



ONS Focuses a #SpotlightonSafety in 2016: Information for SIGs and Chapters

Fifteen years after the IOM published its reports, [To Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System](#) and [Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century](#), ONS is joining ANA in showing a commitment to helping members define, develop, and achieve a culture of safety in their practice.

ONS is supporting the ANA 2016 campaign [Safety 360: Taking Responsibility Together](#) with a complementary [#SpotlightonSafety initiative](#) that focuses on prioritizing and implementing strategies for safe cancer care. The objectives of this initiative are to:

- Foster member engagement through discussion and sharing of initiatives, projects, and processes for building a culture of safety and the barriers and facilitators experienced.
- Educate and empower nurses with strategic interventions to initiate efforts that promote a culture of safety.
- Reinforce evidence-based aspects of practice and foundations of care that facilitate a culture of safety.

You'll see monthly themes highlighted through articles in weekly mailings, [CJON](#) editorials and columns, and [Connect blogs](#). We'll be posting blurbs and questions on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Also, two CNE activities are being developed.

This is an initiative to engage you, your chapter, and your SIG! We want to find out what you know, what you need to know, and what you have done to enhance the culture of safety and improve the quality of care in your oncology nursing practice.

If you're heading to the [41st ONS Congress in San Antonio](#) in April, you'll have a chance to share your safety stories on a storyboard and at a theater presentation in the Learning Hall. If you're not attending Congress, you can still participate...we'll be announcing a virtual safety storyboard soon. A chapter challenge is in the works, too – stay tuned!

Please consider highlighting safety in your chapter and SIG activities for 2016.

- Hold a journal club to discuss the many safety topics addressed in ONS articles.
- Take a few minutes at each meeting or take a few lines in your written communication to address a safety topic.
- Encourage your members to get involved, take our surveys, and share their stories.
- Watch for more information about a chapter challenge and virtual safety storyboard!

#SpotlightonSafety starts now. Please take our initial ["culture of safety" survey](#). The data from this survey will be used to plan upcoming activities!

Questions about #SpotlightonSafety? Ideas to share? Contact Tracy Wyant, ONS Oncology Clinical Specialist at twyant@ons.org or 866-257-4ONS, ext 6395.