

RNS Newsletter

September 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!

September's Educational topic

JCAHO Primary Stroke Centers: Improving Management of Acute Stroke in America

Presented by Dr. H.-Anh Long Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Karen Frederick, MPT, CPM

Dr. H.-Anh Long and Karen will be discussing JCAHO Primary Stroke Centers (PSC), JCAHO's strategy to improve stroke care and outcome. We will find out where the primary stroke centers are, who the different members of the stroke team are, and elements of a standardized assessment.

Other topics include 2010 proposed care stroke care measures, EMS alignment with PSC , acute management for both ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke and post-stroke rehabilitation.

We will also learn important information on managing risk factors, and connecting to resources.

RNS welcomes Dr. H. -Anh Lang and Karen Frederick for this important personal and professional topic.

LOCATION: Quiet Cannon	Date: September 24, 2009	Cost: members - \$25.00
900 Via San Clemente	Registration: 11:30 – 12:00 pm	non-member - \$35.00
Montebello, CA	Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm	CEU's: approved for 2 hours
323-724-9284	Presentation: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	BRN provider #01219
		CCM/CRC/CDMS - 2 CEU's

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

Please RSVP by phone or mail by **September 18 , 2009.**

Call Kellie Kerr or Maryanne Sawoski. Office: (818) 753-5106 Cell (818) 730-8490

September 24, 2009 RNS Meeting

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: _____

President's Message

September 1, 2009

Dear RNS Members and Friends,

September generally marks the beginning of the new school year term. Our activities around this time typically center on getting the household in order to comply with school schedules and buying school supplies in an effort so that your student gets off to a good start in school.

Life experiences provide many learning opportunities, but I have learned that one has to be open to receive the information that presents itself to us. Managing our time efficiently creates a readiness to participate in the learning process.

Getting oneself organized enables the mind and body to be less resistant to change and more open to new ideas and concepts. Eating better and getting enough rest also improves our ability to learn new things as does physical activity, i.e. exercise (oh the dreaded work).

RNS is comprised of Nurses and health care providers that primarily care for the needs of the de-habilitated person. The goal of the RNS organization is for learning. We learn from the experts and as well as from one another. One way to reinforce learning is to share the information with others.

RNS membership will need to increase, as will the number of persons attending the meetings, so that we can accomplish this goal. Assuming that as nurses and health care providers you are in "shape" for learning, may I suggest you share your enthusiasm with others and help us spread the word about RNS?

Consider sending e-mail addresses of your friends and colleagues to karen.york@libertymutual.com and she will send them the RNS Newsletter electronically.

If you want to introduce someone to the RNS experience, give your copy of the Newsletter inviting him or her to the meeting and when they bring in the Flyer, the meeting will be "free." (Remind them to call in their reservation before the meeting so we can plan accordingly)

I would like to thank Dr. Levi Harrison, orthopedic hand/wrist/elbow surgeon in Glendale for his presentation to us on the key factors of a practice aimed at delivering quality patient care. You can go to our Web page www.rns-ca.org to look up his information or reach him at 818-240-8001.

Again, I want to thank our friends who so generously continue to give the prizes for the raffle drawing each month. This month we enjoyed Peaches from Sandra Bross and wine from Dr. Harrison, and candles from Sharon Cason.

Stay well and I hope to see you at the RNS meeting on **September 24th**, to learn from and with each other.

Renae Paulson, RN
RNS President:



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SAVE THE DATE!

Northridge Hospital Medical Center,
Center for Rehabilitation Medicine
is hosting a free education symposium.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009
9:00 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Speakers

Neurogenic Pain Management
Thomas Hedge, MD

Neurogenic Spasticity Management
Alex Lin, MD

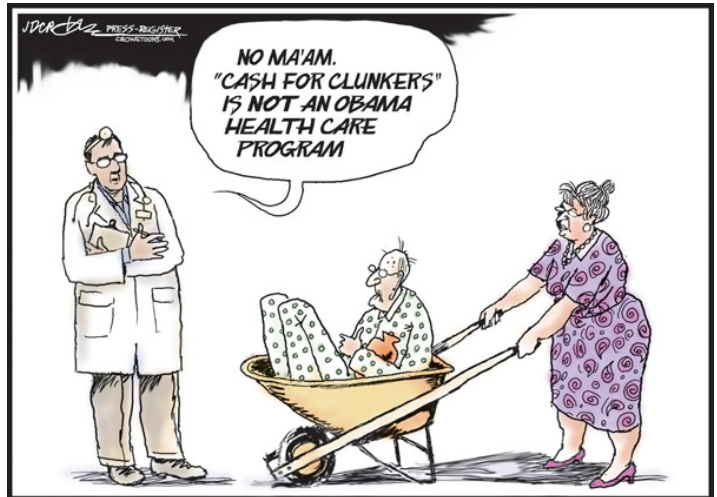
**Psychotropic Management of
Mood Disorders & Insomnia**
Walter Jacobsen, M.D.

3 continuing education hours for:

California BRN Provider #12584,
Board of Behavioral Sciences #PCE3927,
CCM #CM350 and C
ME Category I Credits

For more information or to pre-register, contact:

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818-700-5606 or via e-mail at: patricia.klein@chw.edu



JOB OPPORTUNITY

ISYS, a California premier provider of medical management services in the workers compensation field is seeking a Nurse Case Management Supervisor. Position may be home based or corporate office based or both.

POSITION OVERVIEW: Supervise direct employee nursing staff to assure they receive the training, guidance and support needed to provide superior levels of medical management services.

Regular travel (day and overnight trips) for supervisory purposes and occasional travel for other business purposes (see below for total estimated travel time).

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES include recruit/ interview/ orient new nursing staff, and assure training materials are kept current. Mentor and monitor nursing staff. Assist with coordinating and/or providing customer education and in-service programs and resolving customer complaints.

REQUIREMENTS: high school diploma or equivalent, current driver's license, current CA RN license, and CCM (or similar) certification. BSN and/or MSN preferred.

Candidate will have the ability to give highly effective oral presentations, will have exceptional analytical and problem solving skills, and will have the ability to communicate courteously and willingness to maintain professional relationships in a collegial environment. Candidate will also have the ability to create a team environment and sustain nursing staff commitment, ability to make sound decisions while maintaining confidentiality.

Minimum 3 years Worker's Compensation Case Management and a minimum of 6 years (total) nursing experience

Check us out at www.isyscm.com !

**Mark your calendar to attend the August 24 meeting
and don't forget to RSVP by August 18!**

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753-5106.

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**RNS
needs you!**

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

Let your friends and colleagues know about RNS.

Do you know anybody who would be interested in becoming part of a professional
organization committed to the education and networking needs of its members?

If so, give them the RNS corresponding secretary Karen e-mail address so they can receive a copy of the newsletter.

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