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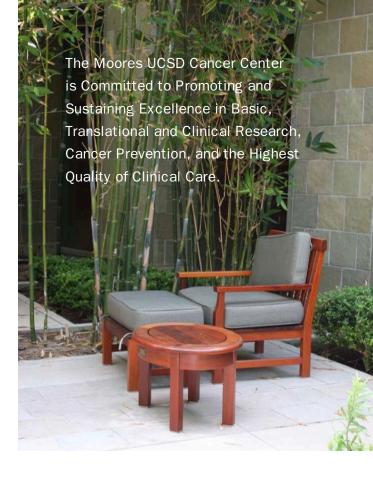
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When the Moores/UCSD/ Cancer Center opened in July of 2005, it provided a unique opportunity for changing the way outpatient oncology nursing is practiced here at UCSD. The Moores/UCSD Cancer Center merged three separate infusion centers into one, along with the ability to provide comprehensive cancer care. The four main areas of outpatient oncology clinical nursing practice are: Multi-specialty Clinic, Infusion Center, Radiation Oncology, and a Procedure suite.

Inpatient oncology nursing has also been impacted, with the majority of inpatient oncology services consolidated at the Thornton campus. Medical and surgical oncology services, along with a thriving blood and marrow transplant (BMT) program, are well represented with all levels of nursing, including Nurse Practitioners.

The UCSD Cancer Center is one of just 39 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the United States. Such Centers are prominent among the leading institutions in the nation dedicated to scientific innovation and clinical excellence. UCSD is the only Comprehensive Cancer Center in San Diego and Imperial counties to have earned this honor.

With this honor comes a tremendous responsibility to our patients and our community. Oncology nurses at UCSD, both inpatient and outpatient, are proud of their chosen specialty. Most are active members of the Oncology Nursing Society



(ONS) and are chemotherapy certified through the ONS. Many of our nurses possess national certification in the area of oncology nursing.

The diverse and expert oncology nursing teams have begun the process of establishing shared governance to organize and grow their nursing practice. The main structures of these councils include: Operation, Professional Practice, and Quality/ Safety. Several exciting projects and initiatives are emerging from these teams to further advance the practice of oncology nursing at UCSD.

The vast expertise and commitment of the nursing staff, working collaboratively on trail-blazing projects aimed at enhancing the patient care experience throughout the continuum, is amazing. This is truly an exciting and rewarding time to be an oncology nurse at UCSD!





