Sarah Dihmes and Marshalee George will present “Male Caregivers for Women With Breast Cancer: Understanding the Psychosocial Impact on Spouses and the Role of Oncology Nurses.” Describing a study that evaluated marital distress and spousal dysfunction in intimacy, the presenters will identify the psychosocial deficits that men are at risk for throughout a spouse’s breast cancer diagnosis. To review the full abstract, please see page E72 online in the March 2014 issue of the Oncology Nursing Forum.

Elaine Zapata will present “Ovarian Cancer: Improving Quality-of-Life Outcomes From Diagnosis Through Treatment.” She’ll discuss the progress of an ongoing study that evaluates a theory-based, novel nursing intervention for patients with ovarian cancer. The intervention is designed to help reduce symptom-related distress and decrease levels of uncertainty throughout treatment. To review the full abstract, please see page E72 online in the March 2014 issue of the Oncology Nursing Forum.

Gwen Wyatt will present “Symptom Management and Treatment Interruptions Among Women With Advanced Breast Cancer.” She’ll explore how alterations in chemotherapy protocol and symptom severity can interfere with a patient’s daily life. To review the full abstract, please see page E75 online in the March 2014 issue of the Oncology Nursing Forum.

Patricia Bruns will present “Effect of Intra-Arterial Chemotherapy Treatment on Health-Related Quality of Life in Patients With Recurrent High-Grade Glioma.” She’ll evaluate the survival benefit and toxicity profile of intra-arterial chemotherapy and assess the magnitude of health-related quality-of-life changes reported during the treatment’s course. To review the full abstract, please see page E78 online in the March 2014 issue of the Oncology Nursing Forum.

**Objectives:**
At the end of this session, participants will be able to:
1. Discuss two research approaches to understanding the impact of cancer treatment on patients and caregivers.
2. Describe patient experiences during the cancer continuum.

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