

## Faculty biosketch

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### **Key publications:**

**Cunningham, R. S.** (2004). Advanced practice nursing outcomes: a review of selected empirical literature. Oncology Nursing Forum, 1-14.

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**Cunningham, R. S.** (2005). Nutritional disturbances. In C. Yarbro, M. Goodman, & M. Frogge (Eds.) Cancer Nursing, Principles and Practice 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. (pp. 761-790) Boston: Jones and Bartlett.

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**Cunningham, R. S.** (2006) . The role of LMWHs as supportive cancer therapy in cancer-associated thrombosis. Seminars in Oncology (Accepted for publication).

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### **Honors, awards, community service:**

- The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Award for Leadership in Patient Care (2000)
- Nominee New Jersey Governor's Award for Excellence in Nursing Administration (2000)
- Oncology Nursing Society Pearl Moore Making a Difference Award (2002)

**Comments:**

I am interested in the delivery of cancer services across the trajectory of care. The primary focus of my career to date has been in the organization and delivery of cancer nursing services within the cancer center/acute care context. Current interests are leading me to look beyond organizational boundaries to enhance the care of cancer survivors as they transition from the cancer center to the primary care environment. I am particularly interested in the role of nursing in bridging care transitions and the effect of this role on patient outcomes.

Advances in cancer detection and treatment have led to improved survival rates over the past 30 years. Currently, there are over 10 million cancer survivors in the US and this number is expected to increase dramatically over the next 10 years. As the number of survivors in the country increases, developing an understanding of the unique needs of this group and defining optimal models of care delivery for this population are critical. The current delivery model, which relies heavily on oncology-specific providers, will no longer be effective in meeting the needs of this group. I am interested developing an understanding of cancer survivorship issues in the primary care context.