



### **Loyda Braithwaite**

Loyda Braithwaite, BSN, RN, OCN is an oncology nurse at the University of Wisconsin's Carbone Cancer Center, in Madison, Wisconsin. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing at the University of Panama and is currently pursuing an Advanced Practice Nursing degree of Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner with Oncology Specialty at Loyola University Chicago. She has over nine years of experience in cancer care in her native country of Panama and the United States.

She is a former member of the ISNCC Scientific Planning Committee for the 18th International Conference on Cancer Nursing in Panama City, Panama. Her interest in oncology nursing research is primarily in ethnic minorities and underserved populations affected with cancer. She received the grant GSCNP-13-335-01 SCN from the American Cancer Society to support Graduate Scholarship in Cancer Nursing Practice. She has also been inducted to the Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau.

In addition to her clinical and academic work, Loyda is involved in a variety of volunteering activities that range from direct patient care to formal education for health care professionals. Since 2011, she has participated in volunteering trips to Panama with Operation Walk Denver, an organization dedicated to provide joint replacement surgeries for low-income patients in developing countries. In June 2013, she conducted an educational program at Tegucigalpa, Honduras in collaboration with Health Volunteer Overseas (HVO) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) to train oncology nurses in developing countries. In June 2015, she will be joining a team of healthcare professionals and students from Loyola University Chicago to provide primary care, including cancer screening for people in rural areas in Dominican Republic.