



## ShePower 2017 She Heals Award Honoree

**Melina Thorpe**  
**Oncology Director for SJCH**  
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**MELINA THORPE**, R.N., M.B.A., O.C.N., is the Oncology Director for San Joaquin Community Hospital (SJCH) with direct oversight of The AIS Cancer Center along with The Breast Center. Her professional experience is in cancer program development and accreditation in oncology. She comes to SJCH from Glendale Adventist Medical Center. During Thorpe's time at Glendale Adventist, the cancer program received the prestigious quality award from the Commission on Cancer.

She earned her nursing degree from the University of the State of New York. Thorpe also has a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Management and a Master of Business Administration from the University of La Verne.

Thorpe is passionate about quality cancer care, believing that patients can receive top notch care in their own community. The AIS Cancer Center and its affiliation with UC Davis Cancer Care Network has turned this goal into a reality for patients in Bakersfield and surrounding areas.

She believes in supporting cancer patients and their families during their journey physically, emotionally and spiritually by providing whole-person care.

Thorpe is the past president of the Oncology Nursing Society Channel Islands Chapter in Ventura County and supports oncology nursing education serving as past program chair. She is on the board of the American Cancer Society in Kern County and has received recognition from the Commission on the Status of Women in Southern California for her work in improving the status of underserved women. Thorpe is a frequent speaker in Los Angeles on the topic of cancer survivorship and oncology nursing.

She is the 2015 Flame of Hope Awardee from Glendale Adventist for the appreciation of her service while there.

Thorpe is happily married to her husband Dave, and is the proud mother of two grown daughters and is "G-Mommy" to her 3 grandchildren, the role she cherishes most. She is happy to call Bakersfield home.



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