Bio:
Peggy Burhenn, MS, CNS, RN-BC, AOCNS

Peggy Burhenn is a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in geriatric oncology. She holds certifications as an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN), Advanced Oncology CNS (AOCNS) and is a board certified RN in gerontology. She is a co-investigator for the R25 grant that supports this educational conference.

In her current role as Professional Practice Leader for Geriatric Oncology at City of Hope in Duarte California, she is involved in education, research, and care management of the older adult with cancer. Her focus has been to teach nurses about caring for the older adult with cancer. She has developed a group of geriatric resource nurses. She is the principal investigator for a study to evaluate nurses' knowledge, attitudes and perceptions of caring for older adults. She is also coinvestigator for a protocol evaluating reasons for readmissions in the older adult with cancer. Her work focuses on a diversity of geriatric related issues such as: geriatric assessment, delirium, sleep promotion, fall prevention, cognition, pain in the older adult, and guided imagery. She has served as a preceptor for CNS students at local universities.

In 2013 she received the Margo McCaffery Excellence in Pain Management award and the Values in Action award at City of Hope for Intellectual Curiosity and in 2014 the Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse of the Year from the Greater Los Angeles Oncology Nursing Society. In April 2015 she received the Oncology Nursing Society national award for Excellence in Caring for the Older Adult with Cancer.