

**ONCOLOGY NURSING AND ITS SPECIAL ROLE
THE COMMUNITY**

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In their extensive experience in community oncology nursing, Dikhel and Golan provide us with the what community nursing means in Israel. This is indeed a new aspect of oncology nursing which is widely discussed in the professional literature worldwide. What it means for a cancer patient to be treated at home and in their normal setting is discussed and its wide implications for the future, were hospital based oncology is becoming costlier both in terms of money and professional resources.

**NURSE COORDINATORS – HOW DID WE
EVER MANAGE WITHOUT IT?**

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The role of the nurse specialist in oncology is well known for many years in the western world. This role has no formal recognition in Israel from the Israeli Ministry of Health (nursing division) in many areas of oncology nursing. However, the definition of the nurse coordinator is well defined. This important article discusses through a literature review of the situation in the world (especially Europe and north America) and the various definitions that exist. Moreover, the rest of the article describes a focus group that was done with a few Israeli nurse specialists in a few oncological roles and settings in various institutions around the country. The name of the manuscript well describes its content and conclusion - "Nurse Coordinators – How did we ever manage without it?"

THOSE WERE THE DAYS...

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This manuscript is based on a panel of Senior Oncology Nurses that was done in our association's special conference that marked it's 30 years' anniversary during July last year. These nurses (some of whom are already retired) told many stories from their own professional experiences which were told in both a humorous and sentimental tones. It was special to see what has changed but on the other hand what has been left all throughout these years...

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE ISRAELI
ONCOLOGY NURSING ASSOCIATION**

Livia Kislev, RN, MA – Head Nurse, Israel Cancer Association.

Mrs. Livia Kislev, the Chairperson of the Israeli Oncology Nursing Society and the Head Nurse of the Israeli Cancer Association, describes in much detail and compassion how the Israeli Oncology Nursing Association celebrated its 30 years' anniversary during July 2016 with pictures and other visual means such as a song sang in the event by nurses.



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SOME MARKING STONES IN THE HISTORY OF THE ISRAELI ONCOLOGY NURSING ASSOCIATION

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This article discusses the history of the Israeli Oncology Nursing Association from its onset, 30 years ago and shows its development throughout the years. An example is the professional Hebrew written Journal (that has now abstracts in English of the articles published) and the website that were developed, as well as the role of the nurse coordinators and its formal recognition in Israel. This article was written by two of our major oncology nurses who were involved with the association from its early phases.

THE ISRAELI ONCOLOGY NURSING ASSOCIATION FROM THE EYES OF THE BURSAR

Sara Gardyn, RN, MA - Head Nurse Radiotherapy Unit, Davidoff Cancer Center, Beilinson Hospital, Rabin Medical Center.

This short, but important, report looks at the Israeli oncology nursing association from the eyes of the one who monitored for many years the financial situation of the group with the help of a financial advisor, she raised the

financial situation of the society to a good shape with no depth at all and hardly any increase in the membership fees.

NEW TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS IN ONCOLOGY NURSING RESEARCH

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This manuscript aims to inform the reader about new developments in oncology nursing research through its history worldwide. The new development of oncology nurses doing research and being increasingly motivated in doing research is discussed in a very professional manner by the former editor of this Israeli journal who has published worldwide and has much knowledge in the field of oncology nursing research from all its various aspects.

THE HISTORY OF ANTICANCER DRUGS

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The use of systemic chemotherapy to treat cancer began in the early 20th century. Chemotherapy drugs were discovered with attempts to find chemicals to treat cancer, or by mistake when a drug was tested to treat other disease and found useful to treat cancer. In this review, we will describe the development of cancer treatment on a timeline, while referring main investigators and important events until nowadays.

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