



The Israeli Oncology Nurses Society

העמותה לקידום הסייעוד האונקולוגי בישראל

# *Oncology Nursing in Israel*

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# Background

- The society was established in 1988
  - Membership: about 600 Registered Nurses
    - Nurses working in hospitals and community settings
    - 60% post basic Oncology nursing course
  - IONS – is a non profit organization
  - Executive Board (11)
  - Committees
  - Special interest groups
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# Vision

*We believe that the Oncology Nurse is a valuable resource for the promotion of the quality of care provided to cancer patients and their families in all the stages of the disease and in all the care settings.*

*We believe in the development of the oncology nurse in order to reach professional excellence.*

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# Mission

- *To provide support and promote quality of life for cancer patients during all the stages of the disease*
  - *To promote activities that will raise the awareness and improve the knowledge of the public about prevention and early detection of cancer*
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# Mission

- *To promote the education of the nurses working in oncology and assist them to update their knowledge*
  - *To develop the personal responsibility of the members to become role models and work by the highest professional standards*
  - *To advance the professional status of the nurse in Israel*
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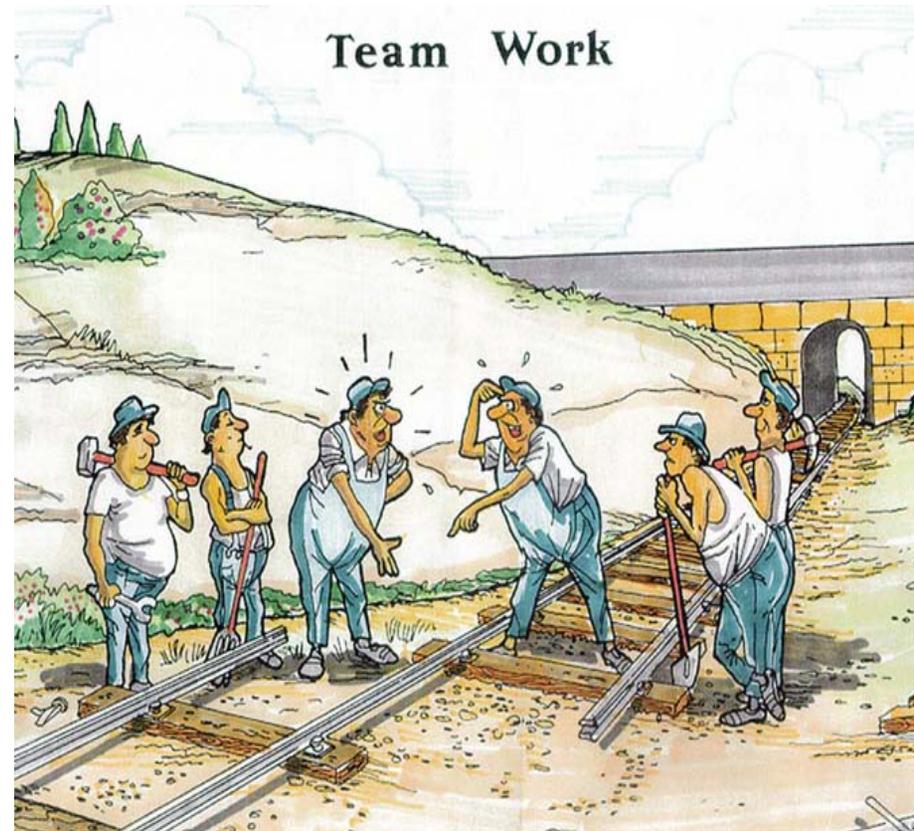
# The Society's Strengths

- One of the largest and valued nursing societies
- Membership from all care settings
- Varieties of activities
- Visibility



# Obstacles

- The work is done by “volunteers”
- Maintain the society’s activities
  - Funding
  - Publications
- Keeping the members active



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# Oncology Nurse Coordinator

- Specially trained nurses coordinate and manage patient care.
  - Provide information, emotional support, and direct care.
  - Coordinate between the patients and the multidisciplinary team.
  - Provide symptom control and management.
  - Coordinate the continuity of care from hospital to community.
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# Cont.

- Plan, direct, evaluate and coordinate facility-wide nursing services.
- Provide leadership by working cooperatively with ancillary and other patient team personnel.
- Maintain high-quality patient care.

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- responsible for quality assurance/ improvement.
- In-service education
- Develop nursing policies.





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# Steps in developing oncology nursing

- In 1986 The “Israeli Cancer Association” offered funding for a part time oncology nurse to the largest health insurance system.
  - Since then the others joined and the number of nurses is increasing.
  - Many more positions of specialist nurses were initiated and developed throughout the country.
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# Specialist Nurses

- Oncology nurses in the community/ Palliative Care nurses
- Breast care nurses
- BMT nurses (pediatric, adult)
- Stoma care – Hospitals, Community
- Gastrointestinal care nurses
- Neuro Oncology Nurses



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# Oncology Nurses in the Community

- Most of them work in “home care” units
  - Provide end of life care along with the patients’ direct caregivers.
  - Guide other community health care providers to cope with complicated situations and treatment.
  - 30 nurses, certified in oncology nursing and palliative care. Coordinate hospital and community services.
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# Home care units

- The 4 health insurance plans have 80 continuing care units in the country.
  - They provide: medical, nursing and rehabilitative home care for patients, many of whom are elderly and suffer from a variety of chronic and functional disabilities. Most of them are cancer patients.
  - They treat 3,000-4,000 patients a year.
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# Hospital Based Palliative Care Coordinate Nurse

- Offered by nurses trained in oncology and palliative care, and physicians.
  - This team provide consultation to medical staff and patients.
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# Breast Care Nurses

- Working with women from diagnosis through surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatments and follow up.
  - Located in women health clinics in hospitals, in the community and in the oncology departments as part of the multidisciplinary team of breast units.
  - Provide information, knowledge and support to the patients and significant others.
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# BMT Nurse Coordinate

- Prepare the patients and families
- Help performing the pre tests
- Provide information and support
- Deals with administrative issues



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