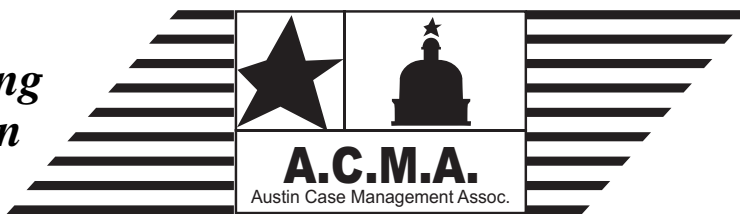


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for Healthcare Professionals

August 2003

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

**Join us for our monthly meeting
August 12 ★ 11:15 a.m. ★ North Austin Medical Center**

This month's meeting will be held at North Austin Medical Center in the auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, August 12, 2003. This meeting will begin at 11:45 am preceded by lunch from approximately 11:15-11:45. You can RSVP at our web site, www.austin-cma.org. Click on "RSVP" and complete your information. If you do not have access to the website, you may call the RSVP phone line at 512/860-8184 and leave a short message with the number of people attending. PLEASE RSVP.

This month's meeting is co-sponsored by Robinson Creek Home Care and Hospice and ElderAssist of Austin. The presentation title is "Update And Trends In Cardiovascular Disease"

Our speaker, H. Kent Beasley MD, FACC, FACP, is a well-known non-invasive cardiologist who has practiced in the Austin area for many years. He is Board certified in both Internal and Cardiovascular disease. Dr. Beasley has served on many medical committees throughout his career. Dr. Beasley's presentation will offer attendees updated information about trends in cardiovascular disease.

This program will have the usual CEU's for Nurses, Social Workers, CCM's and Home Health Administrators.

Robinson Creek Home Care provides nurses, home health aides therapists, social services and coordinates delivery of medical equipment. We specialize in wound care, post-surgical care, rehabilitation, cardiac care and geriatric care. Additional services include respite care, medications, medical equipment and volunteers. Our unique Bridge Program transitions patients from home care into hospice while maintaining continuity of care.

ElderAssist of Austin provides clients with the following personalized services: sitting, companionship, running errands, meal preparation, housekeeping and many more. Experienced personal care attendants provide services.

UPCOMING CEU OPPORTUNITIES

Topic: Personhood: Meeting the Needs of Persons With Alzheimer's and Related Dementias
What: Free CEs & Lunch
When: Thursday, August 14th
12:00 -1:30 p.m.
Where: Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living
11630 Four Iron Drive
Austin, Texas 78750
Speaker: Howard Gruetzner, M.Ed. Author of *Alzheimer's: A Caregiver's Guide and Sourcebook*, now in its 3rd edition, Director of Elder Services at the Heart of Texas Region MHMR for 23 years and currently Director of the Alzheimer's Association in Waco.

Mr. Gruetzner will discuss personhood as related to individuals with dementia focusing on the individual rather than the disease. What are some of their concerns and their caregivers' responses to changes in the person they once knew? He will define malignant social psychology and identify needs for personhood and how to cope with those needs.

Continuing Education:

1 Contact Hour- (1.2) RN/LVN; (0.1) S.W.'s

R.S.V.P.:

Barbara (512) 918-2800 By 8/13 at Noon

Conference Update

Thanks to AUSTIN HOME HEALTH, ROBINSON CREEK HOME CARE AND HOSPICE, HOMECARE SUPPLIES, and A-MED HOME HEALTH our 2003 ACMA Conference Sponsors. The conference will be on October 9, 2003, 8am-5pm, at the Norris Conference Center near Northcross mall.

We are now taking vendor booth reservations. The cost is \$150 for each booth. This includes 1 attendee with CEU's for the conference. You may reserve a booth by calling Lee Bowman @836-1234 or Fax #512/836-4926 the vendor brochure that was recently mailed to all members.

The next committee meeting will be held at the Carrabba's, Lincoln Center, on August 19th at 11:30 am.

Membership

If you have an address, email, name, or business change, please fill out a "Change of Information" form at the membership desk or you may download the form on the website under "membership" and bring it to the next meeting.

An updated 2003 Membership Roster will be made available in October of this year.

Newsletter information

If you have entries or suggestions for the newsletter please call **Lee Bowman** at 836-1234 or contact her by e-mail at newsletter@austin-cma.org. Send entries no later than the 20th of the month.

Announcements

August is **MEDIC ALERT** and **CATARACT AWARENESS** month.

This will be the last mailed newsletter if you requested your newsletter be emailed. All members who marked on their application to have the newsletter mailed will be receive a printed version of the newsletter from our website. If you wish to change your requests to have it mailed to e-mailed or vice versa, please complete a "Change of Information" form and return at our next meeting.

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