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Opportunities

for Healthcare Professionals

May 2007

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, May 8 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting will be at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, May 8, 2007, (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 "Option in Weight Loss Surgery, Potential Candidates and Surgical Outcomes." presented by Dr. Sashidhar Ganta of the Austin Institute of Bariatrics and Laparoscopy. Dr. Ganta graduated from Rangaraya Medical College in India. He completed his residency at New York Medical College and

his training in laparoscopy at Yale University School of Medicine. His honors have included first place in the top gun competition in laparoscopic suturing at the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, best student in his medical class of 1991, and received seven gold medals in Medical school from 1985 to 1991.

Our Sponsors this month are Austin Oxy-Med and Accolade Home Care.

From **Austin Oxy-Med**: Our company is happy to co-sponsor the May ACMA meeting! We are a locally owned and operated full-Line DME Company serving our community.

We have over 10 years experi-



ence in providing patients with quality equipment and dedicate service. We focus on creating partnerships with referring professionals by providing timely patient set-ups, on-going patient education programs, and streamlining your referral process by creating ease of paperwork and less call backs to your facility. Our mission is take good care of your patients so that they can have the quality life that they deserve.

Our highlighted benefits include: 24 hrs. a day service, keeping bariatric equipment in stock, liquid oxygen, custom fitting of all masks by RT's, and a superior follow-up program.

So, if you have a need for durable home equipment, call our office at 512-834-8900 or Heidi Carabine, your personal marketing consultant at 512-699-2000. We will prove to you our company cares!!!!

Accolade Home Care is a full service home health company serving all of Williamson and Travis counties offering SN, PT, OT, ST, HCA's. We service all diseases and have specialty programs in Alzheimers - Dementia and Psychiatric nursing.

We have a very strong passion for Parkinson's patients and host local area Support groups.

We have several CEU programs available.

Please contact Deborah Bryson for information: 512-864-4075



ACMA 2007 Membership & Directory NEWS

The 2007 Membership Directories will be ready for you at the May meeting. Please take time to look at the advertisers. It is with their continued support that we are able to maintain the low yearly dues.

If you did not renew your membership for 2007, you will be omitted from the mailing/email list. However, it is never too late to renew your membership. For your convenience we have attached the link to download the membership form on the ACMA website at: <http://www.austin-cma.org/forms.html>. If you do not have internet access, you can contact Cheryl Carter, Terri

Martinez or Valerie Krueger. We also accept membership applications at the monthly meetings.

Website updates

Check out the website. We are going to be updating the home page frequently with fresh new pictures and comments. We also will be showing our quarterly community sponsors

Sponsorship opportunities

Want to sponsor or co-sponsor a monthly meeting or know of or have a great speaker, we still have a couple of months open. Contact Lillian or Mary for more information.

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May is!

For all you Nurses out there HAPPY NURSES WEEK!! Don't forget to thank those wonder Nurses out there this month. May 6-12 is National Nurses Week.

The month of May is also:

National Hospital Week May 13-19, Nursing Home Week May 13-19, Senior Health & Fitness Day May 30, Women's Health Week May 13-19, Skin Cancer Awareness Month, Stroke Awareness Month, Osteoporosis Awareness Month, and Mental Health Month. I'm sure I missed a couple awareness days so Happy May!

Our CEUs

Let the ACMA help you and your Home Health Administrator meet those new State CEU requirements. One of ACMA's ongoing goals is to provide our members and guests with monthly CEU presentations. Each monthly meeting will provide CEU's for nursing (RN & LVN), Social Workers, CCM, CRC, CDMS and Home Health Administrators. Feel free to contact one of our education committee board members if you have any questions.

A Personal Thank You

I would like to say a personal thank you to the ACMA board and to every member for all the support, prayers and words of encouragement that everyone has sent to my family and me during this difficult time. I am often heard saying that the ACMA family is a wonderful group of friends to have and it proved itself again during the illness and death of my father. Thank you everyone for all that you did. — Lee Bowman

