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for Healthcare Professionals

June 2004

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

Join us for our next meeting

June 8 ★ 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.

North Austin Medical Center ★ 2nd Floor Classroom

This month's meeting will be held at North Austin Medical Center Classroom on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, June 8th, 2004. (Click here for [MapQuest 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. If you do not have internet access, please call the RSVP phone line, 860-8184, and leave a short message with the number of people attending. Visitors are welcome for a \$5.00 charge which includes lunch and the CEU's.

Topic: "COPD- Assessment & Long Term Management"

Speakers: Kitty Collins, RT Seton Respiratory Therapy Department; Laura Chapman of the American Lung Association coordinated the speaker and will be providing educational literature.

Sponsor: Austin Oxy-Med & Puritan

Frank Sicuro of Austin Oxy-Med has been a respiratory therapist for 28 years and has served as the Oxy-Med manager and managing partner for the past 7 years. Oxy-Med is located on North Lamar and 183. Oxy-Med staff members are specialists in medical equipment for the home. Equipment available through Austin Oxy-Med includes oxygen, cpap/bpap, wheelchairs, and hospital beds. Austin Oxy-Med serves a 100 miles radius around Austin. The Austin Oxy-Med staff is on call 24/7 and offers same day set-up and service.

Mike Ziegler of Puritan-Bennett is a company representative in charge of South and West Texas. The company provides a broad range of equipment including ventilators, spirometers, cpap/bi-pap, oxygen devices, and shiley-trach tubes.

CEUs: 1.2 CE contact hours for nurses have been applied for through the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses and 1.0 CE contact hours for case managers have been applied for through CCMC. .1 CEUs will be provided for Social Workers and 1.0 CE contact hours will be provided for Home Health Administrators through STEP AHEAD.

ACMA CONTRIBUTIONS

A Close Encounter of the Furry Kind!

Heads turned at the May meeting with our special guests from the Therapy Pet Pals Program. We've all encountered our four-legged therapists at hospitals and long term care facilities, so it was a natural for the Therapy Pet Pal Program to be



chosen for our ACMA charitable donation. Katherine Lashmit with her pal "Sissy" and Karen Kimbrough with her pal "Heidi" were thrilled to participate in our meeting. It seems that Therapy Pet Pals came out \$13,000 short last year on donations - from what we understand that's a fourth of their budget. If you would like to help fill in the gap of those budget shortfalls, you may send your donations to 3930 Bee Caves Road Suite 6B, Austin, TX 78746. If you need more information, call 347-1984 or visit the Therapy Pet Pal Program website at <http://therapypetpals.org/>.

NEWSLETTER

Early deadline for next issue

Due to vacations scheduled in the month of June, we are requesting any information you would like posted for the JULY newsletter by the 12th of June. Sorry for any inconvenience. If you are sponsoring in the month of July, please e-mail Rose Vera your topic and sponsor information at newsletter@austin-cma.org and thank you to everyone for your responses.

JUNE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE RECOGNITION

June 6th Cancer Survivor Day
June 10th-17th Nursing Assistants' Day and Week
June 14th-20th Nation Men's Health Week
June is National Safety Month

Free CEU Seminar

WHAT: Free CEU Seminar
WHEN: Thursday, June 24th, 2004
12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
CEUs: 1 Contact/Clock Hour for RNs/LVNs
and Social Workers
WHERE: Arden Courts of Austin
Alzheimer's Assisted Living
11630 Four Iron Drive
Austin, TX 78750
(off Hwy. 183 & Spicewood Springs Road)
WHO: Ronald Crossno, M.D.
Dr. Crossno is currently in the full-time
practice of palliative medicine as a
Regional Medical Director for VistaCare
Hospice
TOPIC: Legal and Ethical Issues of End of Life Care
R.S.V.P.: Barbara at 918-2800 by Noon on 6/23/04



2004 ACMA Conference

October 28, 2004

Norris Conference Center

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at the \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 levels**

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**Vendor and Sponsor forms are
available on our website at
www.austin-cma.org**

**Download either form and fax it over to Lee
Bowman @836-4926 to reserve your spot.**



Membership News

The new 2004 Membership Rosters are now available. Pick up your copy at the May meeting. If you are not receiving the newsletter either by e-mail or in the mail, please contact Lee Bowman at 512/836-1234. Lee will check your 2004 application for corrections or changes. And, it is still not too late to join. Membership is \$30 and you can download an application at www.austin-cma.org or pick up one at the next meeting.

Job Announcement

Hospice RN Case Managers -Full Time and PRN positions available at **Odyssey Hospice**. Please fax resume to 512-310-9328 or call at 512-310-0214 for information and to set up an interview.

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