

# **Oncology Nursing Grand Rounds**

## **CANCER, VULNERABILITY, AND FINANCIAL QUALITY OF LIFE: A MIXED METHODS STUDY**

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**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Lipsett Auditorium**

Dr. Christine Callahan is Research Lead Specialist, Clinical, with the Financial Social Work Initiative (FSWI) at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. She joined the FSWI in July 2012 and conducts research to grow the FSWI as a national leader in financial capability. Her research focuses on financial capability, including financial literacy, in addition to addressing institutional barriers facing low- and moderate-income households and communities. Dr. Callahan received her MSW from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1993 and her PhD in social work from the Catholic University of America in 2012. She maintains a strong interest in and dedication to cancer care for those who are medically underserved, along with those struggling with poverty and psychosocial and environmental stressors. Prior to joining the University of Maryland, Dr. Callahan was a clinical social worker in the Social Work Department at the NIH Clinical Center where she provided direct service for over 18 years with patients and their families enrolled in clinical trials at the hospital. She worked with a variety of Institutes, outpatient clinics, and inpatient units throughout her career, working with patients and families facing serious, life-threatening illnesses. Dr. Callahan has presented regularly at national conferences, including the Society for Social Work and Research, the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care, and the Association of Oncology Social Work, and has several publications to her credit related to cancer and social work practice.

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