

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION 2020

EONS Executive Board

Presentation of candidates for the position of Board Member



Name: Matthew Fowler

Location: Birmingham, UK.

Position: consultant nurse for oncology and haematology at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, EONS Advocacy WG member.

Qualification: RN, MSc, BNurs, Dip HE.

I would like to become EONS Board member because:

I have been an active member of EONS Advocacy working group for over 2 years now and feel that now is the right time in both my personal and professional life to put myself forward for board. I am passionate about the work undertaken by EONS and know that I will be an advocate for cancer nurses as well as cancer patients across Europe. I have been actively involved with the occupational safety survey as well as lobbying in the European parliament and this has only inspired me more to become a member of the Executive Board so that I have a platform to advocate for cancer nurses across Europe.

I have been a cancer nurse for over 20 years now and in my current role as a Consultant Nurse for Haematology and Oncology I can bring a view from the clinical environment that I feel would complement the Executive Board. I am passionate about advancing cancer nursing practice as well as empowering the cancer nursing workforce to maximize their potential to ensure cancer patients and their loved ones receive the highest standards of holistic care. As I am now mid-way through my Doctorate in Nursing I am keen to promote the roles of clinical academics across Europe as I firmly believe in the importance of a highly skilled cancer nursing workforce pan Europe in both academia and clinical practice.

During my time in EONS I have forged close working relationships with all of the working groups and if successful in gaining a position on the Executive Board will use this role to both empower as well as continue to learn from my inspiring EONS cancer nursing peers.

I will naturally give my all to supporting the Board, and the EONS Secretary to deliver on the EONS strategy.

I remain as passionate about cancer nursing today as I did 20 years ago and am equally keen to inspire and develop the cancer nursing workforce of the future to ensure cancer patients receive high standards of evidence based cancer nursing care. My first experience with EONS was at the masterclass back in 2013 and I can honestly say I have never looked back since! To be part of EONS is like an extended family to me and I will give my all to this role if appointed.

My aims during my term on the Executive Board of EONS would be:

- *Collaborate with all working groups and board members to help deliver EONS strategy.*
- *Continue to drive forward the collaborative work we have undertaken into occupational safety for all cancer nurses across Europe.*
- *Develop an EONS standard for all cancer facilities across Europe; that ensures we safeguard both cancer nurses and patients.*
- *Work with external agencies to promote the role of the cancer nurse ensuring equity across Europe.*

The skills and experience that I would be able to bring to the role are:

I currently work as a Consultant Nurse for oncology and haematology at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. I am responsible for undertaking advanced clinical procedures including bone marrow aspirates and trephine biopsies, lumbar punctures, vascular device placement and removal. I have developed a nurse-led service that incorporates advanced nursing practice, nurse led chemotherapy clinics whereby we provide a holistic service for our cancer patients. I have over 20 years' experience in cancer nursing and am very fortunate to work at a senior level in direct clinical practice. I have previously worked as a senior nurse within oncology and haematology for four years and learnt many invaluable skills from both a leadership and management perspective that I would bring to the board.

I am in the process of devising a trust wide strategy for the development of an ambulatory model of care for oncology and haematology patients to receive their emergency care within the home setting where feasible. Two of my key areas of interest within cancer nursing are the management of patients with low risk febrile neutropenia (my PhD topic) as well as cancer associated thrombosis. I am passionate about education and am fortunate to teach both locally in Birmingham as well as internationally. One of the highlights of my nursing career has been the opportunity to support the diploma in cancer nursing at Bethlehem university in Palestine. I would equally like to ensure every cancer nurse across Europe has access to an educational programme. What I primarily would bring to the board is a long and broad clinical experience, and I am currently undertaking a PhD at Oxford Brookes University. Aside from the above I also bring with me a passion for EONS Advocacy working group and its work. I am a strong believer of working together and strive to decrease inequalities in health care.

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Name: Ana Khmaladze

Location: Tbilisi, Georgia.

Position: Oncology Nurse “Research Institute of Clinical Medicine – Todua Clinic” Tbilisi, Georgia, Advocacy Working Group member.

Qualification: Nurse practitioner.

I would like to become EONS Board member because:

I am from Georgia. In my country oncology nursing society is new organisation complete with young and progressive nurses from all over the country.

We are acting as an innovator team in oncology nursing, with many activities: weekly meetings with oncology nurses from all over the country, masterclasses with our oncologists, radiation oncologists, psychologists, physiotherapists.

It will be a great experience and opportunity to be on the EONS board for me and my team. This will allow me to share all the new information's and skills and to improve quality of oncology nursing in country.

My aims during my term on the Executive Board of EONS would be:

My target group for activities are young and motivated oncology nurses as well as other oncology residents that can actively be involved in local conferences and meetings.

I believe that I would be an asset to your organization. This position would provide me with the ideal opportunity to assist your community and to expand my professional skills. I would quickly become a productive member of your team.

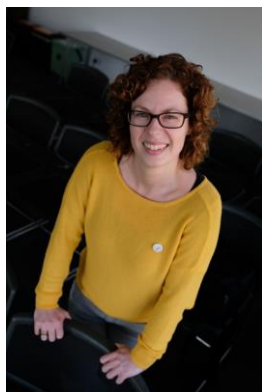
The skills and experience that I would be able to bring to the role are:

I am a cancer nurse, educator and researcher. I have expertise in all areas of the EONS strategic CARE plan. I have post-graduate qualifications of hematology nursing.

I am Oncology nurse from 2009. Founder and head of Georgian Oncology nursing Society from 2019. From 2009 to 2015, I worked as an oncology nurse. From 2015 to 2017, I was working as Head Nurse of Chemotherapy Department in “New Vision University Hospital”, also trainer in clinical skill in nursing for junior doctors.

I am currently working as Oncology nurse at “Research Institute of Clinical Medicine - Todua clinic.

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Name: Merel van Klinken

Location: Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Position: cancer nurse and palliative care nurse at the Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam.

Qualification: RN, BSc, MSc.

I would like to become EONS Board member because:

I want to become an EONS Board Member because I want to show nurses across Europe what a great profession we have. I want to advocate for cancer nurses across Europe, attract young nurses and convince students what a fantastic job cancer nursing is. I realise I come from a privileged country, but I want the same recognition for cancer nurses in every European country as we experience in The Netherlands. Making our voices be heard is crucial in achieving this. We need to become leaders in our own profession: in daily practice and in policymaking. We are the core of patient care and we need to see ourselves as such. I first came in contact with EONS during the masterclass of 2016, which has given my career such a boost. I have always loved my profession. However, after the masterclass I felt this incredible togetherness with my international colleagues which I have since taken with me in my daily practice as an oncology nurse, palliative care nurse and researcher. I was lucky enough to be able to join the EONS Advocacy Working Group, where I felt this togetherness even more. As a member of this working group I am able to advocate for cancer nurses across Europe and make the voice of cancer nurses heard. I think this will be increasingly important in cancer nursing, because of more complex treatments and cancer patients living longer, combined with all the challenges nurses face, such as nurses shortages. I would like to help support EONS and cancer nurses across Europe in these developments.

My aims during my term on the Executive Board of EONS would be:

- *Achieving recognition for cancer nurses across Europe.*
- *Communicate the voice of cancer nurses across Europe.*
- *Encourage nurses to come and work together: in daily practice, innovations, education, policymaking and research.*
- *Work together with other board members and working groups for recognition and information provision.*

- Collaborate with national societies in cancer nursing in order to make voices of local cancer nurses heard.
- To enable nurses to combine daily nursing practice with education and research.

The skills and experience that I would be able to bring to the role are:

In 2009 I started working at the Netherlands Cancer Institute Antoni van Leeuwenhoek, where I became an oncology nurse in 2010. After a few years of working as a cancer nurse I signalled issues, such as standard procedures which aren't evidence based in the hospital, that made me want to have a voice and influence. Therefore I decided to do a Masters in nursing sciences. My Masters further sparked my interest in palliative care, as my thesis was focused on hospice care. A year after finishing the Masters education, I became a palliative care nurse in my hospital. This is where all that I have learned came together in one position. As the Masters education was very focused on nursing research, I wanted to develop these researching skills. Therefore I did a PhD program for two years in 2018-2019. Now, back at the Netherlands Cancer Institute in my role as cancer nurse and palliative care nurse, I'm able to combine my skills in patient care and my research skills with providing education as a lecturer at the Bachelor of Nursing.

I have found the perfect combination within my job, where I can combine patient care, research and education for nurses. In my role as a palliative care nurse my interests are Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) care, research and implementing, discussing quality of life and death with different disciplines and educating colleagues and other disciplines in daily practise. I have been an active member of the Dutch Oncology Nursing Society, where I participated in different working groups and I am a member of the EONS Advocacy Working Group since 2017.

I have developed a skill set that would enable me to fulfil my role as an EONS board member. I have good communication skills, which will help me bring across the EONS strategic CARE-plan to important players in the field. I also have working experience in all facets of a nursing: patient care, research and education. Through these experiences I have built a strong network in the Netherlands as well as across Europe. In recent years I have discovered and cultivated these skills and discovered what I find important in my career. In daily practise, I use this to inspire young nurses. I encourage them to recognise and use their individual talents and help them to bring out the best of themselves. In every facet of the nursing profession leadership skills are needed, which is something I promote amongst young nurses on a daily basis.