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Opportunities*

*for Healthcare Professionals*

November 2004

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**

**November 9th ★ 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**North Austin Medical Center ★ 2nd Floor Auditorium**

This month's meeting will be held at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, November 9th, 2004. (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](http://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 CEUs.

**Topic:**            **Decompensation in  
Heart Failure Patients**

**Speakers:**      **Nancy McDow, LMSW- ACP  
Charlie Simpson, RN, BSN**

Nancy McDow, LMSW-ACP began her career in mental health services in 1972 as a Clinical Social Worker for the Ridgeview Psychiatric Center in Tennessee. Her duties over the last thirty years have been extensive, including, but not limited to: grant writing, public speaking, case management, and psychiatric social work. Nancy is presently employed by the Seton Healthcare Network, where she provides crisis intervention and grief support through educational groups for heart transplant patients and their families. Nancy is well acquainted with community services, trained and experienced in dealing with issues of death and dying, and is a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Human Relations Program.

Charlie Simpson, RN, BSN is a registered nurse with extensive ICU and cardiovascular experience. She has been worked for the Seton Healthcare Network for the past eight years, dedicating the last three years to the Seton Heart Specialty Care and Transplant Unit. Charlie specializes in patient education, discharge coordination, and outpatient care for ventricular assist device patients. Charlie has demonstrated successful management of long-term ventricular assist device patients as a bridge to cardiac transplantation.

**Sponsor:**        **Praxair Healthcare Services, Inc.  
and Girling Healthcare, Inc.**

For more than fifty years, Praxair Healthcare Services, Inc. has served patients with Oxygen, Neb Meds, CPAPs, and other respiratory products. Our services also include a very extensive line of DME. We accept all major insurance, and our office provides the case manager with pre-authorization. Praxair Respiratory Therapists and delivery personnel are on call 24 hours each day. We are pleased to note that many of our staff are fluent in Spanish. Our coverage area is extensive. We look forward to the privilege of helping your patients in the near future.

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## **Annual Holiday Networking Party**

Bring your BEST POTLUCK. December is our annual Networking Holiday party, which will be held at our December meeting. ACMA provides the meat and drinks, while you bring your BEST potluck dish. ACMA will set up tables to allow you and your company the opportunity to hand out information about your services. Several drawings will be held for cool gifts. We welcome your company representatives to participate in our drawings! If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the board members.



# JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: RN Case Manager Position Available

**Summary:** MediView, Inc. has a position available for a full time R.N. Case Manger. Duties include, but are not limited to, case management of high-cost catastrophic conditions, inpatient review and discharge planning. Involves working closely with the member, member's family, physicians, ancillary providers and community resources.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Registered Nurse. Experience in utilization management, case management or managed care required. Experience working in pediatrics, adult medicine, or hospital/ER nursing, as well as Certification in Case Management, preferred. Bilingual helpful.

**Contact:** Send your resume to the Human Resources Department by FAX: (512) 407-6464 or e-mail your resume in Word 97 format to: [jobs@covenantmsso.com](mailto:jobs@covenantmsso.com)

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## Newsletter

If you have announcements for the month of December, please e-mail Rose Vera your topic and sponsor information by the 20<sup>th</sup> of November at [Newsletter@austin-cma.org](mailto:Newsletter@austin-cma.org) and thank you to everyone for your responses.

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## Membership News

The update insert for the membership roster is still available. Pick up your copy at the membership desk at the No. meeting.

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## NATIONAL HEALTHCARE RECOGNITION FOR NOVEMBER

November 18<sup>th</sup> Great American Smokeout [www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/ped\\_10\\_4.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/ped_10_4.asp)

Date TBA National Home Health Aide Week

National Family Caregivers month [www.nfcares.org](http://www.nfcares.org)

American Diabetes Month, [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

National Alzheimer's Disease month, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

National Hospice Month

National Home Health Care Month, [www.hospiceamerica.org](http://www.hospiceamerica.org)

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