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EONS STRENGTHENING EQUALITY IN HEALTHCARE AWARD 2020

European Cancer Nursing Day 2020 falls in the WHO designated Year of the Nurse and Midwife. One of the key tenets of the WHO is Universal Health Coverage (UHC) meaning that all individuals and communities receive the health services they need without suffering financial hardship. At EONS we believe that in order to improve universal access to good healthcare services, healthcare workers need to be addressing means and methods to reduce health inequalities.

Across Europe, a range of challenges that prevent access to good quality cancer care in many countries and regions within countries perpetuate inequalities. These include nursing shortages, a lack of specialist qualifications for cancer nurses and, poor safety equipment or working conditions. Ensuring access to specialised cancer nursing care for patients in every European country would go a long way to reducing health inequalities by ensuring all patients benefit from approved standards of care. We know that many cancer nurses are also engaged in different projects that aim to improve equality of access to good healthcare, or are engaged in community outreach programmes relating to cancer prevention and healthy lifestyles for example.

This Year of the Nurse and Midwife, we would like to give two talented cancer nurses – who can be nominated by themselves, their co-workers, managers or friends – special awards at the EONS13 Congress in recognition for the work that they do to reduce health inequalities and increase access to universal health care. If you would like to nominate any nurses for these awards, please send an email explaining the work that they do and why they should be awarded the ECND Strengthening Equality in Healthcare Award 2020 to eons.communications@cancernurse.eu by **May 1**.

Each winner will receive free travel, accommodation for three nights and registration to the EONS Congress in Madrid, September 19 to 21, 2020.