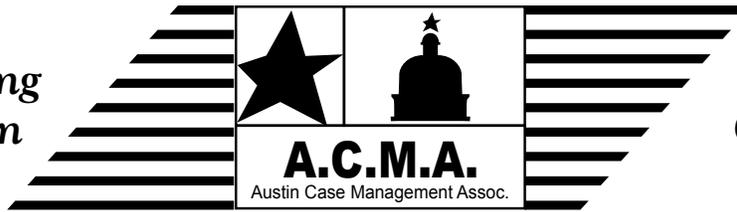


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for Healthcare Professionals

March 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 March 11 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting will be at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, March 11, 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 "Promoting the Health of Your Elderly Clients and Those with a Chronic Disabling Condition: A Home-Based Medical Approach" presented by Larry D. Edmondson, M.D. The seminar will focus on health promotion and health prevention for the home-bound elderly and disabled. There will be a review implementing strategies to promote health and prevent health risks, differentiation between promotion and prevention and discussion of interventions that promote health for the healthcare worker.

Dr Larry Edmondson is a practicing physician at Visiting Physicians Association of Austin. Visiting Physicians is a medical practice based on house call medicine, serving the elderly and disabled in their homes when they are unable to access appropriate medical care. Similar to an office-based physician practice, Visiting Physicians offers complete medical care including full laboratory and diagnostic services in the comfort of the patient's home. Each physician is attended by a medical assistant who assists in full medical management of the patient as well as a patient care

coordinator in the office to assist with appropriate referral and resourcing for the patient outside of their regularly scheduled doctor visit.

Dr Edmondson brings to his practice a wide variety of experience, including naval aviation, work with the Peace Corp in South Africa and work with the developmentally disabled. Dr Edmondson speaks English, German and Spanish. He has been a volunteer for The Special Olympics, Red Cross, Save the Children and Flying Doctors, which services rural health clinics.

Visiting Physician has a commitment to fostering a range of experience in their practitioners to best serve the elderly and disabled in Austin and its surrounding areas.

This month's sponsor:



Gentiva has been a leader in the home health industry for more than 40 years. We, in Austin, are fortunate to have the support and resources of a highly respected national corporation, while retaining a staff at the local level of dedicated professionals who have been with the company for many years. Our commitment and teamwork translates into exceptional customer service and great patient outcomes. We provide nursing, therapy, social work, and home health aide services. The Austin branch is also very excited to be able to offer the Senior Health Program, Gentiva's newest specialty program. With the launch of this new program, we can provide even more tools to help our senior population age in place.

Conference Time! Save the date: April 17, 2008!

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.

We have some outstanding speakers this year and a great theme. The conference schedule is posted on the website and you may download your registration form now if you didn't get a brochure in the mail. See you there.



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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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A New Name is at H.A.N.D.



After 31 years in the Austin area, Services for the Elderly is announcing its new name: H.A.N.D. (Helping the Aging, Needy, and Disabled). The new name better describes the full range of quality services H.A.N.D. provides not only to senior citizens but also to adults of any age who are disabled or recovering and to breast cancer patients. The new look conveys the way the organization's "helping hands" -- the trained attendants -- enable H.A.N.D.'s clients to remain safe and well-cared-for in the shelter of their own homes. With 275 attendants, H.A.N.D. provides non-medical in-home services for over 600 people annually.

CNSW (Central Texas Nephrology Social Workers) Annual Educational Workshop

Date: March 20, 2008, 8:30 to 4:30 at NAMC

Topics: Medical Ethics and Motivational Interviewing in Health and Social Service Settings

Credits: 6 CEUs (Case managers and Social Workers)

Cost: \$45

Contact: **Sherry O'Quin LCSW**
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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

It's time to renew your ACMA membership

It's that time again, time to renew your ACMA membership. Membership is good from January 2008 thru December 2008. All renewals are due by March 2008. The membership application is available on our website at www.austin-cma.org soon. You can either bring the completed form to the March meeting or mail it with \$30: ACMA, P.O.Box 141206, Austin, TX 78714-1206.

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.