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March 2006

Enhancing professional skills and relationships for Austin-area
Nursing Professionals, Social Workers, CCMs, CRCs, CDMs and Home Health Administrators

Join us for our next meeting Tuesday, March 14 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting will be at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, March 14, 2006, (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 CEU's.

Our speaker will be Barbara Fenner, RN, CHPN, Clinical Director of A*Med Community Hospice in Austin.

"Increasing the Utilization of the Medicare Hospice Benefit" Barbara will discuss barriers Case Managers may face when utilizing hospice services and will also discuss strategies to overcome them. She will also identify end-of-life characteristics of six major life limiting illnesses, the component services of hospice care and differential characteristics of services available at end-of-life.

Barbara has been a Director of Nursing in long-term care and has worked in hospice since 1990. She

worked for VITAS Innovative Hospice Care and Odyssey Healthcare in Houston before joining A*Med Community Hospice in April 2005. She has been a Patient Care Manager and Clinical Director for most of her 16 years in hospice care. As a Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse, she is an expert in pain management and wound care techniques for hospice.

SPONSOR

Our sponsors are A*Med Home Health and A*Med Community Hospice, divisions of A*Med Healthcare Group, a privately owned company based in Texas City with branch offices in Pasadena, Houston, San Antonio and Austin.

A*Med Home Health has been in Austin for 12 years and provides skilled nursing, PT, OT, ST, medical social work, and aides. A*Med Home Health specializes in wound care and anodyne therapy. In addition, to scheduled visits, A*Med Home Health partners with HomMed® and their Health Monitoring System to monitor patients vital signs on a daily basis. Daily vital sign monitoring provides a progressive picture of patients' health status

to help prevent hospitalizations or emergency care. A*Med accepts payment from Medicare, Medicaid, and most of the major insurance companies. Service areas include Travis, Williamson, Hays, and Bastrop Counties.

A*Med Community Hospice was established in Austin and the Central Texas area in 2004. We provide compassionate end-of-life care and assist people when making difficult life decisions. With a focus on quality of life, our interdisciplinary team consists of nurses, aides, social worker, chaplain, and volunteers. We provide care wherever a person calls home, striving to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our patients and their families.

Service areas include Travis, Williamson, Hays, and Bastrop Counties.

Both offices are located at 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin 78757. A*Med Home Health is in Suite 145 South (323-5577) and A*Med Community Hospice is in Suite 242 South (323-6500).

CONFERENCE NEWS

We are now looking for our 2006 Conference Sponsors. You don't want to miss out on being involved in "The CEU event of the year"- Be a sponsor.

Gold Sponsor Level - \$1000

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Bronze Sponsor Levels - \$500

This main event helps raise money for our organization, which in turn allows us to increase the quarterly donations to other non-profit organizations, provide scholarships and provide emergency donations if needed. Please contact Lee Bowman at 512-836-1234 or visit the website and download the Sponsorship Registration Form. We will be updating the website for Exhibitor booth information.

NEWSLETTER

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

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Be a part of the Conference Committee! The next conference committee meeting will be March 9th at Gentiva Home Healthcare, 1600 W. 38th, #202 at noon. Bring your lunch and your creative minds.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Time has ALMOST run out. Membership renewal DEADLINE is March 20th and is fast approaching. Please remember if you have not renewed your membership for 2006, you will be deleted from the mailing/email list. 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 Cheryl Carter or Terri Martinez for a renewal form. We will be accepting membership applications at the March meeting.

The ACMA Directory will be available at the April meeting.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2006 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The ACMA Directory is another way to get your companies name out to the community and the resources that would utilize your services. The directory is distributed to all ACMA members, including Case Managers, Social Workers, Nurses, and other healthcare professionals.

- * Business Card ad is \$25
- * 1/4 page is \$50
- * 1/2 page is \$75
- * Full page 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 24th. For more information contact Lee Bowman at 512-836-1234 or email at leebowman911@hotmail.com.

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Director of Case Management

I'm a recruiter specializing in healthcare for MSI International. www.msi-intl.com. I currently have a client in southern Texas with an urgent need for a Director of Case Management. This is a full time position over a 250-bed hospital. Candidate would be preferably certified. Please call Jerrod Lottinger, MSI International: M-F 8am-4:30pm @ 888-647-6271 ext. 103 or by email @ jerrod.lottinger@msi-intl.com

Risk Management Representative

Are you a service-oriented professional with experience in health care? Do you have good writing and communication skills? TMLT, a leading provider of professional medical liability coverage for Texas physicians, is seeking a risk management representative with 2+ yrs exp in risk mgmt, quality assurance or health/science related field. This position requires 50% Texas travel, occasionally overnight. Nursing degree or other health/science related degree preferred. Excellent benefits package: Paid medical, dental, life, disability, 401K & Pension Plan. Forward resume and salary requirements to: Texas Medical Liability Trust, Attn: P.O. Box 160140, Austin, Texas 78716-0140, attn: HR/RM or FAX (512) 328-5637, Email join-us@tmlt.org.

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