

*Continuing
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Opportunities*

for Healthcare Professionals

May 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 Tuesday May 10 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting will be held at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, May 10. (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 Visitors are welcome for a \$5.00 charge which includes lunch and the CEU's.

**This month's topic will be:
"Innovative Rehabilitation Therapies"**

Presenters: Brian Bowles, OTR and Shelly Smith, SLP, MS

Come learn about the latest innovative technology in rehabilitation. HealthSouth brings cutting edge tech-

nology into the rehab process with the **AutoAmbulator** and **VitalStim**.

The AutoAmbulator is a sophisticated robotic weight supported treadmill which is unparalleled in its ability to help patient's replicate normal walking patterns.

VitalStim is the first and only FDA cleared neuromuscular electrical stimulation therapy for the treatment of dysphagia. It provides hope for the 15 million Americans afflicted with dysphagia. It is exciting new technology for dysphagia.

This month's sponsor



HEALTHSOUTH®

HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Austin is a comprehensive 83-bed medical rehabilitation hospital serving the needs of patients in the Central Texas area. Our hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Our mission is to promote recovery for persons with disabling conditions by providing individualized treatment so they can reach the highest level of physical, social and emotional well-being. We take pride in serving our community and Central Texas and strive to provide outstanding quality care for you and your family. We offer a wide range of specialized medical and therapeutic services delivered by highly qualified, experienced professionals which facilitates the patient reaching the optimal level of function and independence. HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Austin is conveniently located off Interstate 35 near downtown Austin.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS

We are pleased to announce that we have our Gold and Silver Sponsors for the 2005 ACMA Conference. Austin Home Health has committed to the Gold Sponsor and Corinthian Care Group will be the Silver Sponsor. Our committed Bronze sponsors are Girling Home Health and Hospice, Lifeway Home Health Services and American Home Patient. We would like to thank these companies for their support for the 2005 conference.

We still have a few Bronze sponsorships available. If you or your company is interested, contact Lee Bowman or visit the website under conference and download a "Sponsorship Application". The conference committee will be meeting regularly each month. If you are interested in helping out with the committee, contact Lee Bowman, Lillian Phillips or Valerie Kruger.



ACMA Spring Social

ACMA and the Summit at Northwest Hills will be co-hosting a social for all our ACMA members on Thursday, May 26th, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Summit Northwest Hills Assisted Living Facility. Come visit; enjoy some good food, and great company. You deserve a little rest and relaxation after a hard day's work! We'll see you there!

Membership News

The new 2005 membership roster is out. Please pick one up at the table at the regularly scheduled meeting or call Lee Bowman 836-1234 and she can mail one to you if you are unable to attend a meeting.

It's not too late to join the ACMA. You can visit the website or pick up an application at the meeting and join for \$30. We also have a Membership brochure for convenience or to pass out to your co-workers!

A Letter from the President

“Just a Thought...”

“Service is the very purpose of life. It is the rent we pay for being on this planet.”

— Marion Wright Edelman

Today, I spent lunch with a dozen people who have volunteered to give up their lunch time and countless additional hours to plan and coordinate our October conference for ACMA.

Volunteering for the Conference Committee means Committee members will have to pull extra hours and go beyond the call of their job description to achieve that common goal. The Austin community is fortunate that many of our ACMA members possess these same characteristics - a willingness to go “above and beyond” as they work for the betterment of our patients.

Whether you are donating your time on the Conference Committee or giving of yourself through your job, let me say “thank you” - your efforts are appreciated.

Additional CEU Opportunities

Topic: *Bio-Terrorism Workshop: Preparing for the Unexpected*

Speaker: Ed Sherwood, MD, FACP, Health Authority for the Williamson County and Cities Health District

Sponsored by: The Summit at Northwest Hills and Lakeway, Practical Care Continuum

Date/Time: Thursday, May 26th, 2005, 3-5 pm (registration starting at 2:45)

Location: The Summit at Northwest Hills
5715 Mesa Dr.
Austin, TX 78731

CEUs: (2.0) for Nurses

RSVP: 512-454-5900 by May 23rd

NEWSLETTER

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

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