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Deborah K. Mayer, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN is an advanced practice oncology nurse who has over 40 years of cancer nursing practice, education, research, and management experience. She earned a PhD from the University of Utah, her MSN from Yale University, her BSN from Excelsior College, her Nurse Practitioner Certificate from the University of Maryland, and her diploma from Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing. Dr. Mayer is past president of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), was a member of the National Cancer Institute's National Cancer Advisory Board (a Presidential appointment) and Board of Scientific Advisors. Dr. Mayer was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She is active in ONS and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and is a Past Chair of the ASCO Survivorship Committee. She served as the Editor for the ONS' Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON) from 2007-2015 and has published over 200 articles, book chapters and editorials on cancer related issues. She was awarded the ONS Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015 and, in 2016, was appointed as the only nurse to Vice President Biden's Cancer Moonshot Blue Ribbon Panel. She became the Interim Director of the Office of Cancer Survivorship at NCI from 2018-2020. At UNC, she is the coordinator for the oncology focus of the adult and gerontology nurse practitioner program. Her program of research focuses on the issues facing cancer survivors and improving cancer care. As a nurse who works "frontline" with cancer survivors and as a cancer survivor herself, she brings a unique perspective to her clinical, research and health policy collaborations with cancer survivors, primary care providers, cancer specialists and researchers.

Education/Learning, Research, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Facilities, Health Care - Services

Cancer, Cancer Survivorship, eHealth Applications, Information Seeking Behavior, Oncology, Colon Cancer Survivors, Cancer Nursing, Cancer Care

American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) : Member, Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) : Past President & Member, American Academy of Nursing : Elected Fellow

University of Utah

Ph.D. Nursing / Cancer Control

Yale University

M.S.N. Nursing / Oncology

Excelsior College

B.S.N Nursing

Oncology Nursing Society Lifetime Achievement Award
2015

Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, University of Utah
2006

Debbra Flomenhoft Humanitarian Award, Oncology Section American Physical Therapy Association
1998

ONS Excellence in Nursing Informatics Award
1998

Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing
1993

ONS Distinguished Service Award
1992

First Quality of Life Lectureship, ONS Fall Institute, Atlanta
1991

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