

Chapter Grant Report

Project Title	Planting the Seeds: Grass-Roots Nursing Research Conference
Date of Project	October 26, 2010
Chapter	Greater Tampa Chapter
Project Goal	To generate enthusiasm about nursing research among members of our ONS Chapter through attendance at a nursing research conference focused on research studies relevant to and implemented by oncology staff nurses.
Target Audience	Members of our ONS Chapter. We also extended an invitation to students and staff at the University of South Florida, and ONS Chapter members in nearby areas of Florida (an e-mail invitation was sent to Chapter Presidents listed on the ONS website).
Project Overview	<p>Our ONS Chapter members identified a priority need for education about basic, practical concepts and skills related to nursing research. Many members stated they do not feel prepared for the challenges associated with conducting research in their busy clinical settings, or do not see the value of nursing research related to their everyday clinical practice. Chapter members employed at a local Cancer Center had attended the first Nursing Research Day sponsored by the Center in fall, 2009 and had reported very favorable reactions to the format and content. In October 2010, with the grant from the Oncology Nursing Foundation, our Chapter was able to co-sponsor the Center's Nursing Research Day conference and thus to heavily market the conference to our members. The overarching goal of the Nursing Research Day conference was to make oncology nurses aware that research relevant to oncology nursing practice is "do-able" in real life. The program featured a national keynote speaker, Cheryl B. Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor in Health Care Systems, School of Nursing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who presented "Nursing Research and Practice: Oil and Water, or Peas and Carrots?" Thirteen poster presentations by bedside nurses and students from the University of South Florida were accepted and displayed throughout the conference. Podium presenters included Susan McMillan, PhD, ARNP, FAAN and Cindy Toftagen, PhD, ARNP, AOCNP, from the USF college of nursing. Five of the remaining 6 speakers were staff nurses who gave attendees insights into the process of nursing research from their viewpoint in addition to demonstrating the value of research finding to improving care. In addition, a round-table discussion period was added to allow attendees to interact with each of the presenters and ask in-depth questions about their research. One of the round tables featured an ONS Chapter member, who discussed ONS Research priorities and ONF awards and grants. The grant we received as used to defray costs to the extent that members of our Chapter were able to attend without tuition costs. Members of our Chapter helped to plan the program, suggested the round-table format,</p>

	participated in the round-table discussion, helped with organization and preparation of the program, and assisted with registration on the day of the program.
<p>Outcomes Expected Outcomes:</p> <p>To promote greater knowledge of and participation in oncology nursing research by 1) providing examples of "real world" nursing research done by "real nurses" 2) identifying research resources available for all oncology nurses 3) generating ideas for nursing research studies that could be implemented by Chapter members.</p>	<p>In 2009 the program was attended by 56 participants, 15 of them were staff nurses. In 2010, the attendance increased to 83 participants, which included 40 staff nurses. Three of our Chapter's members have become interested in conducting their own nursing research studies as a direct result of attending this program. Nine participants were from the USF College of Nursing, and four of our ONS Chapter members from other medical facilities were able to attend. 42 of the 83 participants were members of our ONS Chapter. Overall evaluations were very positive – “every presentation was interesting, intriguing, sometimes riveting” – “last year’s Research Day was great, but this year’s was even better” – “It was a great opportunity for the novice to feel more comfortable with research”. In general, we feel the program was a resounding success and met all of the goals set by our Chapter members.</p>
<p>How many Chapter members were involved in this project and how?</p>	<p>43 members attended. 5 members were either presenters and/or coordinated round-table discussions.</p>
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