

2020 JULITA V. SOTEJO MEDALLION of HONOR

Marlon Garzo Saria

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"...One does not have to be in the Philippines to serve the people."

Area of Expertise:

Cancer Caregiving
Quality of Life
Oncology Nursing



Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Scientist

Providence Saint John's Health Center
Santa Monica, California
Nov 2017 – Present



Director, Center for Quality and Outcomes Research

Pacific Neuroscience Institute (PNI)
Santa Monica, California
2016 – Present



Assistant Professor of Translational Neurosciences & Neurotherapeutics

John Wayne Cancer Institute-Providence Saint John's Health Center
Santa Monica, California
2015 – Present



Nurse Corps

US Air Force Reserve
March ARB, Riverside, CA
Feb 2012 – Present



Lecturer

University of the Philippines Open University
UP Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
Jan 2015 – Present

Honors and Awards

- Outstanding Nurse of the Year, *Providence Saint John's Health Center (Sep 2019)*
- Fellow, *American Academy of Nursing*
- Rookie Nurse of the Year Award, *University of California San Diego Medical Center*
- Excellence in Cancer Pain Management Award, *Southern California Cancer Pain Initiative*
- Award of Excellence in Implementing the ELNEC-Oncology Curriculum, End of Life Nursing Education Consortium, City of Hope
- Writing Mentorship Program Fellow, *Oncology Nursing Society*
- Educator of the Year, *Philippine Nurses Association of San Diego*
- Research Grant-Writing Mentorship Program Fellow, *Oncology Nursing Society*
- Marguerite Jackson "Professional Nurse of the Year", *University of California San Diego Medical Center*
- Distinguished Service to the Community as an Advanced Practice Nurse, *Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego County, Inc.*
- Pearl Moore "Making a Difference" Award, *Oncology Nursing Society*
- Most Outstanding Professional in Nursing, *University of the Philippines Alumni Association International, Inc.*
- Doctoral Degree Academic Scholarship, *Oncology Nursing Foundation*
- Doctoral Scholarship in Cancer Nursing, *American Cancer Society*
- Diamond Jubilee Distinguished Alumni Award for the Decade 1990-1999 in Mentorship in Oncology Nursing, *University of the Philippines, College of Nursing Alumni Association*
- Doctoral Degree Academic Scholarship, *Philippine Nurses Association of America*
- Marguerite Jackson Scholarship for Doctoral Education, *University of California San Diego Medical Center*
- Certificate of Recognition in Honor of Outstanding Service to the Community, Marty Block, Member of the California State Assembly, 78th Assembly District
- Outstanding Young Leader, The Founder's Award, *San Diego Filipino American Humanitarian Foundation and San Diego Philippine Library & Historical Heritage Museum*
- Gracia Juarez Award, *San Diego Oncology Nursing Society*
- Lifetime Achievement Award, *Global Caring Nurses Foundation*

Education



USAF Air Command and Staff College

Master of Military Operational Art and Science Joint Warfare



University of California, Los Angeles

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Nursing Science

2007 – 2016

Master of Science in Nursing, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist

2002 – 2004



University of the Philippines

Bachelor's degree, Registered Nurse

1993 - 1998

Publications

- **Anxiety and Depression Associated with Burden in Caregivers of Patients with Brain Metastases**
Oncology Nursing Forum May 2017
- **The Hidden Morbidity of Cancer: Burden in Caregivers of Patients with Brain Metastases**
Nurs Clin North Am Mar 2017
- **Cognitive dysfunction in patients with brain metastases: influences on caregiver resilience and coping**
Support Care Cancer Dec 2016
- **Efficacy and safety of treating glioblastoma with tumor-treating fields therapy**
Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing Oct 2016
- **Clinical Trials.** In *Mosby's Oncology Nursing Advisor*, 2nd Ed.
Mosby 2016 *Book chapter*
- **Culture and Cancer.** In *Psychosocial Nursing Along the Cancer Continuum*, 3rd Ed.
Oncology Nursing Society 2016 *Book chapter*
- **Current Perspectives in the Management of Brain Metastases**
Clin J Oncol Nurs Aug 2015
Saria MG, Piccioni D, Carter J, Orosco H, Turpin T, Kesari S.
Clin J Oncol Nurs. 2015 Aug;19(4):475-9. doi: 10.1188/15.CJON.475-478.
PMID: 26207714
- **Everyday Advocates: Nursing Advocacy Is a Full-Time Job**
Am J Nurs Aug 2015
Walker DK, Barton-Burke M, Saria MG, Gosselin T, Ireland A, Norton V, Newton S.
Am J Nurs. 2015 Aug;115(8):66-70. doi: 10.1097/01.NAJ.0000470409.04919.0f. No abstract available.
PMID: 26222478
- **Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Scenarios**
ONS2015 Book (editor)
- **Core Curriculum for Oncology Nursing, 5th Ed.**
Elsevier 2015 *Book (associate editor)*
- **Voices of oncology nursing society members matter in advocacy and decisions related to U.S. Health Policy**
Clin J Oncol Nurs Dec 2014
Saria MG, Stone A, Walton AL, Brown G, Norton V, Barton-Burke M.
Clin J Oncol Nurs. 2014 Dec;18(6):719-21. doi: 10.1188/14.CJON.719-721.
PMID: 25427709
- **Retrospective analysis of the tolerability and activity of lacosamide in patients with brain tumors: clinical article**
J Neurosurg Jun 2013
Saria MG, Corle C, Hu J, Rudnick JD, Phuphanich S, Mrugala MM, Crew LK, Bota DA, Dan Fu B, Kim RY, Brown T, Feely H, Brechlin J, Brown BD, Drappatz J, Wen PY, Chen CC, Carter B, Lee JW, Kesari S.
J Neurosurg. 2013 Jun;118(6):1183-7. doi: 10.3171/2013.1.JNS12397. Epub 2013 Mar 1.
PMID: 23451905
- **Preventing and managing infections in neutropenic stem cell transplantation recipients: evidence-based review**
Clin J Oncol Nurs Apr 2011
Saria M.
Clin J Oncol Nurs. 2011 Apr;15(2):133-9. doi: 10.1188/11.CJON.133-139. Review.
PMID: 21444280

- **Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Scenarios**
ONS2010 Book (editor)
- **Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation: implications for critical care nurses**
Clin J Oncol Nurs Feb 2007
Saria MG, Gosselin-Acomb TK.
Clin J Oncol Nurs. 2007 Feb;11(1):53-63. Review.
PMID: 17441397
- **Anxiety and depression associated with burden in caregivers of patients with brain metastases**
Oncology Nursing Forum In press

Projects

- **National Institutes of Health Research Orientation**
With the support of the NIMHD, NINR, PNAA, and PNAA Foundation, organized a research orientation for Filipino-American nurse researchers, nurse faculty, and nursing students on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD
- **Philippine Embassy Nursing Recognition Event**
Organized a recognition event for Filipino-American Fellows of the Academy of Nursing, the first ever for nurses, at the Embassy of the Philippines in Washington DC
- **Typhoon Haiyan Humanitarian Relief**
Established a sustainable funding mechanism for global disaster response and relief; 100% of initial donations personally delivered to victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

Organizations

- **NATO Grand Priory, OSMTH**
Knight
Aug 2017 – Present
The purposes of the NATO Grand Priory include furthering the concepts of Christian chivalry of the original Knights Templar Order, and pursuing humanitarian objectives in the modern world. The NATO Grand Priory supports communications and networking among NATO and NATO partnership militaries and defense establishments, support of NATO peace and peacekeeping initiatives, development of interoperability of NATO and NATO partner forces, and support of veterans and veteran organizations.
- **American Academy of Nursing**
Fellow
- **American Assembly for Men in Nursing**
Member
- **American Nurses Association and American Nurses Association\California**
Member
- **American Society of Clinical Oncology**
Affiliated Health Professional
- **Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)**
Member

- **International Society of Nurses for Cancer Care**
Member Development Committee
- **Oncology Nursing Society**
Secretary
- **Philippine Nurses Association of America and Philippine Nurses Association of San Diego**
Research Committee
- **Pi Sigma Fraternity**
- **Reserve Officers Association**
Member
- **San Diego Advanced Practice Oncology Practitioners**
Members
- **San Diego Brain Tumor Foundation**
Member, Board of Director
- **Sigma Theta Tau, Gamma Tau Chapter**
Member
- **Society for Neuro-Oncology**
Associate Member
- **University of the Philippines Nursing Alumni Association International**
Member

Volunteer Experience

Health

Cancer Survivorship Day Planning Committee

Cancer Survivorship San Diego

San Diego Brain Tumor Walk Planning Committee, Annual Golf Tournament Planning Committee

San Diego Brain Tumor Foundation

San Diego Walk Planning Committee

National Brain Tumor Society

Disaster and Humanitarian Relief

Annual Fundraising Gala Planning Committee

San Diego Filipino-American Humanitarian Foundation

Politics

San Diego Mayoral Debate Planning Team, Candidate Interview Panel Member

Filipino-American Community Empowerment