In my role as DAL—Research, I am tasked to ensure that CANO/ACIO has a strong oncology nursing research presence in Canada and to facilitate evaluation and knowledge translation efforts for CANO/ACIO. This involves supporting a broad range of research activities such as promoting the use of evidence in practice, knowledge translation, and formal research projects.

CANO/ACIO Research Committee was established to promote and support CANO/ACIO activities that advance nursing research and evidence-informed practice and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board and membership regarding research issues. We have members who are advanced practice nurses, professional practice leaders, graduate students, and researchers. More details are available at: www.cano-acio.ca/research_committee/

Strategic Plan
As the DAL—Research together with the Research Committee, we are involved in providing a series of activities targeting the research objective in the CANO/ACIO Strategic Plan 2013–2016 (www.cano-acio.ca/strategic-plan). More specifically, we aim to expand resource networks and opportunities for research capacity building and knowledge exchange.

Research activities to support CANO/ACIO members
1. Attend Research Workshops offered annually at the CANO/ACIO conference. In Quebec City, the Research Committee members organized a World Café to discuss oncology nursing research. In a series of small group discussions, four researchers facilitated discussion on knowledge/skills nurses need to conduct research studies and/or use evidence to inform their practice, barriers or challenges to building knowledge/skills, and creative actions to overcome barriers.
2. Use Sosido to keep current on newly published research studies and share your clinical knowledge. From July 2013 to June 2014, 197 CANO/ACIO member publications were featured in the weekly emailed notes. Members are encouraged to use this forum for asking questions of other CANO/ACIO members.
3. Listen to Research Podcasts to learn more about preparing poster presentations, writing and reviewing a conference abstract, developing a budget for a small research grant, and strategies for writing publications. These mini-presentations for members are about 20 minutes and available on the CANO/ACIO website at http://cano.malachite-mgmt.com/?page=podcasts
4. Browse Research Frequently Asked Questions on the CANO/ACIO website to get quick, clear answers to common questions you may have about oncology nursing research. Topics include evidence-based practice, finding evidence to inform oncology practice, knowledge translation, and generating a research question www.cano-acio.ca/resources_1
5. Read Research Reflections in the journal (CONJ). Each article is brief and focuses on common knowledge that is useful for all oncology nurses. The recent topics include beware of predatory journals, conducting unfunded research, participating as a knowledge user on research teams, and research within the advanced practice nurse role.
6. Apply for Research Funding (up to $5,000) to conduct pilot research or to develop a proposal in the early stages of a research project that will result in research to support evidence-informed oncology nursing practice. A scientific panel reviews all applications and priority is for members pursuing graduate degrees, clinically based nurses wanting to conduct clinical research, and projects with potential to promote evidence-informed oncology practice. The next application deadline is May 15, 2015 www.cano-acio.ca/research_grants
7. Join the Doctoral Student Network (www.cano-acio.ca/doctoral-student-network) or the CANO/ACIO Research Committee (www.cano-acio.ca/research_committee/)
8. Volunteer to create a podcast or write a Research Reflections article.

I am looking forward to hearing your suggestions, receiving applications for research grants, and/or getting to know you through our CANO/ACIO network.

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