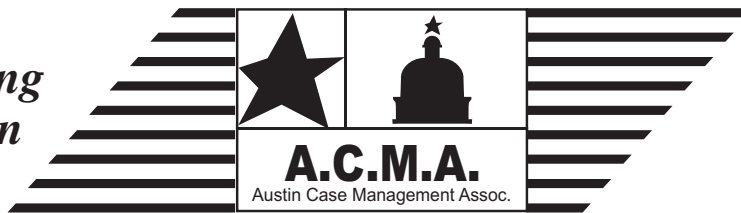


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for Healthcare Professionals

March 2005

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

March 8 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting will be at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, March 8, 2005, (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.

Friendly reminder: The RSVP phone line will be disconnected March 31, 2005, so all members and guests will have to RSVP via our web site.

Topic: Disorder of Consciousness: Diagnosis, Prognosis, Care Decisions and Outcomes

Speaker: Nancy Childs, MD, Texas NeuroRehab Center

Dr. Childs will be discussing the diagnosis of the various disorders of consciousness and the potential outcomes. She will also expound upon the rehabilitation and care of patients with these disorders. Synopsis of Disorders of Consciousness-diagnosis of disorders, outcomes prediction and rehab/care.

(60 minutes; 1.2 CE contact hours approved through the ARN; 1.0 CE contact hours approved through CCMC; 1.0 CE contact hours for Home Health Administrators provided by STEP AHEAD; 0.1 CEUS provided for Social Workers through STEP AHEAD)

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NEWSLETTER

If you have announcements for the month of April, please e-mail Cindy Lawless your topic and sponsor information by the 20th of March at Newsletter@austin-cma.org and thank you to everyone for your response.

President's Message

Just a thought....

"The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the aged; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy, and the handicapped." - Hubert Humphrey

It's easy to be frustrated. Those of us in healthcare have to work in an often imperfect world where limited resources and insufficient time often impede what we would prefer as the ideal plan for our patients. So, we build - networks, education, and resources - to help us make the best decisions possible. Each month at ACMA, we try to provide you with one more tool, one more piece of information which applies to your field. The education committee selects a diversity of topics which might capture not only your interest, but also meet your professional requirements. At the end of a year, you've grown a little more in your knowledge as a professional. I'd like to think that ACMA is working to improve the quality of healthcare in Austin one meeting at a time.

Lillian Phillips
President, ACMA

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Time is flying! Membership Renewal DEADLINE is March 18th.

Time has ALMOST run out! March is here and the 18th is quickly approaching. Please remember if you have not renewed your membership for 2005, you will be deleted from the mailing/e-mail list and will not re-instate your membership for 2005.

For your convenience we have attached the link to download your membership renewal form: http://www.austin-cma.org_forms.html. You can also contact Lee Bowman at 512-836-1234 for membership application information and we will accept membership applications at the next meeting.

To renew your membership, all applications and dues must be received by March 18, 2005.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2005 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Advertising space is available in the Membership Roster which is distributed to all members of ACMA including Case Managers, Social Workers, Nurses, Therapists and more. This is an excellent opportunity to advertise your company throughout the Healthcare field. The cost is a remarkable deal!

* Business card ad is \$25

* 1/4 page is \$50

* 1/2 page is \$75

* Full page ad is ONLY \$125

To advertise, all we need is a clean copy of your company logo, an ad placement copy or company business card. Deadline is March 31.

For more information contact Lee Bowman at 512-836-1234 or email at leebowman911@hotmail.com

Free CEU Seminar and Lunch

Arden Courts of Austin is hosting a free ceu seminar and lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 22. RNs/LVNs, Social Workers and CCMs may earn 1 contract/clock hour by attending the seminar. A panel of speakers will address "Planning, Making & Honoring Healthcare/End-of-Life Choices: Resources for Clients." The speakers are Mary Jan Treadwell, LMSW-ACP—Star Home Care, TxPEC; Daesene Willmann, R.N.—Austin Memorial & Burial Information Society; and Reverend Liz Spencer—Chaplain for Southern Care Hospice.

The panel will discuss resources for helping clients/family members make informed decisions. Mary Jan with the Texas Partnership on End of Life Care discusses Advance Care Planning. Daesene of AMBIS identifies sources of information for funeral related products, funeral consumers' rights, and "The Funeral Rule." Liz discusses the overall philosophy of hospice, advance directives and what one can do to ensure that advance directives will be honored.

R.S.V.P. to Barbara at 918-2800 by Noon on 3/21/05

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