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What motivates you to provide excellent oncology care?



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Having cancer is not something a person signs up for, so providing them excellent compassionate care is something I feel blessed to have the opportunity to do. I chose oncology for many reasons; foremost is that we develop a long lasting relationship with patient and family members. I feel like I'm giving them hope by providing them with education to help with side effects, listening to them, offering a word of encouragement, and a friendly smile in this difficult journey.



Susan Stalter, BSN, RN, OCN®
Nurse Case Manager
Moores Cancer Center: Blood & Marrow Transplant (BMT)

Knowing that I make a difference! I strive to provide the best nursing care possible for our patients & they always know our dedicated BMT team can be reached for questions, concerns or reassurance 24/7. We guide our patients through a long & complicated journey. Sometimes just a warm smile or hug gives support & encouragement.



Polly D. Nobiensky, BSN, RN, OCN®
Nurse Case Manager
Moores Cancer Center: Radiology Oncology

As a nurse in Radiation Oncology, I am motivated by my nursing colleagues. They all respect and seek my years of experience to build their own practices. Dr. Sandhu and our physician team allow me to have autonomy with our patients and practice. Most of all, I am motivated by our patients. Everyone has their own cancer story and I hope to help guide them through the toughest time of their lives.



Ellen Carr, MSN, RN, AOCN®
currently is the Clinical Educator for the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center Multispecialty Clinic. Before becoming the Clinic's Educator, she was a Nurse Case Manager for 14 years for the Cancer Center's surgical head/neck oncology practices. In addition, Ellen is the Editor of the Clinical Journal of Oncology

Nursing (CJON), a peer-reviewed journal of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS). CJON advances excellence in clinical practice for nurses specializing in the care of patients with an actual or potential diagnosis of cancer.



Matt Redila, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNL
is the Nurse Manager for the 3GH ICU, formerly Thornton ICU. He started his nursing career with Thornton ICU as a new-graduate nurse. Although 3GH ICU is a medical-surgical oncology ICU, the 3GH ICU nurses are also trained to care for

the obstetric, abdominal transplant, cardiac, and neurology patient populations.



April Morgan, RN, Reiki Master
Infusion Nurse
UC San Diego Health Cancer Services - Vista & Encinitas

The great medicine we provide is only a portion of the healing we provide. A smile or a hug breaks down barriers and lets the patients know they matter. We are on this journey together. I want them to know I will care for them the same way I would a family member.



Celine Palmiter, BSN, RN, OCN®
Nurse Case Manager
Moores Cancer Center: Multispecialty Clinic

My care and compassion for my patients is my motivation. My toughest days can never compare to anything that my patients are going through. To be able to help and be there for them during the extent of their cancer journey can be demanding and challenging, but is so rewarding.

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Tania Miller, BSN, RN, CMSRN®
Clinical Nurse
6 East Hillcrest
UC San Diego Health

What motivates me to provide excellent patient care is the inspiration that I draw from the 6 East Nursing Team. These nurses have shown me the true meaning of teamwork, camaraderie and patience. Working with a caring team motivates me to take care of people who come to us at a low point in their lives and work towards making them whole again.



Shirley Cruz, BSN, RN, OCN
3GH Intensive Care Unit, Jacobs Medical Center

Working in an Oncology ICU opens your eyes to how a disease like cancer can turn a fully-functioning, independent individual, into someone fighting for their life. As a nurse, it is our responsibility to make sure our patients and their loved ones are cared for both physically and emotionally. We truly have an amazing opportunity to make a difference in someone's life while they are going through what could be the most vulnerable they have ever been. Few things are more rewarding than when a patient comes back to visit us after they leave the hospital, and to see how they are back to doing the things that they love!

I believe it is a calling to be an oncology nurse.

Knowing that I make a difference!

I want to provide the best care for my patients



Chelsea Dean-Robles, BSN, RN
5FG Medical/Oncology/Palliative Care, Jacobs Medical Center

It's an honor to be an oncology RN. Here at UCSD, we partner with our patients to create a plan that is tailored to each patient's individual needs. Through this collaboration, our patients find a strength in themselves that is truly awe-inspiring. I'm honored to be their healthcare advocate, their educator, and their teammate in their life's journey.



April Parker, BSN, RN, OCN
6 Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT), Jacobs Medical Center

I believe it is a calling to be an oncology nurse. Yes, it's a profession of ups and downs but what a gift to be able to provide a little slice of normalcy for a patient and their family. We can often overlook the little things in life, like feeling the sunshine on our skin, but perspective is always brought to life with the gift of oncology nursing.



Marisa Del Rio, BSN, RN
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I want to provide the best care for my patients because that person could be my family. They are going through a very difficult time with unfortunate circumstances and I want to make sure they receive the best care possible.