un océan à l'autre* reflects the foundation of knowledge, skills and excellence that oncology nurses bring to cancer care every day across our great country.

Through the national (and international) network avenues made available by CANO/ACIO, we know that uniting our practice also provides synergy as we work towards reducing the duplication of work across jurisdictions. As Anthony D'Angelo reminds us, "don't reinvent the wheel, just realign it." United, we can build on each other's successes without reinventing the wheel and instead realign the great work that has already been done to suit our specific context. This is especially important in the current state of profound workforce turnover and loss of institutional knowledge as so many expert oncology nurses retire or leave for different opportunities. Instead of duplicating work across provinces (and even health authorities), we can use that precious time to extend and build on each other's ideas and successes to amplify oncology nursing practice across Canada and the globe.

On April 2, we invite you to celebrate oncology nursing and the many achievements of all oncology nurses. The CANO/ACIO Oncology [Help Guide](#) will give you ideas on how to organize events and promote Oncology Nursing Day within your work setting. You will find below a list of possible events to organize as well as what was done in previous years. CANO/ACIO head office is also here to help. In the [Help Guide](#), you will find full-size color posters that can be downloaded and printed.

To get a buzz about Oncology Nursing Day 2024 going on Twitter, please use #OND2024 #and tag @CANO/ACIO. If you want more ideas about connecting on social media, please visit <https://www.cano-acio.ca/page/Promote>.

There are so many ways to get involved in CANO/ACIO. Join a [Special Interest Group](#), get involved with your local [Chapter](#), submit an [abstract](#) for our annual conference, watch a [webinar](#), join a [committee](#), and connect with a colleague! Please [connect with us](#) if you have any questions or need support (or even if you just want to chat).

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You can also contact our head office at 604.874.4322 or info@cano-acio.ca if you have any questions.

I am so grateful for all that each of you do and bring to cancer care practice environments. The continued power and influence of such combined practice contributes to a better future for the Canadians we serve as well as the incredible profession of oncology nursing. Your everyday actions exemplify the skillful work required by all healthcare professionals as we face the challenges and uncertainties of current health care realities.

With my deepest gratitude,

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