*The following letter was submitted to the editor of the Wall Street Journal.*

Thank you for illuminating the critical role rehabilitation plays in successfully treating people with cancer, as well as the integral position nurses have in helping cancer patients navigate the oftentimes overwhelming world of treatment options in the recent article, *Prescribing a New Kind of Rehab for Cancer Survivors* by Laura Landro (Jan 28, 2013). Cancer rehabilitation contributes to the management of some of the most prevalent and distressing symptoms of cancer care, including pain, fatigue, and asthenia. Cancer rehabilitation is also an important part of cancer survivorship care planning, and can help to mitigate future complications by promoting wellness behaviors and activities as a component of a healthy lifestyle.

Since 2006, The Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) has held the position that the rehabilitation registered nurses’ role in the interdisciplinary team is pivotal in creating an environment conducive to quality patient care and the promotion of maximum participation in meaningful life activities. It is ARN’s current position that cancer rehabilitation care is a right for all cancer patients, at any stage, and that cancer rehabilitation is best coordinated and delivered by registered nurses who have been educated and certified in oncology or rehabilitation specialties.

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