

2021 CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Clinical Practice and Research

Highlight the available avenues for social workers to lead and engage in clinical practice and research design/methodologies and enhance visibility of oncology social workers at micro, mezzo, and macro levels in interdisciplinary settings.

Diversity

Demonstrate challenges and opportunities in the delivery of cancer care across the cancer continuum for all patients and families, with an emphasis on evidence-informed practice related to: race, ethnicity, religion, culture, language, immigration status, Veteran status, physical or intellectual/developmental abilities, socioeconomic status, sexual identity, and gender identity and/or expression.

Ethics

Highlight and evaluate the impact of current or emerging ethical and legal challenges in accessing, receiving, and advocating for patient-centered care.

Leadership

Explore and illustrate opportunities to engage and evaluate current leadership principles and practices, mentorship, and professional development strategies within cancer care and oncology settings.

Innovation & Program Development

Explore innovative interventions that empower and engage oncology professionals by illustrating effective program implementation and/or dissemination, in alignment with process and quality assurance and improvement tools in an ever-changing healthcare system, across models of psychosocial and value-based care.

Advocacy & Health Policy

Highlight and demonstrate current and emerging practice-based advocacy, policy initiatives, models, and strategies for collaboration at the organizational, local, state, national, or international levels.