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Hoag Family Cancer Institute Presents

# Embracing Excellence in Oncology Nursing Practice

August 7 – 8, 2026

The Waterfront Beach Resort  
21100 Pacific Coast Highway  
Huntington Beach, California



*Circle 1000*

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## CEU Accreditation and Credit Designation/ILNA Points

This conference has been approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, with provider number 17163, for a total of 13 Contact Hours (7 for Friday and 6 for Saturday), of continuing education credit for registered nurses.

This program is approved for ILNA Points. The program content has been reviewed by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) and is acceptable for recertification points. ONCC review is only for designating content to be used for recertification points and is not for CNE accreditation. CNE programs must be formally approved for contact hours by an acceptable accreditor/approver of nursing CE to be used for recertification by ONCC. If the CNE provider fails to obtain formal approval to award contact hours by an acceptable accrediting/approval body, no information related to ONCC recertification may be used in relation to the program.

This conference is designed for oncology and radiation oncology nursing professionals. Students enrolled in a registered nursing program who have an interest in oncology are also invited to attend this program.

## Conference Venue and Accommodations

### The Waterfront Hilton Beach Resort, Huntington Beach, California

The 2026 Hoag Embracing Excellence in Oncology Nursing Practice symposium will be held at the Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel in Huntington Beach, California. This oceanfront resort is just a five-minute walk from the beach, the iconic Huntington Beach Pier, and Pacific City, offering a variety of shopping and dining experiences.

The resort is located approximately one hour from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and just minutes from John Wayne Airport (SNA).



Room rates begin at \$419 per night, plus a \$20 resort fee and applicable taxes. Discounted parking is available at \$40 per vehicle for overnight guests and \$20 per vehicle for daily valet.

To reserve your room, please call **1-800-HILTONS** and reference the Hoag Oncology room block, or go to [hoag.org/eeonp2026](https://hoag.org/eeonp2026) to book online via the "Hotel" tab. We recommend securing accommodations early, as rooms are limited and subject to availability. Room block is available through **Thursday, July 16, 2026**.

# Conference *Overview*

For more than 20 years, this accredited nursing conference has focused on the real-world challenges oncology nurses encounter in daily practice. This two-day program offers an intimate learning environment where leading faculty share the latest advances in oncology care, along with practical strategies and tools designed to enhance nursing practice and improve patient outcomes.



## Educational Objectives

Identify at least two strategies to strengthen empathy, support building relationships, defuse tension, and navigate change with composure.

Summarize the differences between neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment approaches in breast cancer.

Identify personal risk factors for breast and ovarian cancer and outline recommended risk reduction strategies.

Discuss the fundamentals and advanced concepts of cellular Immunotherapeutics, including CAR-T and bispecific therapies, as well as future directions in this field.

Identify risk factors associated with difficult intravenous access (DIVA).

Recognize key nursing considerations and patient experiences during radiation therapy, including side effect monitoring and patient education.

Apply evidence-based nursing interventions to prevent, mitigate, and manage acute infusion-related complications, including extravasation injuries and severe allergic responses.

Identify newly FDA-approved oncology drugs and agents for 2026, including an understanding of generic naming conventions and how to interpret drug classifications.



Describe the modern advances in gynecologic oncology and associated unique side effect profiles.

List risk factors for early identification of colorectal cancer.

Discuss how clinical trial findings influence the development of evidence-based standards of care in oncology practice.

Describe the epidemiology of multiple myeloma, with attention to racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities.

Recognize the emotional and psychological burdens experienced by oncology nurses caring for patients and families facing serious illness.



## Keynote Speaker

# Colette Carlson

Human Behavior Expert, Motivational Speaker & Author

Colette Carlson, a human behavior expert and CPAE Hall of Fame keynote speaker, is acclaimed for her transformative approach to igniting trust, engagement and unrivaled performance through intentional, impactful communication and purposeful connections. With her unparalleled energy, humor, engaging interaction, and extensive customization, Colette captivates audiences and inspires them to prioritize the skills essential for success in today's modern, changing world.

With a Master's Degree in Human Behavior and more than 20 years of experience, Colette empowers individuals to prioritize influential communication to foster collaboration, navigate change, and build resilience. Her research-backed strategies and actionable guidance are designed to enhance human interactions and ultimately drive remarkable business outcomes.

Colette is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), a designation held by fewer than 10% of the members belonging to the International Federation for Professional Speakers. She was also inducted into the CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame, a recognition that honors professional speakers who have reached the top echelon of career excellence.



Attendees leave Colette's programs feeling more inspired and equipped with an abundance of tangible strategies and actionable guidance to cultivate the connections and communication skills that are the catalyst for personal and professional growth in today's rapidly evolving landscape.

## Program Presenters

**Emely Alfaro, DNP, RN, CNS, OCN®**

Clinical Nurse Specialist  
University of San Francisco, California

**Antonio V. Castaneda, MD**

Gynecologic Oncologist  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute, Newport  
Beach, CA

**Peter V. Chen, MD**

Radiation Oncologist  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute, Newport  
Beach, CA

**Joseph Choi**

Chaplain  
Hoag Hospital, Newport Beach, CA

**Teresa Knoop, MSN, RN, OCN®**

Nurse Consultant  
Nashville, TN

**Rebecca Lu, MSN, FNP-C**

Research Advanced Practice Provider  
Supervisor  
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

**Heather Macdonald, MD, FACOG**

Medical Director, Hoag High Risk Breast  
Program  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute,  
Newport Beach, CA  
Hoag Women's Health Institute

**Monica M. Mita, MD**

Medical Oncologist  
Co-Director Phase 1 Early Phase  
Research Program  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute, Newport  
Beach, CA

**MiKaela Olsen, DNP, APRN-CNS,  
AOCNS®, FAAN**

Clinical Program Director for Oncology  
Johns Hopkins Health System, Baltimore, MD

**Jennifer Pouliot, MSN, RN, OCN®**

Senior Director, Oncology Quality & Safety  
Mount Sinai Health System, New York, NY

**Babak N. Rad, MD**

Colorectal Surgeon  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute and  
Hoag Digestive Health Institute, Newport  
Beach, CA

**Raghuv eer Ranganathan, MD**

Medical Director, Immune Effector Cell  
Program  
Hoag Family Cancer Institute, Newport  
Beach, CA



## Day One

Friday, August 7, 2026

7 – 7:45 AM	<b>Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits</b>
7:45 – 8 AM	<b>Welcome and Daily Program Objectives</b> Tina Tillman, MSN, RN, FNP, AOCNS®
8 – 9 AM	<b>Keynote Presentation: Thriving Teams: Connect Authentically, Collaborate Fearlessly, Achieve Collectively</b> Ms. Colette Carlson
9 – 10 AM	<b>Neoadjuvant vs Adjuvant Treatment in Breast Cancer</b> Dr. Monica M. Mita
10 – 10:20 AM	<b>Morning Break, Refreshments and Exhibits</b>
10:20 – 11:20 AM	<b>The How Behind Cancer Risk Management for Breast and Ovarian Cancers</b> Dr. Heather Macdonald
11:20 AM – 12:20 PM	<b>Cellular Immunotherapy: Principles and Updates</b> Dr. Raghuvveer Ranganathan
12:20 – 1:35 PM	<b>Lunch and Exhibits</b>
1:35 – 2:35 PM	<b>Difficult IV Access (DIVA) in the Oncology Patient: Clinical Pearls of Vascular Access</b> Emely Alfaro, DNP, RN, CNS, OCN®
2:35 – 3:35 PM	<b>Seeing is Believing: The Power of MR Guided Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy</b> Dr. Peter Chen
3:35 – 3:55 PM	<b>Afternoon Break, Refreshments and Exhibits</b>
3:55 – 4:55 PM	<b>From Red Flags to Rescue: Mastering Hypersensitivity, Anaphylaxis, Extravasation, and Immune- Driven Emergencies</b> Mikaela Olsen, DNP, APRN-CNS, AOCNS®, FAAN
4:55 – 5:10 PM	<b>Day One: Closing Comments</b> Tina Tillman, MSN, RN, FNP, AOCNS®

## Day Two

Saturday, August 8, 2026

7 – 7:45 AM	<b>Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits</b>
7:45 – 8 AM	<b>Welcome and Daily Program Objectives</b> Tina Tillman, MSN, RN, FNP, AOCNS®
8 – 9 AM	<b>New Drugs: Biotherapy/Immunotherapy and TILS</b> Teresa Knoop, MSN, RN, AOCN®
9 – 10 AM	<b>The Evolution of Gynecologic Oncology: From the Advent of Chemotherapy to Personalized Therapeutics Today</b> Dr. Antonio Castaneda
10 – 10:30 AM	<b>Morning Break, Refreshments and Exhibits</b>
10:30 – 11:30 AM	<b>Rising Incidence of Colorectal Cancer in Younger Patients</b> Dr. Babak Rad
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>From Bench to Bedside: Understanding Oncology Research and the Evolution of Clinical Trials into Standard of Care</b> Jennifer Pouliot, MSN, RN, OCN®
12:30 – 1:45 PM	<b>Lunch and Exhibits</b>
1:45 – 2:45 PM	<b>Decoding Multiple Myeloma: From Pathophysiology to Practice</b> Rebecca Lu, MSN, FNP-C
2:45 – 3:45 PM	<b>Healing Talk Concert: Restoring the Healer – Strength, Meaning, and Renewal in Oncology Nursing</b> Chaplain Joseph Choi
3:45 – 4 PM	<b>Day Two: Closing Comments</b> Tina Tillman, MSN, RN, FNP, AOCNS®

# Registration Information

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## Registration Fees

**Early Bird Registration**  
valid through June 13, 2026

2-Day Registration: **\$325**  
Single-Day Registration: **\$200**

**General Registration**  
valid June 13 – August 7

2-Day Registration: **\$400**  
Single-Day Registration: **\$275**

## Hoag Employees

Hoag Staff should use their Hoag credential sign-in information to register. A **\$75 refundable credit card deposit** is required for Hoag staff to secure their registration. Seats are not secured until the deposit has been received.

## Cancellations

3% administrative fee will apply to all cancellations. Written cancellations will be accepted until August 1, 2026. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after August 1, 2026. Refunds will not be honored for no-shows.

## Family/Guest Attendance Policy

All conference activities are exclusively reserved for paid conference attendees. Children and family members are not permitted to attend meal functions or permitted in the general session room.