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Dear Members

At the end of 2008, the WNY Chapter of ONS Board members put together an outline of our strategic plan for 2009-2011 which coincides with our national organization. The chapter strategic plan represents three main areas of focus for our organization. The first strategic goal is *Advocacy* throughout the cancer care and nursing profession continuum. Oncology nurses have a “voice” in many different arenas (e.g. legislation, employers, and community organizations) that impact patient and family care, nursing practice, and nursing workforce. We are advocates for our patients, family, and ourselves establishing a noticeable presence that is valued in the local as well as global community regarding cancer care. We are advocates for equity in access to care for all patient populations from cancer prevention through end of life care. Please take some time to review the national as well as the chapter strategic plan. It’s up to us to fill in the blanks under Outcomes 2009-2011. Together we can produce measurable outcomes that demonstrate our commitment to providing optimum cancer care in Western New York and our extended community.

1) Strategic Goal: *Advocacy* throughout the cancer care and nursing profession continuum.

Strategies	Action Proposals 2009-2011 (In progress)	Outcomes 2009-2011
Giving voice to oncology nursing	Advocate for nurses to have a voice in legislation that impacts patient care and nursing practice, nursing workforce. Advocate for nursing presence in the local as well as global community.	
Access to care	Advocate for adequate resources for prevention, early detection, intervention, supportive, and survivorship care. Advocate for access to clinical trials.	
Health disparities	Advocate for adequate resources for prevention, early detection, intervention, supportive, and survivorship care. Advocate for access to clinical trials.	
Cancer Prevention	Advocate reducing tobacco use, advocating for cancer screening, and early detection resources.	
Nursing Practice	Preserve and promote oncology nurses’ scope of practice; reimbursement issues; education , research, and workforce shortage	

Please check our website for strategic goals 2 and 3.

Thank you for being an Oncology Nurse!

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