

Presenting the 20th Annual

2025 Embracing Excellence in Oncology Nursing Practice

June 27–28, 2025

In-Person Symposium
The Waterfront Beach Resort
21100 Pacific Coast Highway
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Register at
hoag.org/eeonp2025



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Conference *Overview*

This accredited nursing conference is designed to address practical issues and clinical challenges that oncology nurses face each day. During this two-day conference, attendees will benefit from an intimate learning environment in which prominent faculty will present the latest in oncology care and provide practical strategies and tools to improve nursing practice and patient outcomes. In 2025 we will be celebrating 20 years of oncology education.

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.

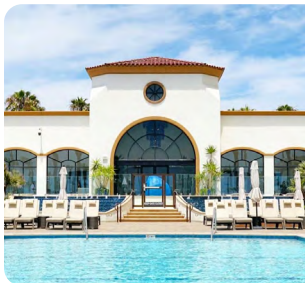
This conference is designed for oncology and radiation oncology nursing professionals. Students enrolled in a registered nursing program who have interest in oncology are also invited to attend this program.

Conference Venue and Accommodations

The Waterfront Hilton Beach Resort, Huntington Beach, California

The 2025 Hoag Embracing Excellence in Oncology Nursing Practice symposium will be held at the Waterfront Hilton Beach Resort located in Huntington Beach California. This oceanfront resort is a 5-minute walk from the beach, the historic Huntington Beach Pier and Pacific City, offering various shopping and restaurant experiences.

The Waterfront Hilton Beach Resort is conveniently located one hour from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and just minutes away from Orange County Airport (SNA). A room block has been secured for this meeting on Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 **through Friday, May 23, 2025**, after which the room block will be released. Room rates for this event begin at \$419 + \$20 resort fee and taxes, per evening. Overnight guest parking is available for a reduced rate of \$30 per vehicle and daily valet parking is at a reduced rate of \$15 per vehicle.



To make a room reservation, call 1-800-HILTONS and ask for the Hoag Oncology room block or book online at hoag.org/OncologyRooms2025 and click on the "Hotel" tab. It is recommended to book your hotel accommodations in advance as rooms are based on availability and subject to being sold out.

Educational Objectives

Identify the importance of the oncology nurse from the breast cancer survivor patient perspective. **Presented by Carolyn Jones**

Describe the common presentations of acute and chronic leukemia and recognize emergent associated syndromes. **Presented by Dr. Matthew Carroll**

Discuss rationale for combined modality treatment of locally advanced NSCLC including acute and long-term side effects and their management. **Presented by Anne Sweet**

Identify health strategies for optimal health, longevity and cancer prevention.

Describe the new investigational approaches in CART and T cell receptors for solid tumors. **Presented by Dr. Carlos Becerra**

Recognize pathophysiology and clinical manifestations of disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), differentiation syndrome (DS) and describe cardiac complications in oncology. **Presented by Shelly Brown**

The participant will: Describe meaningful and effective strategies for building resilience and maintaining mental health wellness to better care for oncology patients. **Presented by Cathy Stubin**



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Develop strategies for effective communication with patients and families on palliative and end of life care. Summarize 3 pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions utilized by the palliative care team to address symptom management. **Presented by Shada Abubaker**

Utilizing a case-based approach, the learner will describe the meaning, driving forces, and multi-level effects of moral injury, moral distress, biases and burnout syndrome from an individual, team, and system-level perspective. **Presented by Patricia Jakel**

Recognize how cellular therapies mechanisms of action deliver strong efficacy and the risk of cytokine release syndrome and neurotoxicity. **Presented by Dr. Ben Goldenson**

Understand clinical trial and other developments in the management of advanced prostate, urothelial, kidney, and rare GU cancers. **Presented by Dr. David Benjamin**

Describe how integrating AI can complement and enhance human roles in health care. **Presented by Dr. Hassan Tetteh**

Keynote Speaker

Carolyn Jones

Photographer, Filmmaker, and Author

Carolyn Jones is an award-winning photographer and filmmaker who specializes in telling stories that shed light on issues of global concern.

From people “living positively” with AIDS to women artists supporting entire communities and nurses on the front lines of our healthcare system, Jones has devoted her career to celebrating invisible populations and breaking down barriers.

Her most widely acclaimed book publications include *Living Proof: Courage in the Face of AIDS* and *The American Nurse*, which led to a feature documentary included in the U.S. State Department’s American Film Showcase. Her award-winning documentary *Defining Hope*, which was the culmination of a journey investigating how we can make better end-of-life choices, was broadcast on PBS stations nationwide. Jones’ subsequent documentary *In Case of Emergency* focuses on our nation’s biggest public health challenges—from COVID-19 to a lack of health insurance to the devastating impact of the opioid crisis. Her latest film, *American Delivery*, addresses solutions to the maternal mortality crisis in the United States, and recently won the Audience Award for



Best Film at the Cleveland International Film Festival, where it premiered.

Carolyn was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing as an honorary Fellow for her contributions to the nursing profession.

Program Presenters

Shada Abubaker, MSN, FNP-C
Nurse Practitioner
Hoag Palliative Care Team

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David J. Benjamin, MD
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Oncology Nurse Consultant
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Nicole Daddona, ND
Functional Medicine Nutritionist
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Teresa Knoop, MSN, RN, AOCN®
Oncology Nurse Consultant

Cathy Stubin, PhD, RN, CNE, CCRN
Assistant Professor
Rutgers University, Camden School of
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Anne Sweet, MSN, ACNP-BC, AOCNP®
Nurse Practitioner, Huron River Radiation
Oncology Group
Trinity Health St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

**Hassan Tetteh, MD, MBA, MPA, MS,
FACS, FAMIA, MAMSE**
Thoracic Surgeon
Inova Health and Howard University
Hospital
CEO of Human Care Technologies, Inc.



Day One

Friday, June 27, 2025

7:00 — 7:45am	Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits
7:45 — 8:00am	Welcome and Daily Program Objectives Tina Tillman, MSN, RN, FNP, AOCNS®
8:00 — 9:00am	Behind the Lens - A Filmmaker's Perspective as Observer and Patient Ms. Carolyn Jones
9:00 — 10:00am	An Overview of Acute and Chronic Leukemias Dr. Matthew Carroll
10:00 — 10:20am	Morning Break, Refreshments and Exhibits
10:20 — 11:20am	Combined Treatment Modality: Non-small Cell Lung Cancer Anne Sweet, MSN, ACNP-BC, AOCNP®
11:20am — 12:20pm	Functional Medicine, Impacting Health and Prevention of Cancer Dr. Nicole Daddona
12:20 — 1:35pm	Lunch and Exhibits
1:35 — 2:35pm	From Foe to Friend: Investigation of Bacteria and Cellular Therapy in Solid Tumors Dr. Carlos Becerra
2:35 — 3:35pm	Beyond the Diagnosis: Navigating DIC, Differentiation Syndrome and Cardiac Complications Shelly Brown, DNP, MS, APRN-CNS, OCN®, AOCNS®
3:35 — 3:55pm	Afternoon Break, Refreshments and Exhibits
3:55 — 4:55pm	Preventing Burnout at the Bedside: Steps Toward Resiliency in Oncology Nursing Cathy Stubin, PhD, RN, CNE, CCRN
4:55 — 5:30pm	Breathe, Relax and Raise a Glass (pre-registration required)

Day Two

Saturday, June 28, 2025

7:00 — 7:45am	Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits
7:45 — 8:00am	Welcome and Daily Program Objectives Tina Tillman, MSN, RN, FNP, AOCNS®
8:00 — 9:00am	Update 2025: Pharmacology Teresa Knoop, MSN, RN, AOCN®
9:00 — 10:00am	The Oncology Nurse: A Key Partner in Palliative Care Shada Abubaker, MSN, FNP-C
10:00 — 10:30am	Morning Break, Refreshments and Exhibits
10:30 — 11:30am	Strengthening Nurses' Voices in Ethically Difficult Situations: A Research Study Patricia Jakel, RN, MN, AOCN®
11:30am — 12:30pm	CAR-T Cell and T-Cell Engager Therapies for Treatment of Hematologic Malignancies: Novel Therapies and Novel Toxicities Dr. Benjamin Goldenson
12:30 — 1:45pm	Lunch and Exhibits
1:45 — 2:45pm	Advanced Urologic Cancers: A 2025 Perspective Dr. David Benjamin
2:45 — 3:45pm	AI Will Change Everything; Except What Matters Most Dr. Hassan Tetteh
3:45 — 4:00pm	Program Adjournment

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Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration

valid through April 18, 2025

2-Day Registration: \$325

Single-Day Registration: \$200

General Registration

valid April 19—June 27

2-Day Registration: \$400

Single-Day Registration: \$275

Cancellations

3% administrative fee will apply to all cancellations. Written cancellations will be accepted until June 20, 2025. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after June 20, 2025. 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 allowed to attend meal functions or permitted in the general session room.

