

RNS Newsletter

May 2009

Mission Statement: The Rehabilitation Nurses Society is a membership organization that provides continuing education and networking for medical care coordination. The professional goal of its members is to advocate for quality patient care while utilizing community resources in a cost effective manner.

Come join friends and colleagues for a time of lunch and learning!

May's Educational topic Meets CDMS Ethics Requirement!

Options For Treating Patient With Life Limiting Illnesses

Presented by Tracy Matthews

Tracy Matthews has her Doctorate of Nursing from the University of Colorado, has her Advanced Practice Nurse Degree as a certified Hospice Palliative Care Nurse and is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Palliative Care.

With more than twenty years of experience in Healthcare, Tracy has also served as the Director of Life Quality Institute in Denver. She was Clinical Specialist for Colorado Cancer Research Program and Kaiser. Tracy is a member of SOCRA, (society of Clinical Research Associates) and Hospice Palliative Nurse Association.

Tracy's presentation will focus on life limiting illnesses and diagnoses groups, signs of life limiting illnesses, evaluating patients for End-of-Life care, cultural differences, maintaining objectivity, when to terminate/suspend professional responsibilities and transition from Rehabilitation to Hospice Care.

RNS welcomes Tracy Matthews as she presents the May 2009 topic: *Options for Treating Patients With Life Limiting Illnesses*

LOCATION: Quiet Cannon 900 Via San Clemente Montebello, CA 323-724-9284	Date: May 28, 2009 Registration: 11:30 – 12:00 pm Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm Presentation: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Cost: members - \$25.00 non-member - \$35.00 CEU's: approved for 2 hours BRN provider #01219 CCM/CRC/CDMS - 2 CEU's
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If you register, you are responsible for paying for the meal, even if you don't attend.

Please RSVP by phone or mail by **May 22, 2009**.
Call Kellie Kerr or Maryanne Sawoski. Office (818) 753-5106 Cell (818) 730-8490

<p>May 28, 2009 RNS Meeting</p> <p>Detach and mail to... (Please include your check)</p> <p>Maryanne Sawoski, c/o RNS Continuity Care Home Nurses 12722 Riverside Drive, Suite #108 North Hollywood, CA 91607 Attention: Kellie Kerr</p>	Number of members _____ at \$25.00
	Number of non-members: _____ at \$35.00
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President's Message

May 5, 2009



Dear RNS Members and Friends,

May is the beginning of new life found in our flowerbeds, clear skies, and the springtime weather pattern that requires flexibility in our wardrobes.

It is a time of hopefulness of things to come, to look forward to summertime and planning for our much-needed vacations.

Today is Cinco de Mayo and we had many celebrations at the office consisting of the flavorful food offered by the Mexican cuisine. It was delightful to experience the taste of hearty food and drink the virgin spirits with everyone.

Learning from other's experiences not only enriches our lives but also speaks to a hopefulness that we gain in sharing the interests, and or experiences with another person. Striving to be happy, joyous and free can be gained, in part, through the strength and hope of others who've gone before us.

This month's topic at our RNS meeting is on Ethics. Given the choices we are facing everyday, and the vague boundaries by which we temper our decisions, this meeting is a must. Understanding basic ethics will enhance our understanding of the consequences of our decisions and the impact it has on the society as a whole.

I strongly recommend that you consider attending this month.

We will be dark in June to allow the RNS membership to attend the CMSA program in June. Please mark your calendar to return to RNS in July.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Patterson of Casa Colina who spoke to us about the management of spasticity. Dr. Patterson is a patient and nurse advocate and you can count on him to care for us thoroughly.

"Thank you" to the following vendors for their generosity at our April meeting: Continuity Care Home Nurses, Dr. David Heskiaoff, Care Meridian, Casa Colina and Borss and Associates Prosthetics. We truly enjoy the raffle event that they so graciously provide for us each month.

Stay well and I hope to see you at the RNS meeting on May 28, 2009.

Rena Paulson, RN
RNS President



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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Our RNS web-site is under construction,
so the current newsletter is not posted.

Stay tuned!

Nurses - Building A Healthy America

National Nurses Week

Nurses Week is celebrated from National Nurses Day, May 6 through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

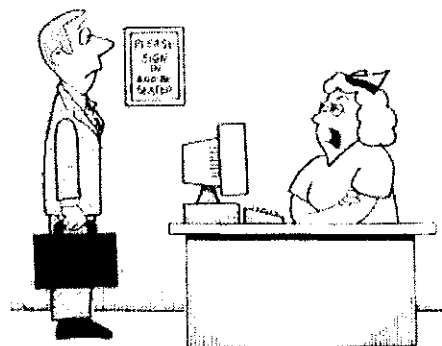
This year's theme reflects on the commitment nurses make every day for their patients and the compassion and quality of care they provide for their community.

We hope that you take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the passion these wonderful patient advocates make in their everyday life, both at work and at home.

Have your CDMS or CCM?

Need Ethics CEU's?

Get your ETHICS CEU's
at the May 28th RNS meeting!



Prattson

"Do you want to speak to the man
in charge or the nurse who knows
what's going on?"

Have your CDMS or CCM?

May's education topic will meet the **ETHICS** requirement for both certifications!
Mark your calendar to attend the May 28th meeting and don't forget to RSVP by May 22nd.

Do you want your newsletter via e-mail?
Change of address?
Suggestions for the newsletter?
Do you have a classified add? A job announcement?

E-mail RNS corresponding secretary Karen York: karen.york@libertymutual.com

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