

Dear Esteemed Colleagues, Partners, and Supporters,

On **April 7th, 2026**, we celebrate the remarkable achievements of our profession and honor the invaluable contributions oncology nurses make in supporting individuals and their families throughout their cancer journeys.

This year's Oncology Nursing Day theme, "***Faire avancer les soins infirmiers en oncologie par la collaboration et l'innovation / Stronger Together: Advancing Oncology Nursing Through Collaboration and Innovation***," powerfully reflects both our past and our future as an organization and as a profession.

As we reflect on our 40th anniversary, celebrated last year, we recognize four decades of dedication, collaboration, and innovation in oncology nursing practice, education, and research that have brought us to where we are today. This milestone stands as a powerful testament to the passion, resilience, and unwavering commitment of our oncology nursing community. It is through working together—sharing knowledge, supporting one another, and embracing innovation—that oncology nurses have shaped the evolution of cancer care and strengthened our collective impact. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to honour both the work of oncology nurses and the remarkable journey of our organization.

Cancer care continues to advance in extraordinary ways—from early detection and targeted therapies to immunotherapy and personalized medicine. Throughout these transformative changes, oncology nurses have remained at the forefront, collaborating across disciplines, adapting to new challenges, and embracing emerging technologies to deliver high-quality, evidence-informed, and compassionate care. [Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology/Association canadienne des infirmières en oncologie \(CANO/ACIO\)](#) has been privileged to walk alongside oncology nurses throughout this journey, supporting their essential roles in direct patient care, research, education, and leadership.

Looking ahead, CANO/ACIO's new strategic plan builds on this strong foundation, advancing collaboration and innovation through the development of revised oncology nursing standards and capabilities designed to support and empower nurses across all practice settings. By strengthening professional practice, advancing education and research, and fostering leadership and advocacy, we remain committed to equipping oncology nurses to meet the evolving needs of patients, families, and communities—together, today and into the future.

[Oncology Nursing Day](#) is a meaningful opportunity to recognize the vital work we do every day and to celebrate our collective commitment, expertise, and passion for excellence in cancer care. It is a time to honor not only the complex clinical skills that define our profession, but also the compassion, empathy, and resilience that make oncology nurses indispensable to those affected by cancer. Whether administering chemotherapy, managing complex symptoms, providing emotional support, educating patients and families, mentoring novice and aspiring oncology nurses, or advancing the profession through research or leadership, the impact of oncology nursing is truly extraordinary.



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On April 7th, we invite you to celebrate oncology nursing and the many achievements of all oncology nurses. The CANO/ACIO Oncology Help Guide offers ideas for organizing events and promoting Oncology Nursing Day in your workplace. It includes a list of event ideas, past activities, and downloadable color posters.

CANO/ACIO's head office is also available for support. The [Help Guide](#) includes downloadable full-size color posters. To spread the word about Oncology Nursing Day 2026 on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#), use #OND2026 and tag @CANO/ACIO. For more social media ideas, visit <https://www.cano-acio.ca/page/Promote>.

There are many ways to get involved with CANO/ACIO—join a Special Interest Group, participate in your local Chapter, submit an abstract, watch a webinar, join a committee, or connect with a colleague. Reach out to us for questions, support, or even just to chat! You can also contact our head office at 604.874.4322 or [info@cano-acio.ca](mailto:info@cano-acio.ca) if you have any questions.

As we look ahead to April 7th, we reflect on our shared journey and celebrate not only the successes and innovations we have achieved, but also the challenges we have faced together. These experiences have strengthened us and shaped the resilient, compassionate oncology nursing community we are today. On Oncology Nursing Day, we honour your unwavering contributions and recognize the profound impact your expertise and dedication have on the lives of patients and their families. Stronger together, through collaboration and innovation, we continue to advance oncology nursing and build a future of cancer care that is brighter, more equitable, and more innovative than ever before.

With my deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trina Buick', written in a cursive style.

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