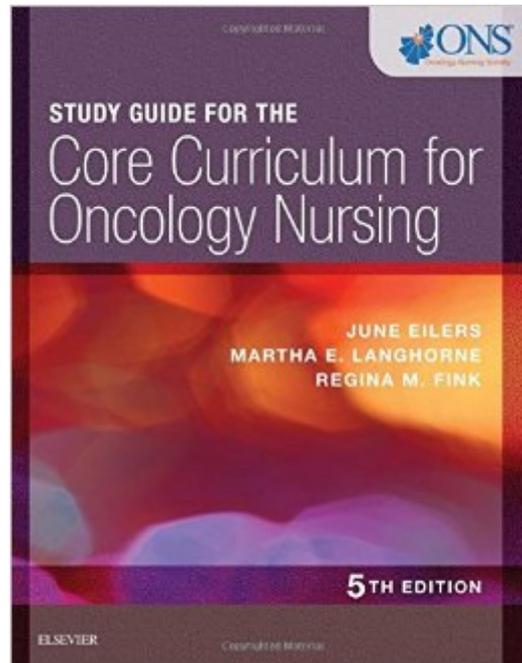


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# Study Guide For The Core Curriculum For Oncology Nursing, 5e



## Synopsis

Get the most out of your OCNÂ® Exam review with this helpful study tool! Corresponding to the chapters in The Core Curriculum for Oncology Nursing, 5th Edition, this definitive study guide endorsed by the Oncology Nursing Society covers the entire scope of practice for oncology nursing. It is based on the latest test blueprint for the OCN Exam, with more than 1,200 practice questions addressing all oncology topics, including the newest advances in cancer treatment and related nursing care. Prepare to succeed on your OCN Exam with this ONS-endorsed study resource! The definitive study guide for the OCNÂ® Examination is developed in collaboration with, and endorsed by, the Oncology Nursing Society, the parent organization of the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC), which administers the OCNÂ Examination. Coverage of the entire scope of oncology nursing care includes quality of life, protective mechanisms, gastrointestinal and urinary function, cardiopulmonary function, oncologic emergencies, the scientific basis for practice, health promotion, and professional performance. An answer key includes rationales for correct and incorrect responses. NEW! Revised and updated content reflects the latest OCNÂ® Examination test blueprint and The Core Curriculum for Oncology Nursing, 5th Edition. NEW emphasis on application-level questions helps you apply your knowledge more effectively. NEW! Updates on cancer treatment and related nursing care include the most current and accurate information, preparing you for the OCN Exam and for expert clinical practice. NEW! Emphasis on QSEN competencies is designed to reduce errors in oncology nursing practice with a focus on safety and evidence-based practice, including a Safety Alert icon and a High-Alert Medication icon for cancer chemotherapy drugs.

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## Customer Reviews

I finished studying the fourth edition and found this edition had recently been published so I decided to give it a shot. The questions are extremely thorough, comprehensive, and I have been able to gain additional knowledge. However, the book is riddled with spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors as well as some misinformation. Only having studied half of the book so far I have found enough errors to raise some concern. While this may very well be due to poor editing and proof reading it does lead one to wonder. One question labeled Anthracyclines as chemoprotective agents and Amifostine as a "cytoprotectand". Another answer reads "The other options are not chemotherapy regimens associated with a high risk of myelotoxicity. The other options are chemotherapy regimens associated with a high risk of myelotoxicity." Which is it? I did find the rationales to the answers to be more detailed than the fourth edition which I really liked. There are also a bevy of select all that apply questions (yuck!) to really make you think! At any rate the book is full of very useful information and questions that will really test your nursing knowledge in oncology however if you cringe at the site of overwhelming grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors you will have to grin and bear it through.\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\* August 2015I have since passed the OCN and looking back on the content of the book relative to the overall exam I believe you would be better off with the older edition. However this book still has plenty of good questions and some not so good (too many select all that apply questions are offered in this book).

I took this test last year using the OLD STUDY GUIDE .. and obviously did not pass .. I took this test in September using the CURRENT GUIDE and TOTALLY PASSED!!! I would definitely recommend this book as a study guide prior to taking the OCN. Here are my recommendations to help YOU pass this test. There are about 42 Chapters in this study. Mostly study questions with the rationales. Some of the rationales are great rationales. Some are statistical rationales so they are not going to give you a "WHY" answer. The best way to study to start studying for this test is to know when your test date is. My test date was September 11. (I know! Not the best date but ironically it was the only available date to take a test). When I scheduled it back in July, I literally did 4 Chapters a week. If you break it down its really not that bad. Some chapters will need more days than others. Pharmacology was pretty darn long FYI! All in all, it took me about 2-3 months of just breaking down THIS BOOK .. If you do it this way, you should have a week or two left where you can focus on

Chapters you feel like you may need more reviewing in. A lot of the questions in this book are very DETAILED. With that much said, a lot of the questions on the EXAM are very BROAD. The questions in this book will go into detail (paragraphs even!) about a case study like, "Patient age 60 female named Cathy with stage 4 breast cancer comes in to the clinic feeling blah blah blah" .. where the exam is more one sentence like Patient with breast cancer has symptoms of blah blah blah .. Pay attention to this and engrain it in your head .. It will help you .. I remember taking my test and thinking oh I remember the book talking about a patient so and so .. Bottom line, give yourself at least 2-3 months .. Pace yourself. 3-4 chapters a week prior to the test.. YOU CAN DO IT! YOU ARE SMART AND YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE!

I passed the OCN! Honestly, I would recommend saving your money and buying the older version of the book. I used the older version to study before I found out about this version. I thought I should use this version since it's based on the most recent blueprint. After taking the actual OCN exam, I realized the questions in this book were way harder than the actual test. (Which can be good depending on how frustrated you want to get, because I sure felt like a loser for getting so many questions wrong.) I'm not sure why they added multiple answer questions in the book, there's nothing like that in the exam. Also, the grammar on the answers is sometimes off. There were times I was reading rationals and I couldn't tell if the answer on the key was wrong or the rational was wrong.

I took the OCN yesterday and I passed. This book has very difficult questions and a lot of select all that apply, which are not on the OCN. I do not recommend this book. I would purchase the older edition over this one. The content in this edition was appropriate to study for the test, but the questions were written too advanced. If you like more challenging material, this is the book for you.

It was good, I passed the exam but it had quite a few spelling errors and miss numbered answers. I would recommend it along with the flash cards that I also bought.

Great for the Price, hope it's great for passing the certification... Will let you know. Pages kind of flimsy, kinda looks like it was copied and printed. Not sure how to explain it. Sort of like if I purchased it, copied the book and then sold copies. Non the less very readable. Wish that it was sold in the digital question answer format so I could just study on the treadmill with my tablet. I would suggest. Full of great information for work or study.

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