Oncology nurses advocate in a variety of ways on a daily basis. This session will describe how to advocate for self, peers, and patients and put thoughts into action. Political advocacy is important; however, it is not a focus of this session. The following areas will be explored and discussed.

- Advocacy in Education/Educational Settings (Debbie Kirk Walker, facilitator)
- Advocacy in Clinical Practice: Working for Our Patients (Anne Ireland, facilitator)
- Advocating From a Management Perspective (Vicki Norton and Tracy Gosselin, facilitators)
- Advocating in Nontraditional Roles (Susie Newton, facilitator)
- Association/Professional Advocacy–ONS Chapters (Marlon Saria and Margaret Barton-Burke, facilitators)

ONS board members will utilize an interactive format to engage participants in exploring methods of advocating in these areas. Breakout groups will discuss each perspective, and participants will brainstorm and share ideas. This is not a “sit in your seats” session. Bring business cards to network and distribute. Highlights from each group/team will be summarized and shared.

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**Objectives:**
At the end of this session, participants will be able to:
1. Discuss scenarios in your professional life where you needed to be an advocate for another nurse.
2. Describe one valuable method learned to advocate for another nurse.
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Note: The purpose of this session is NOT to address political advocacy. That topic is addressed in another session.

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Advocacy Topics

- Group 1: Advocacy in Education / Educational Settings; Debbie Kirk Walker
- Group 2: Advocating in Clinical Practice; Anne Ireland
- Group 3: Advocating from a Management Perspective; Tracy Gosselin and Vicki Norton
- Group 4: Association and Professional Advocacy including ONS Chapters; Margaret Barton-Burke and Marlon Saria
- Group 5: Advocating in Non-Traditional Roles; Susie Newton

References

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