

Continuing Education Networking Opportunities



A.C.M.A.
Austin Case Management Assoc.

for Healthcare Professionals **August 2015**

**Enhancing professional skills and relationships for Austin-area
Nursing Professionals, Social Workers, CCMs, CRCs, CDMs and Home Health Administrators**

**Back to
St. David's!**

*Due to various issues at NAMC,
The Austin Case Management Assoc.
will now be meeting at:*

ST. DAVID'S MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING

Turn off the south IH 35 frontage onto East 30th Street,
turn into the first parking garage, #2, go to top of garage which would be the 5th floor.
The door on 5th floor will go directly into Classrooms B, C, and D. Parking will be validated.

Join us for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11

Join us on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 for our monthly meeting, held this month at St. David's ([click here for Map Quest Directions](#)). The meeting will begin at 11:45am preceded by lunch from approximately 11:15-11:45am. You can [RSVP](#) on our web site, www.austin-cma.org. Click on "RSVP", complete the information, and you are done. Visitors are welcome for a \$5.00 charge which includes lunch and the CEUs.

Our topic this month is *The Benefits of Humor in Patient Care: Laughter IS Good Medicine* presented by **Alison Radar, M.A.**. Explores the scientific research concerning laughter's affect on the body and translates this into practical ways the patient can utilize humor to improve physical and emotional care outcomes.

Alison has her M.A. in Speech Communication and has a Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration. She's has been working in hospice and home health sales for a decade, with 8 of those years spent in the Austin market. She loves helping seniors find the resources they need for better quality of life. Her husband Doug, 5 year-old daughter Lily and dog Scout keep her very busy outside work!

This month's Speaker Sponsor

Transitions Geriatrics Group is a fully mobile medical service dedicated to providing quality care to patients in the skilled nursing, rehabilitation, hospital, assisted living, and group home settings.



**TRANSITIONS
GERIATRICS GROUP**

The TGG care teams provide all routine medical services, including physical examinations, regularly scheduled visits, prescription refill maintenance, and clinical diagnostics. Our providers can be your primary care team, or work hand-in-hand with your existing physician to ensure continuity of care. Visits can typically be scheduled within 72 hours of establishing insurance eligibility. Appointments may be requested by patients, caregivers, nurses, or other physicians.

In addition to our primary care duties, TGG provides transitional care

following patient discharge from one healthcare setting to another. Our transitional care team ensures the coordination and continuity of healthcare as patients transfer between different locations or different levels of care within the same location. Importantly, our staff coordinates with patients' external medical care teams to further ensure a quality handoff in care and reduce readmissions.

Lastly, Transitions Geriatrics Group offers podiatry services at your place of residence. As we age, foot-care becomes increasingly important, thus TGG provides podiatry services to address your foot-care needs. A TGG podiatrist will travel to your place of residence to administer care, and can provide all of the following services: general routine foot care, specimen collection / cultures / etc, minor surgery, and more. www.tggaustin.com 512.452.2100

This month's Food Sponsor

Encompass Home Health provides a full line of skilled services: SN, PT, OT, ST, MSW and HCA's to Austin and the surrounding areas. The technology utilized leans to "real time" interaction for our clinical/office staff as well as patients and their families and physicians. Encompass also provides a diversified culture by reaching out to others through the



sponsoring of volunteer International missions as well as local communities. Encompass Home Health has consistently been recognized as one the top 100 "Best Places to Work in Texas". Our mission statement "A Better Way to Care" truly does apply in all avenues for our clients and families, our employees and communities. www.ehhi.com or 512-339-1023

This month's dessert sponsor

Vitality, wellness and true Texas Hill Country ambience are available in an extraordinary setting at The Health Care Center of Longhorn Village. Exceptional services are offered in our Assisted Living, Memory Care Unit and Skilled Nursing building.



The Health Care Center offers compassionate, 5 Star-rated Skilled

Nursing and Rehabilitation services with some of the best staffing ratios and lowest re-hospitalization numbers in the greater Austin area. Additionally, outpatient rehabilitation services are offered to the community by our highly skilled and seasoned staff. Our in-house physiatrist assures that each individual has a customized recovery plan to return to his or her highest level of personal independence and dignity.

ACMA's annual conference: **OCTOBER 29, 2015** Come be a part of all the creepy & kooky, mysterious and spooky and altogether groovy Case Management Family



VENDORS: reserve your booth NOW!
Download the reservation form (available on our website) and fax yours today!

Thanks to our 2015 conference sponsors



2015 Membership

The 2015 membership application is available on our website at www.austin-cma.org. You may bring the completed form to the monthly meeting or you may mail it in.

Membership is good from January 2015 thru December 2015. All renewals are due by May 2015. To ensure you receive the newsletter via email, please be sure to include your email address on your application. Also, don't forget to specify which committee(s) you would like to serve.

Check the Jobs & Events pages of our website

Remember the "Job Posting" and "Events" tabs on the website. If you have case management related job opportunities or a CEU or any other event, please email it to newsletter@austin-cma.org. (Posting subject to board approval).

For other events, please visit the [Central Texas Association of Healthcare Quality \(CTAHQ\) website](http://www.ctahq.org) and [Facebook page](#).

Looking for Speakers, Speaker Sponsors and Food Sponsors

If your or your company have a great speaker and have CEU's or are interested in sponsoring the food for our monthly meeting, please contact Shallen Conner at 512-431-7131 or Lorna Allen at 512-627-1544.

If yours is a small agency that can't quite afford to sponsor a monthly meeting with lunch how about sponsoring Desserts at a monthly meeting.

Sponsors receive space in the newsletter to put their company's info and logo, space at the meeting for their collateral and time at the beginning of the meeting to talk about their company - don't delay, sign up now!

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