

August 2011

RNS Newsletter

Our Mission

RNS is a membership organization for medical care coordination that provides continuing education and networking.

The professional goal of its members is to advocate for quality patient care while utilizing community resources in a cost effective manner

Upcoming meetings

- August 25th
- September 22nd
- October 27th

Contents

- August program information 1
- President's Message 2
- Announcements 3
- Program registration form 3
- Upcoming Educational Conferences 4

August 25, 2011 Topic:

Common Visual Deficits encountered in the Brain Injured Population by Dr. Eric Ikeda, O.D.

Outline:

- The vision process;
 - Common visual deficits encountered in the brain injured population;
 - Screening and evaluation approaches;
 - Treatment and management of deficits/conditions.
-
- Dr. Eric T. Ikeda has been in private practice in Bellflower since 1991. He earned his Bachelor's of Science in Biochemistry from the University of California in Riverside in 1982 and completed his Doctor of Optometry at the Southern California College of Optometry in 1986. Dr. Ikeda became a Fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (FCOVD) in 1992. He obtained his Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents (TPA) certification in 1996 and completed Level I of the Clinical Skills Building Program of the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association in 1999. He was inducted into the National Academies of Practice (Optometry Academy) in 2006.
-
- On the web -
 - <http://www.optometricvision.com/>

Date: August 25th, 2011

Registration : 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Presentation: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location:

Quiet Cannon
900 Via San Clemente
Montebello, CA
323 724-9284

Registration form
See page 3

Cost

Members - \$25.00
Non-members \$35.00

CEU's: approved for 2 hours
BRN provider # 01219
CCM - 2 CEU's

Presidents Message

By Barbara Greenfield, RN BSN, CCM, CNLCP

Dear RNS Members and Friends;

As we listen to the news, the world is clearly in turmoil. What happens globally so often affects friends, clients and family at a local level. One way of maintaining our balance when so much swirls around us is by taking a step back and reflecting. When I focus inward I realize how thankful I am for the people that surround me. RNS is a useful and comforting haven for so many of us in our field as we take a much needed break, giving us all the opportunity to step back and see the caring, intelligent, and informed people and organizations in our community.

A heart felt thank you to Dr. Kelli McSwan, who pinch hit for Dr. Ikeda at our July meeting. Our thoughts go out to Dr. Ikeda who was unable to make the meeting due to a loss in his family. At the last minute, Dr. McSwan, a Neuropsychologist at Casa Colina, stepped in at the behest of Francine Aron, and presented in Dr. Ikeda's place. Our members asked many thought provoking questions and Dr. McSwan spoke informatively, with ease and grace.

I was buoyed to see some of our past RNS members at the July meeting. I hope they continue to enrich our meetings in the future with their questions and experience. These members give me hope.

RNS continues to be a beacon of hope and wisdom, so take a look at our website for newsletters from the past and communicate with us on subjects you would like us to revisit or visit anew. I look forward to seeing you soon, and please, stay hopeful and cool!

Thank you to our wonderful members who provided great give-away prizes at our July meeting. I would like to thank Barbara Tucker with Dr. Heskiaoff's office, Maryanne Sawoski with Continuity Care, Julie Barin with CareMeridian, Cindy Dixon with Special Care Nursing, Sharon Cason with Continuity Care, and Francine Aaron with Casa Colina. Thank you for your generosity.

All the Best
See you August 25

Board of Directors 2011

Barbara Greenfield
President
(626) 799 - 8605

barbara@bgnurseconsultants.com

Rita Pathmanaban
Vice President
(714) 336-3212

ritapath@cox.net

Maryanne Sawoski
Treasurer
(818) 753-5106

Cell (818) 730-8490

administrator@cchomenurses.com

Hector Chavez
Recording Secretary
562-492-1106

hcrnccm@verizon.net

Diane Manning
Corresponding Secretary
Cell: (949) 226-3999

dmanning@caremeridian.com

Diana Campos
Member at Large (membership)
(818) 894-7879

dcampos@assistedca.com

Upcoming Educational Conferences
For Rehabilitation Nurses

ARN Webcast - October 12, 2011

<http://www.rehabnurse.org/>

Join Cheryl Lehman, PhD RN CNS-BC RN-BC CRRN, as she discusses Polytrauma: Coping with Multiple Traumatic Injury.

[2011 ARN Annual Educational Conference](#)

37th Annual Educational Conference

November 2-5, 2011 Las Vegas, NV

The one-stop site for *rehabilitation nurses* to access nationwide education opportunities....*conference*, classroom, at-home, and online education. ...

<http://www.rehabnursingeducation.com/>

Please RSVP by e-mail, phone or mail by **August 20, 2011.**

E-mail: administrator@cchomenurses.com

Call Kellie Kerr or Maryanne Sawoski.

Office: (818) 753-5106 cell (818) 730-8490

Common Visual Deficits encountered in the Brain Injured Population

August 25th meeting registration.

Detach and mail to....
(Please include your check)

Maryanne Sawoski, c/o RNS
Continuity Care Home Nurses
12722 Riverside Drive, Suite #108
North Hollywood, CA 91607
Attention: Kellie Kerr

Number of members _____ at \$25.00

Number of non-members: _____ at \$35.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Remember, if you register, you are still responsible for paying for the meal, even if you don't attend.

**Mark your calendar to attend
The August 25th meeting**

**and don't forget to
RSVP by August 20th**

To e-mail your reservation,
send an e-mail to:

administrator@cchomenurses.com

To RSVP by phone,
call Kellie Kerr or Maryanne Sawoski
(818) 753-5106

You can mail your registration to:

Maryanne Sawoski, c/o RNS
Continuity Care Home Nurses
12722 Riverside Drive, Suite #108

We're on the Web!
see us at
www.rns-ca.org

RNS c/o Michael Demoratz –
Webmaster
AMADA HomeCare
24361 El Toro Rd., Suite 205
Laguna Woods, CA 92637