Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology
Association canadienne des infirmières en oncologie

April 7, 2026 is Oncology Nursing Day
Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology / Association canadienne des infirmières en oncologie (CANO/ACIO)

Vancouver, BC — On **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**, the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology / Association canadienne des infirmières en oncologie (Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology) proudly celebrates Oncology Nursing Day (OND), recognizing the vital contributions of oncology nurses across Canada who provide compassionate, evidence-based cancer care and support patients and families throughout the cancer journey.

Now marking its **23rd annual celebration**, Oncology Nursing Day honours the leadership, expertise, and resilience of oncology nurses working in diverse care settings. Oncology nurses play a critical role in advancing practice, navigating increasingly complex cancer treatments, and ensuring high-quality, person-centred care for individuals affected by cancer.

The **2026 Oncology Nursing Day theme**, *Stronger Together: Advancing Oncology Nursing Through Collaboration and Innovation*, highlights the power of connection—across disciplines, teams, and communities—in strengthening oncology nursing practice and improving patient outcomes. This theme emphasizes how collaboration and innovation drive progress in cancer care, support professional growth, and enable oncology nurses to respond to the evolving needs of patients and families.

Oncology Nursing Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the collective impact of oncology nurses and to reaffirm a shared commitment to working together to advance excellence in oncology nursing across Canada.
CANO/ACIO invites oncology nurses, healthcare organizations, and partners nationwide to join in celebrating Oncology Nursing Day. Resources to support local recognition activities are available through the **CANO/ACIO Oncology Nursing Day Help Guide**, which includes ideas for workplace celebrations, promotional materials, and downloadable posters. CANO/ACIO Head Office is also available to provide additional support.

To help spread awareness on social media, participants are encouraged to use **#OND2026** and tag **@CANO/ACIO**. Additional promotional resources can be found at: **https://www.cano-acio.ca/page/Promote**

ABOUT THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSES IN ONCOLOGY
The Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology / Association canadienne des infirmières en oncologie (CANO/ACIO) is the national organization that supports Canadian nurses to advance cancer care nursing through advocacy, collaboration, education, research, leadership, and the provision of practice resources. CANO/ACIO's vision is to be a recognized leader in pursuing excellence in cancer care nursing and improving access and equity, nationally and internationally.

For more information about CANO/ACIO, Oncology Nursing Day, and the annual CANO/ACIO conference, please visit **www.cano-acio.ca**.

ABOUT ONCOLOGY NURSING DAY
Oncology Nursing Day was first celebrated in Canada in **2003**. Observed annually, the day recognizes the contributions of oncology nurses and promotes awareness of oncology nursing practice. The **2026 theme**, *Stronger Together: Advancing Oncology Nursing Through Collaboration and Innovation*, reflects the collective strength of oncology nurses working together to advance cancer care.

More information is available at: **www.cano-acio.ca/OND**

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