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Health Care Heroes profile: Traci Owen, RN, BSN

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Traci Owen started her 36-year nursing career at the age of 17 as a certified nursing assistant and transitioned to being a registered nurse five years later. Today she works at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa, where her practice is focused toward educating the oncology patient/couple regarding the impact of a cancer diagnosis and treatment on the sexual body system, identifying opportunities to maintain or improve sexual health, and supporting the couple as they navigate physical, emotional and intimate changes.

"Traci is extremely passionate about helping patients and caregivers stay connected emotionally, mentally, and physically during a cancer diagnosis, as well as during and after treatment, as the rate for divorce among women diagnosed with an illness is six times higher than that of a man," said Lauren Beach, marketing specialist at Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

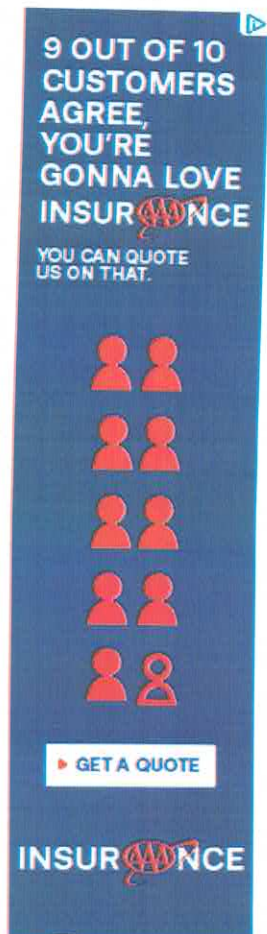
Owen was named one of Oklahoma's Great 100 Nurses in 2015 and 2018 and received the Moment of Truth Award from Cancer Treatment Centers of America in December

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Award from Hillcrest Specialty Hospital in 2008, an Emergency Preparedness Commendation from the Tulsa County Health Department in December 2007 and SouthCrest Hospital's President's Award "For Exemplifying Our Vision" in 2005.

In addition to working at CTCA, Owen volunteers with cancer support organizations, such as Project 31, Anna's Belles Ovarian Cancer Support Group and Susan G. Komen. Owen and her husband, Michael, also provide premarital coaching and marriage mentorship services through their local church to assist couples with the transition to marriage.

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