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for Healthcare Professionals

November 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 Nov. 8 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting will be held at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, November 8. (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.

“What is Neuropathic Pain?”

Our speaker, Dr. Everett Heinze, is the Medical Director for St. David's Rehabilitation Center and North Austin Rehabilitation Center. Dr. Heinze specializes in pain related issues and has been a popular speaker for ACMA for many years. His world-wide presentations on pain management have included places like the World Congress on Pain in Germany (1987), Australia (1990), Paris (1993), and Canada (1996). His presentation at the ACMA November meeting will address

neuropathic versus nociceptive pain, common causes of neuropathic pain, and treatment options.

This month's sponsor is: Gentiva Home Healthcare

Gentiva is one of the largest home health agencies in the country; providing services nationally for over 30 years, with 20 years in the Austin area. Gentiva serves over 500,000 patients nation-wide in 300+ locations. Gentiva's mission is to improve the quality of life and patient independence through delivery of compassionate care and uncompromising service. Our Home Care Specialist is available to provide face-to-face evaluations and ease the patient's transition home. Our office administrative staff share 50 years of experience with Gentiva, forming a stable experienced foundation for patient care. This is why at Gentiva "great healthcare has come home".

DECEMBER POTLUCK-MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The holiday season is fast approaching us and before you know it December will be here. The annual Pot Luck is scheduled for December 13th. We will NOT have a scheduled speaker. This time is set aside for fellowship, eating good food, and of course, there are always great door prizes! ACMA will provide the meats, drinks and eating utensils. So, start searching for that great dish. If you have any questions, please contact a board member.

This is the only monthly meeting when members are allowed to display their company information. Please keep this to a minimum as space is always limited.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK

With the multiple crises for our neighbors along the gulf regions, it should make us all pause and remember that in Austin there is so much for which we are thankful. The ACMA board felt that November would be appropriate for a food drive to support the Capital Area Food Bank which supplies a 21 county area. Therefore, at our November meeting we will be welcoming your contributions of canned goods or monetary donations which will be delivered directly to the Food Bank. If your schedule is tight, you are welcome to bring cash and we'll do the shopping for you! Items in high demand for the Food Bank include: canned goods (preferably with the pop tops), prepared baby food, rice, dried beans, packaged pasta, tuna, and peanut butter.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I want to take this time to thank all the members of our conference committee, our generous sponsors, and the creativity of our vendors for making this year's "Exploring the Diverse World of Health Care" a major success. It takes about 6 months of planning and major commitments from many talented people in order to pull this event together. The Norris Center has been a great setting and very gracious in their accommodations. Our goal was to give the attendees some top notch speakers plus a day to relax and get away from the stresses at work. From what we're hearing, we not only met, but exceeded our goals.

Two hours after the conference ended - people were already making plans for next year (my guess is... the theme will be tropical)!

Membership News

The Roster update insert will be available at the November meeting. Don't forget to pick up your copy. Memberships for 2006 will begin Jan.1, 2006. Applications will be available in January attached with your January newsletter or on the web site.

Membership brochures are always available, so if you know of someone who is interested in joining and they want more information regarding our organization pick one up at the monthly meeting or contact Lee Bowman and she will mail you one.

If you are not receiving your newsletter via your email address, please contact Cindy Lawless via e-mail at newsletter@austin-cma.org or call her at (512) 633-9840. Also, please remember to send items for newsletter inclusion to Cindy by the 20th of the month.

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