

*Continuing
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for Healthcare Professionals

September 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
Sept. 9 ★ 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, Sept. 9, 2003. 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.

This month's meeting is being sponsored by **Austin Home Health**, who is also the "GOLD" sponsor for the ACMA's 2003 Conference. **Dr. Fred Griffiths, M.D, FAAFP**, will be speaking on the revival of an old practice that is seeing a resurgence: **physicians making house calls**.

Dr. Fred Griffiths is the president of House Call Doctors Texas, PLLC. House Call Doctors is a medical group consisting of three senior experienced physicians, two Nurse Practitioners, and two very special office staff. Dr. Griffiths took his board certification in Family Medicine in his native Canada. He holds a fellowship in The American Association of Family Practice and is a member of The American Association of Home Call Physicians. House Call Doctors Texas sees patients only in their home environment and treats the whole gamut of acute and chronic illness. Their mission is to keep patients out of the E.R. and out of the hospital, thus husbanding our precious healthcare resources.

1.2 CE contact hours for RN are applied for through Texas Nurses Association. 1.0 CE contact hours for CCM approved through CCMC. .1 CE contact hours for Social Workers provided through Step Ahead. 1.0 CE contact hours for Healthcare Administrators provided through Step Ahead.

Austin Home Health is a locally owned Medicare certified agency, which was founded by a registered nurse in 1995. Because it is still operated by its founder and administrator, the agency is known for its understanding of the needs of the patient and its ability to facilitate a multidisciplinary recovery process. Austin Home Health was recognized for its excellence in 2002 by the State of Texas and Medicare being awarded a "zero deficiencies" rating. Further, because of its excellent reputation the agency was also selected by the state to be a training facility for new surveyors in 2003. The agency's service area is currently Travis County and the tangential areas of Williamson, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and Burnet Counties. The team includes Austin's best RNs, LVNs, PTs, OTs, Speech & Vestibular Therapists, MSWs, CNAs, and Dietitians.

UPCOMING CEU OPPORTUNITIES

What: Free Lunch & CEUs

When: Wednesday, September 17th,
12:00 -1:30 p.m.

Where: Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living
11630 Four Iron Drive
Austin, Texas 78750

Topic: **Psychosocial Issues of the Chronically Ill**
Who are the chronically ill and what are factors which will determine the level of impact a chronic illness will have on a life? Lillian will discuss these questions, review the states of chronic illness, emotional issues involved, and what interventions and resources are recommended.

Speaker: Lillian Phillips, LMSW-ACP

Lillian has provided social services, counseling and advocacy to children, families, adults with disabilities, and seniors since 1975. She is an experienced speaker and trainer in educational presentations to the public and to professionals, and she is currently the Community Care Consultant for Home Care Supply.

R.S.V.P: Carol Hering, by Noon on 9/16
(512) 918-2800

Continuing Education:

1 Contact Hour- (1.2) RN/LVNs (0.1) S.W.s

Conference Update

The 2003 conference is coming soon. "Don't Gamble on Health Care-Bet on Case Management" is the theme this year. The conference will be held October the 9th, at the Norris Conference Center (formerly Northcross Mall). The attendee brochure is on its way out to you. Please submit your registration form to reserve your space today. You can also download the Conference brochure on our website.

The conference committee will meet immediately after the Sept. 9th main meeting.

We would like to thank this year's sponsors: **Austin Home Health, GOLD, Robinson Creek Home Health and Hospice, SILVER, Home Care Supply, BRONZE and A-Med Home Health, BRONZE.**

Membership

To change your information please go to the web site at "Membership", download the change of information form, complete it, and fax or bring it to the next meeting. This will ensure you continue to get your newsletters and any other information.

The Fall edition of the 2003 ACMA Membership Roster will be out next month.

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.

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