

Inaugural Oncology Nursing Symposium 2026

March 13-14, 2026

Agenda



Embassy Suites Charlotte - Concord Conference Center
5400 John Q. Hammons Drive NW, Concord, NC 28027

Join us for a transformative two-day experience as we explore the evolution and future of oncology nursing. Our theme, “Through the Looking Glass,” invites participants to reflect on the legacy of cancer nursing, examine current innovations, and envision the path forward. Through dynamic keynotes, interactive sessions, and networking opportunities, attendees will:

- Discover how precision medicine and breakthrough therapies are reshaping cancer care.
- Gain tools to support nurse well-being, resilience, and longevity in oncology practice.
- Address the growing challenge of financial toxicity and explore equitable care strategies.
- Learn to lead and disseminate quality improvement, research, and evidence-based practice initiatives.

Whether you're a frontline nurse, nurse leader, educator, or researcher, this conference offers valuable insights and inspiration to help shape the future of oncology nursing.

Objectives

- **Evaluate** how advancements in precision medicine, emerging therapies, and nurse navigation are transforming cancer care and the evolving role of oncology nurses.
- **Apply** strategies to support nurse well-being, resilience, and the use of complementary therapies to sustain professional longevity in oncology settings.
- **Recognize** the impact of financial toxicity on cancer patients and explore nursing interventions that support equitable access to care.
- **Examine** strategies to lead and share QI projects, research, and practice improvement initiatives.

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Friday, March 13, 2025

1:00–1:15 PM	Welcome & Opening Remarks <i>Kimberly Stanbery, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, OCN</i> <i>Brenda Crump, MBA, MSN, RN, NE-BC</i> <i>Lynn Sanders, DSL, MSN, RN, OCN, NE-BC</i>
1:15–2:00 PM	Keynote: Through the Looking Glass — The Evolution of Oncology Nursing <i>Michelle Payne, DNP, RN, OCN, BMTCN</i>
2:00–2:45 PM	From One-Size-Fits-All to Tailored Care: The Rise of Precision Medicine <i>Robin Petro, BSN, RN, CCRN, OCN, ONN-CG</i>
2:45–3:00 PM	Break
3:00–4:00 PM	Caring for the Caregiver: Well-being, Resiliency & Complementary Therapies <i>Jennifer Mitchell, MSN, RN, OCN, BMTCN</i>
4:00–5:00 PM	Transition Break: Hotel Check-In & Exhibit Hall Open
5:00–7:00 PM	Welcome Reception & Poster Walkthrough



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Saturday, March 14, 2026

8:15–9:00 AM	Breakfast & Exhibit Hall Opens
9:00–9:45 AM	Keynote: The Future of Oncology Nursing - Innovation and Impact Ahead <i>Betty Jo Rocchio, DNP, RN, CRNA, CENP, EBP-C</i>
9:45–10:30 AM	Panel Discussion: Leading Today, Shaping Tomorrow Moderator: <i>Lynn Sanders, DSL, MSN, RN, OCN, NE-BC</i> <i>Jason Cooke, RN, BSN, MHA</i> <i>Brenda Crump, MBA, MSN, RN, NE-BC</i> <i>Jennifer Frith, DNP, RN, OCN, NE-BC</i> <i>Christina Harwood, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC</i> <i>Kimberly Stanbery, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, OCN</i>
10:30–10:45 AM	Break & Exhibit Hall
10:45–11:30 AM	Interactive Exercise: Navigating Financial Toxicity in Cancer Care <i>Mellisa S. Wheeler, BSW, MHA</i>
11:30–12:15 PM	Breakthrough Therapies: CAR-T, Immunotherapy & Nursing Implications <i>Brooke Hooker, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, BMTCN</i>
12:15–1:15 PM	Lunch & Poster Session II
1:15–2:00 PM	The Future of Nurse Navigation: Personalizing Cancer Care <i>Kris Blackley, RN, MSN, BBA, OCN</i>
2:00–2:45 PM	Advancing the Profession Through Evidence-Based Practice: QI, Research & Dissemination <i>Top Abstracts for QI/EBP/Research</i>
2:45–3:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Q&A <i>Kimberly Stanbery, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, OCN</i> <i>Brenda Crump, MBA, MSN, RN, NE-BC</i> <i>Lynn Sanders, DSL, MSN, RN, OCN, NE-BC</i>

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