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**Janine Overcash** is a Clinical Associate Professor and the Director of Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner program and the Clinical Nurse Specialist programs at The Ohio State University, College of Nursing. Dr. Overcash is also a nurse practitioner in the Senior Adult Oncology Program at the Tames Cancer Hospital, Comprehensive Breast Center specializing in the care of the older person. Previously, Dr. Overcash was an Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of South Florida and assisted in the design and management of one of the first geriatric oncology programs located at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Florida.

Dr. Overcash has authored over 40 peer reviewed journal articles in the area of geriatric assessment. A book entitled, *The Older Cancer Patient: A Guide for Nurses and Related Professionals* by Janine Overcash and Lodovico Balducci highlights principles of care of the older person with cancer and received Book of the Year award by the *American Journal of Nursing*. Dr. Overcash has completed a post doctorate with the John A. Hartford Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Program. Dr. Overcash participated in the Geriatric Nurse Educational Consortium sponsored by the American Academy of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the John A. Hartford Foundation which instructed over 500 faculty from all over the United States.

Dr. Overcash research interests include understanding falls, performance status and independence in older cancer patients. Dr. Overcash speaks nationally and internationally on aspects of geriatric assessment and care of the older person diagnosed with cancer.