

Joint Statement: World No Tobacco Day 2015

To celebrate World No Tobacco Day 2015, the undersigned oncology nursing organizations, representing over 60,000 nurses worldwide, urge their members and member organizations to intensify their commitment to tobacco control.

The World Health Organization estimates that approximately 6 million people a year, globally, die of a tobacco related disease.¹ Tobacco use causes approximately 30% of all cancer deaths.²

Oncology nurses play a leadership role in tobacco use cessation and prevention, and in protection of the public from the harmful effects of tobacco smoke.

Oncology nurses must offer patients evidence-based smoking cessation interventions since research validates that continuing tobacco use after a diagnosis of cancer is associated with a poorer prognosis and poorer treatment outcomes.³

Additionally, oncology nurses play a key role in offering health education and counselling to prevent tobacco use, and most importantly, advocating for and supporting policies, such as tobacco free environments, that are proven to reduce incidence among young people, promote cessation among tobacco users and reduce overall tobacco-related morbidity and mortality.⁴

Further the undersigned urge all oncology nursing organizations to build partnerships with communities to deliver cessation, prevention and protection messages to the public. The undersigned also urge oncology nursing organizations to develop, approve and promote a position statement⁵ ensuring that nurses are engaged in and contribute to the global efforts of reducing tobacco use by 30% by 2025.⁶

Asian Oncology Nursing Society (AONS)
Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO)
European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS)
International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC)
Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)

¹ <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs339/en/>

² <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/tobaccocancer/cigarettesmoking/cigarette-smoking-illness-and-death>

³ <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2012/Reducing-Tobacco-Related-Cancer-Incidence-and-Mortality.aspx>

⁴ <http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/observer12/en/>

⁵ See example at:

http://storage.googleapis.com/isncc_resources/Tobacco%20Position%20Statement%20Final%20July%202014%20Final%20Approved.pdf

⁶ <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/trends-tobacco-use/en/>

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