For the 12th consecutive year the Carol A. Ghiloni, RN, Oncology Nursing Fellowship is sponsoring two student-nurse oncology fellows for a ten-week, hands-on, learning experience in the Oncology Nursing Service. During that time, this year’s fellows, Colin Cullitan, a student at Creighton University in Nebraska, and Rebecca Lindmark, a student at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire, have had an opportunity to observe the many different roles nurses play and the career opportunities available to them upon graduation. The Oncology Nursing Fellowship was developed in 2001 to offer nursing students an opportunity to learn about oncology nursing with the hope of hiring them into oncology nursing positions upon graduation.

Cullitan and Lindmark began their ten-week fellowship on different inpatient units with assigned preceptors. For the first four weeks, Cullitan spent time with preceptor Jane D’Addario, RN, on Phillips House 21, while Lindmark worked with preceptor Jesse MacKinnon, RN, on Lunder 9. Halfway through the fellowship, they switched.

In addition to hands-on experience on inpatient units, fellows were able to observe procedures in Radiation Oncology, the Infusion Unit, and outpatient care areas in the Yawkey Building. They attended Schwartz Center rounds, HOPES programs, spent time in the Blood Transfusion Service, Interventional Radiology, and took advantage of other learning opportunities within the Cancer Center.

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