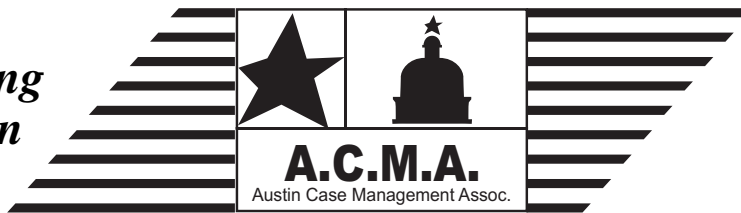


**Continuing
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**Networking
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for Healthcare Professionals

November 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 November 11th ★ 11:15 a.m. ★ North Austin Medical Center

This month's meeting will be held at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, November the 11th, 2003. (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.

We have three sponsors this month: A-Med Home Health, Travis Medical and Practical Care Continuum.

Craig High from Travis Medical will be speaking on "**Low Tech / Low Budget Rehab**". Low Tech/Low Budget Rehab will focus on inexpensive adaptive aids to assist with ADL's, funding issues and simple home modifications.

Craig High has over twenty years of experience in the healthcare field, providing services for people in need. Craig's career in helping others began as a surgical technician with the U.S. Navy in 1980. After finishing his tour with the Navy in 1984, he worked as a medical assistant with the Texas prison system while completing a degree in Sociology at Sam Houston State University. He then moved to Austin and began ten-years of case management experience with ICF/MR group homes, vocational brain injury rehabilitation and acute brain injury rehabilitation providers. For the past three years, Craig has utilized his skills and knowledge to provide services in the rehabilitation technology and DME field with Travis Medical Sales Corporation.

A-Med Home Health was one of our BRONZE sponsors for this year's successful conference. They provide skilled nursing, PT, OT, and ST IV infusion therapy and Medical Social Workers. They specialize in wound care, cardiac rehab and in-home monitoring system.

Travis Medical has been around the community awhile providing Respiratory, Rehab, Home medical equipment and medical supplies with on site repair and service department.

Practical Care Continuum is a Licensed Personal care agency providing care to older adults and people with disabilities. Services include meals, transportation, housekeeping, laundry, and personal care. They are now providing Case Management services too.

This meeting carries the usual RNs, LVNs, CCMs, & SWs CEU's. Also, Seton has approval for both PT's and OT's CEU's. All are invited. Only \$5.00 for guests.

ELECTION TIME* 2004 Board of Directors

The Board will approve the voting ballot for the members to vote at the next meeting. Please be sure to vote. If you miss the November meeting, please call one of the board members for a ballot you can fax back. *Sorry-can't do it on the web yet.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living

Free CE's & Lunch	11630 Four Iron Drive
Tuesday, November 11th	Austin, Texas 78750
12:00 -1:30 p.m.	R.S.V.P By 10/10 at Noon: Barbara (512) 918-2800

Montessori-Based Learning: A Dynamic Approach for Persons with Dementia

Megan Malone, M.A. CCC-SLP

Montessori-based programming is a dynamic new approach to engaging those with memory loss. This technique, which utilizes familiar materials and repetition, stimulates, challenges and engages persons with dementia by creating meaningful activity that produces a sense of accomplishment.

Ms. Malone will discuss the key principles of the Montessori method, the types of activities, customizing the program to meet individual needs, and video examples of individuals using these activities.

Ms. Malone, Speech Language Pathologist with Myers Research Institute in Cleveland, Ohio, has been the Research Associate/Project Manager for the studies for Montessori-based programming and Spaced-Retrieval Intervention and the Lead Trainer for the staff, volunteers and family members of long-term care facilities to implement this type of programming.

Continuing Education: 1 CE Hour- (1.2) RN/LVNs (0.1) S.W.s (1.0) CCMs , (0.1) OT/ST, PT Pending

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Conference Update

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for a HUGE success at this years conference. We had a great turn out. Thank you to all vendors for decorating their booths in the "Las Vegas" theme. HealthSouth won the "Best in Show" booth. They received a large basket of goodies. Kathy Espinosa a case manager with IMO was the Grand Prize Winner. She will be on her way to a Condo in Colorado.

The conference net about \$5400.00. This money will go towards funding the website, buying the board a laptop computer, paying for monthly CEU's, local charities other necessities ACMA may encounter.

The board would also like to extend our appreciation to this years conference sponsors. AUSTIN HOME HEALTH, our **GOLD** sponsor. They are a locally owned and operated Medicare certified agency, which was founded by a registered nurse and is still owned and operated by its founder. It was recognized for its excellence in 2002 by the State of Texas & Medicare being awarded a "Zero Deficiencies" rating and chosen to be the training facility for new surveyors for the state. The agency services the Travis, and the tangential areas in Williamson, Caldwell, Hays, Bastrop, & Burnet counties. The team includes RNs, LVNs, PTs, OTs, SPeech & Vesticular THERapists, MSWs, CNAs, and Dieticians.

ROBINSON CREEK Home Care & Hospice- The Home Health side provides nursing services to patients who may need care after an illness, hospitalization, new diagnosis, and medication changes. Robinson Creek specialize in wound care, post-surgical care, rehabilitation, cardiac care and geriatric care. They provide nurses, home health aides, medical equipment, therapists and social services.

The Hospice side provides care and support to patients and their families who are confronted with the unique challenges of a terminal illness. Hospice services include nurses, home health aides, therapists, social services, spiritual and bereavement care, respite care, medications, medical equipment and volunteers. Their Bridge Program transitions patients from home care into hospice care while maintaining continuity of care.

Our BRONZE Sponsors:

HOME CARE SUPPLY offers a full line of respiratory products, rehabilitation mobility products, durable medical equipment, and respiratory medication pharmacy. Their Hospital liaison & respiratory therapist are on staff to assist with discharge planning & help insure your patients' needs are met.

A-MED HOME HEALTH agency provides skilled nursing, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies, IV Infusion therapy and Medical Social Worker. They specialize in wound care, cardiac rehab and in-home monitoring system.

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE.

Membership

The 2003 Fall edition of the ACMA Roster is out. Please don't forget to pick up your copy. If you can't make the meeting, e-mail membership@austin-cma.org to request your copy. Remember, you must be a member in order to receive a copy.

The 2004 Membership application will be available online in December.

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.

It's Holiday Time!

It's time for our annual HOLIDAY Networking Pot Luck Party. It will be on December the 9th at North Austin Medical Center, 2nd floor. Everyone, bring your best potluck dish. ACMA provides the meat, drinks, and paper goods.

This is the meeting when EVERYONE can bring their brochures and marketing materials along with "giveaways" & things. The Board will have several gift certificates to give away too.

If you have any questions, give Lee Bowman a call at 836-1234 or newsletter@austin-cma.org.

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