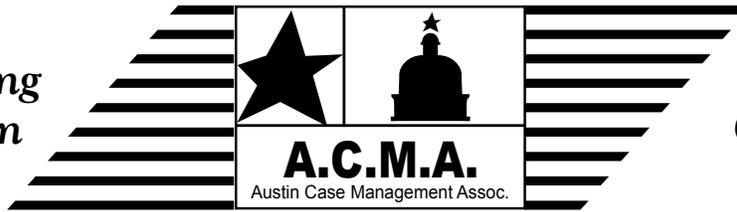


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February 2008

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 Tuesday February 12 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting will be at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, February 12, 2008. (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. Visitors are welcome for a \$5.00 charge which includes lunch and the CEUs.

Our topic this month is "The Neuropsychological Consequences of Substance Abuse" presented by Kent H. Foster, PhD., Neuropsychologist. The seminar will focus upon the brain structure and functioning as a result of alcohol and substance abuse. There will be a review of four functional systems within the brain, the elements of cognition, and the relationship between cognition and brain functioning. The elements of addiction, opponent process, tolerance, withdrawal, and relapse will be discussed. The reasons that individuals use and abuse drugs, as well as the negative consequences will be discussed, for alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, amphetamine and ecstasy. Audience participation will be encouraged throughout the presentation, and handouts will be provided

Dr. Foster is a practicing neuropsychologist at Texas NeuroRehab Center, consulting at the chemical dependency

programs of www.TexasStarRecovery.com located on the South Austin campus of Texas NeuroRehab Center. Opened in early 2007, Texas Star Recovery's programs include acute detoxification and inpatient rehabilitation for chemical dependency, and the program has helped many in only a short time of operations.

At Texas Star Recovery, we believe that our patients are at a Crossroads of Life and need help to regain control of their lives. Our program guides each person through to a healing path of physical, emotional, and spiritual well being.

This month's sponsor:



Texas Home Health has been committed to excellence in home care since 1969. That commitment is as strong today as it was over 37 years ago. By providing quality care through a full continuum of home care services, using trained and skilled professionals, our goal is to exceed the expectations of our communities, caregivers, clients and patients. Through personalized teaching, guiding, assisting, customer service and client care we provide the highest level of independence and dignity to people in their home.

Conference Time!

The 2008 conference is going to be a Hit. We would like to thank the 2008 Conference Sponsors: **GOLD**-Brookdale Senior Living, Inc. **SILVER**-Parmer Woods, a Merrill Gardens Community and our **BRONZE** sponsors-Texas Home Health, American Home Patient, St. David's Rehab, Austin Home Health, Austin Home Medical Equipment, Country Style/ Four Star Home Health, PsySolutions-Austin Lakes Hospital, HealthSouth and Hallmark Lifeway Home Health

Save the date...April 17, 2008. It will be at the New and Improved Norris Conference Center...same location-the old Northcross Mall, they are just remodeling and making it bigger.

There are only 3 Exhibitor booths left so reserve your booth today. Reservation forms are available on the website. When you fill out the form please fax it over to Lee to reserve your booth immediately. They are almost gone. The next Conference committee meeting is will be immediately after the regular meeting.



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It's time to renew your ACMA membership

The 2008 membership application is enclosed with the newsletter for your convenience or you may visit our website at www.austin-cma.org soon. You can either bring the completed form to the meeting or mail it with \$30: ACMA, P.O.Box 141206, Austin, TX 78714-1206.

Membership is good from through December 2008. All renewals are due by March 2008. 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.

This year, we emailed the 2008 ballots earlier this year and we thank each of you for voting. Listed (at left) are the 2008 Board of Directors and (below) the 2008 Committee Chairs. Each year we ask our members to become more involved with the ACMA. Please consider joining a committee.

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Job Opportunities:

ArrangeCare, a private case management practice in Austin has a contract opening for a currently licensed RN, preferably Spanish speaking. The person will have the opportunity to work with a wonderful team comprising two experienced social workers, a benefits specialist, a bookkeeper, a case aide, and an office manager. Malpractice coverage is provided. Expected contract rate is \$30/hr, which includes travel time but not mileage. The RN would be expected to attend paid staff meetings monthly, chart, and invoice monthly for his/her services. The hours are PRN up to approximately 20 hrs/week, and the person must be available at least some of the regularly scheduled workday as well be able to provide back-up coverage as needed. Weekend and after-hours work is not required except in emergencies. Call Leah Cohen at 512-241-0560

