

Table 2: Current Projects – 2008 Goals and Activities

ONS SIG Purposes	CNS SIG Goal	Activities	Target Date for Completion
1 & 2	Define Oncology CNS practice competencies.	Assure that ONS provides leadership for Oncology CNSs: a. Identify impediments to moving this work forward. b. Update draft. c. Complete validation study. d. Seek board approval. e. Publish finished competencies.	December 2007 for publication of competencies http://www.ons.org/clinical/professional/QualityCancer/documents/cnscomps.pdf
2, 3 & 5	Secure regulatory protection for Oncology CNS practice.	1. Support APN topic(s) on regulation of CNS practice.	APN Conference 2008
		2. Develop educational program(s) for CNSs about legislative and regulatory process at the state level.	APN Instructional Session at Congress 2009
		3. Create a grassroots networking effort for tracking APN legislation and regulation at the state level.	Plan developed by December 2008 Implementation by December 2009
		4. Collaborate with NP SIG on items #2 and #4.	
5	Foster Oncology CNS influence in health policy	1. Encourage members to participate in Legislative Liaison	Ongoing Goal: 50% of CNS SIG members enrolled in ONStat

	decisions.	<p>program – ONStat</p> <p>2. Participate in Legislative-Regulatory issues at national and state level as they effect care for cancer patients.</p>	by December 2008.
2, 3 & 5	Collaborate with internal/external groups involved in the promotion of advanced practice nursing.	Liaison with National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists and other specialty organizations to promote the role of Clinical Nurse Specialist.	Ongoing
3 & 4	Support Oncology CNSs in delivering evidence-based practice.	<p>Develop an initiative to support CNSs providing leadership in evidence based practice.</p> <p>a) Use the tag line “CNS: Bring Evidence to Practice” to promote the role of CNS in EBP.</p> <p>b) Develop an educational initiative for CNSs for using PEP cards and the web-based ONS outcomes resource area.</p> <p>c) Evaluate CNS satisfaction with PEP cards and challenges involved with using PEP in practice settings.</p>	<p>Comprehensive plan for engaging CNSs in EPB initiatives such as PEP</p> <p>August 2008</p>
2	Promote recruitment,	1) Continue to send welcome letter to	Ongoing

	retention and involvement of members.	<p>new members.</p> <p>2) Identify new members who are students and send separate message.</p> <p>3) Invite students to reach out to other members through the Mentor Program</p>	
2 & 3	Mentor Oncology CNSs and promote leadership development.	<p>Encourage SIG members to attend ONS Leadership Weekend.</p> <p>Engage additional members in ongoing and upcoming SIG activities.</p>	Ongoing
3 & 4	Promote recognition of the outcomes of Oncology CNS practice in diverse settings.	<p>1) Submit topics to Congress focusing on outcomes of CNS practice.</p> <p>2) Explore the possibility of grant funding to develop methods for capturing outcomes of CNS practice.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Assessment of funding possibilities by August 2008</p>
2, 3 & 4	Implementing a regional mentorship program for matching novice and experienced CNSs	Develop an implementation plan for moving forward with the program	Implementation plan in place by May, 2009.