

Shirley Johnson, R.N., M.S., M.B.A., is the senior vice president for patient care and nursing services and the chief nursing officer at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York. She guides the strategic direction of nursing and patient-care services and leads Roswell Park's efforts to continually enhance care provided to patients, giving special attention to the humanistic aspects of medicine. Johnson joined Roswell Park in late 2016 and previously served in senior leadership roles at City of Hope and Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Shirley has extensive experience in building cancer programs and expanding operations to keep pace with the ever evolving changes in the healthcare landscape. Johnson is a past president of the Association of Cancer Executives and past chair of the BMT Program Administrator's Steering Committee for the American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation. She completed a six-year term on the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons and was a member of its Program on Approvals Committee. She was the 2013 Healthcare category winner for the California Women of the Year Award bestowed by the State of California. She is a frequent invited speaker on topics of cancer care delivery and nursing practice and has authored numerous papers related to strategies to reduce falls and cancer program development. She currently serves on the Audit Committee of the Oncology Nursing Society and is on the Executive Council for the Association of Dedicated Cancer Centers. Johnson received her Master of Business Administration degree, Master of Science degree in management and bachelor's degree in nursing from Maryville University in St. Louis.

Since joining Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Shirley has fostered the expansion of an Assessment and Treatment Center, which provides after-hours care for cancer patient symptom management and instituted an after-hours nurse triage phone line. In collaboration with the Chief of Bone Marrow Transplant, she is developing an out-patient bone marrow transplant program. She is re-establishing the focus on gerontology oncology care within the organization, and will be pursuing NICHE designation with the Roswell Park team this fall.

Shirley counts it a privilege to serve in a role to support the driving vision for the future of cancer care delivery. Married to Gary, a human resource and leadership development consultant, she enjoys spending time with her two daughters, every chance she gets with one in the Los Angeles area, and one Montana.