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for Healthcare Professionals

January 2012

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, January 10, 2011 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting is sponsored by and will be at **The Village at the Arboretum**, 9306 Great Hills Trail in Austin. ([Click here for Map Quest Directions](#)). The Village will have Valet parking or you may park at the Corporate

The Village at the Arboretum, located in the North West Hills area of Austin, is exclusively designed for the active, independent senior. Our residents enjoy the convenience of our prime location in the Arboretum area which is central to shopping and Austin's top medical professionals. The Arboretum is a luxury, full-service setting that blends our upscale lifestyle with concierge services and first class amenities. Residents are empowered with choices that allow them to maintain healthy and productive lives. Whether it's relaxing in the heated indoor swimming pool or enjoy the benefits of our award winning programs and events, The Arboretum is a luxury resort style retirement community that provides a quality lifestyle that is second to none in all of Austin.



Center parking lot which is immediately across the street from the front door of the Village which can be used as well as Triumphant Lutheran which is to the side of the village.

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 "Ethics of Medical Futility" presented by **Russell Gainer, LCSW** and sponsored by Odyssey Hospice. This session will discuss the concept of Medical Futility followed by legal and psychosocial ethical considerations to consider with a discussion of ways to mediate these issues. The objectives of this presentation include how to implement strategies that facilitate comfort and control for the patient and their family at the end of life, identify factors that might lead to medical futility situations, examine ethical issues associated with mediating conflicts between family members and/or professionals regarding medical futility situations and discussing the steps involved in fair process to resolve intractable conflict.

This month's Speaker Sponsor

Odyssey Hospice serves the patient and family. At Odyssey Hospice, we improve the quality of life for patients facing terminal diagnoses while providing support for their loved ones. We've been meeting this special need in Austin and the surrounding area for over ten years. The commitment and spirit of Odyssey team members who provide and deliver excellent care and support 24 hours a day/seven days a week is the mission that we live by every day. January 2012 Odyssey Hospice will open its 2nd location in Georgetown. Feel free to call them at 512-310-0214 visit their website <http://www.odshealth.com/>.



This month's Food Sponsor

The HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Austin is an 83-bed hospital specializing in the medical rehabilitation of patients suffering from stroke, spinal cord injury, multiple trauma, orthopedic injury, neurological conditions, brain injury and other conditions requiring specialized, focused physical medicine and rehabilitation. Opened in 1989, the hospital has served over 15,000 of our fellow Texans. The hospital provides a number of services including inpatient hospitalization and home health care. We also offer outpatient pediatric rehabilitation at our Starbright clinic located in Round Rock, Texas.



The RSVP count enables the food sponsor to know how many to allot for lunch so PLEASE take the second it takes to RSVP.

Check the Jobs & Events pages of our website

Remember the "Job Posting" and "Events" tabs on the website. See the [jobs page of the ACMA website](#) for a direct link to the job description and application for the positions listed below:

JI Companies: Telephonic Case Manager, Dedicated Account Nurse. The Telephonic Case Manager is responsible for facilitating the organization and sequencing of appropriate health care services ensuring cost-effective optimal patient management. This staff position requires clinical experience, collaboration, and independent judgment. Duties include ongoing objective assessment of the patient, family, and treatment plan so that quality of care is maximized while costs are minimized on a long-term basis.

Case Management Assistant – Austin TX

Sendero Health Plans is recruiting to fill the position of Case Management Assistant. In this position and under general direction, this position provides support for all of the Health Services Department functions which includes medical and behavioral health utilization management as well as case/population management and disease management (aka the Whole Person Health Support Program).

Opportunity to Sponsor a Monthly Meeting

If you or your company is interested in sponsoring a monthly meeting with either a speaker, food or both please contact Laura McManus. Sponsors of the monthly meeting are the exclusive parties permitted to display their information and brochures.

**January is
National Awareness Month
for
Thyroid, Glaucoma and
Cervical health conditions**

Time to renew your membership

The 2012 membership application is enclosed for your convenience. You can either bring the completed form to the January meeting or mail it with \$30: ACMA, P.O. Box 141206, Austin, TX 78714-1206.

Membership is good from January 2012 through December 2012. All renewals are due by April 2011. To ensure you receive the newsletter via email, please be sure to include your email address on your application. Remember to specify which committee(s) you would like to serve.

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Elections for the 2012 Board of Directors

It is time to time to elect our new board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact one of the 2011 board members. Once the new Board has been nominated we will be emailing out the 2012 Ballots.

Conference News: Save the Date...October 18, 2012

The 2012 conference date is set: **Thursday, October 18, 2012**. The board is looking for theme ideas and great speakers. If you have any cool ideas, please email them to Lee leebowman911@hotmail.com or Val vjkrueger@aol.com.

Regular Meeting Location is CHANGING

We regret to inform everyone that we can no longer have our monthly meetings at North Austin Medical Center. They would no longer allow us to have food brought in or allow us to eat in the Auditorium. We knew this time would come and we thank St. David's and NAMC for allowing ACMA to meet at their various locations for the past 10+ years. We are in the process of locating a new meeting place.

PLEASE pay close attention to the location of each meeting.