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Academy of Emergency Nursing Induction of Texas Nurses

The Academy of Emergency Nursing honors nurses who have made enduring, substantial contributions to emergency nursing. Texas has many outstanding Nurses who have contributed to Emergency Nursing and two of ours have been selected for the Academy this year.

Sally Snow, Texas ENA President, and Michael Moon, past Texas ENA President, will be inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing September 29, 2007 during the Annual ENA Conference. Congratulations Sally and Michael!





Looking to lift Your Nursing Career to a New Level of Success? Take time to register today. You don't want to miss out on all the learning and fun.

**DCENA Delegates
for 2007 General Assembly
in Salt Lake City, Utah**

(Listed in order received from Texas State Delegate Selection)

- Hollie Gehring
- Mary Dunklin
- Vickie Patrick
- JoAnn Craze
- Loren D. Larkin
- Julie Lester
- Justin Milici

MESSAGE FROM DCENA PRESIDENT

WELL, HALF OF 2007 HAS PASSED. GREAT THINGS HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR. THERE IS THE CEN REVIEW COURSE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26 AND JULY 27 AND THE DFW SYMPOSIUM FOR AUGUST 17 AT ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL HELP OF ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY LOREN AND HOLLIE, MY DUTIES HAVE BEEN MADE EASIER. FROM THE SIDELINES IT LOOKED ALL EASY. I JUST ATTENDED MEETINGS, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF HARD WORK THAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES. I HAVE LEARNED A LOT.

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE OCTOBER MEETING AND ALL DCENA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. IT IS WELL WORTH IT.

MARY DUNKLIN RN BSN CEN
PRESIDENT DCENA

CEN Certification



Internet Resources

Stay Informed - Utilize the ENA Website resources. You will be glad you did.

DCENA Website www.dcena.org

TENA Website www.TXENA.org

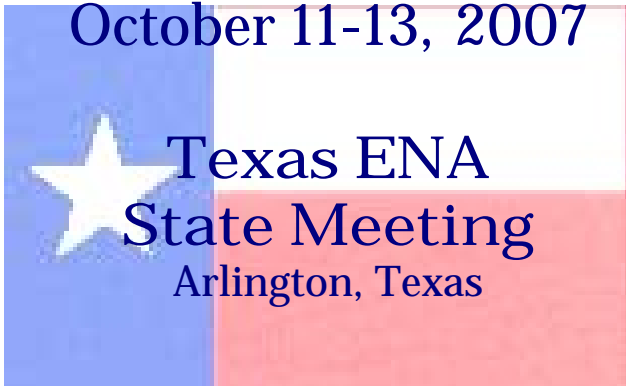
National ENA website www.ena.org/

New CEN®Content Outline Effective July 1, 2007

**Do it for yourself.
You're ready!**

You are Invited!

October 11-13, 2007



This would be a great time for you to experience meeting ENA members from all over Texas.
 Want Information call:
 Loren (214) 345-6443

DFW Symposium



DFW SYMPOSIUM 2007

August 17, 2007
 8 AM – 4:30 PM
 Arlington, Texas

Mail Registration and Check or Money order by 8/1/07 to:
 Tarrant County ENA
 305 Aqua Vista
 Granbury, TX 76049

After August 1st, please register at the door.

DCENA Membership Drive Goal for 2007

INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY 10%

Ask your co-workers to renew their ENA membership this year!

Dallas ENA Chapter now has:
 395 members



Welcome to Mary Beth Reid. She has been an active member of ENA and has accepted the role of Secretary. She brings experience and knowledge to the DCENA board and will be assuming official secretarial responsibilities immediately. Thank you Mary Beth.

Again, we say thank you to Cathy Stang for her assistance as Chapter Secretary earlier this year. Thanks Cathy.



Scholarship Applications Needed!

The Texas ENA is calling for applications for Scholarships.
 Deadline is August 1.

Control and click to follow Link:
[2008 TENA application.doc](#)

DCENA Treasurer's Report

Report by Joy Bilitz, RN
Beginning balance: \$11, 393.11
Withdrawals: \$163.50
Deposits: \$ 1055.00
Balance as of 5/31/2007 \$11,850.74

Seeking Qualified DC ENA Members to serve

President Elect for 2008

This candidate must be available to serve a three-year term. The commitment would begin January 2008. The officer would serve along side the President for one year, learning by assisting the President, planning and participating in local and state ENA meetings. Then in 2009 would serve as the President with full responsibilities. Then in 2010 the person would serve as a resource to the current President and President elect.

Committee Chairs

We have additional needs for individuals to serve on committees in all areas of interest.

Pediatric
Trauma
Injury Prevention
Nursing Practice
Professional Education
Government Affairs

We would like to see the candidates introduced by August 14th. Additional candidates can be nominated and would then be voted on in the October 9th DCENA meeting.

You don't have to be an officer to serve. If you have an area of interest please let us know and we will utilize your skills and help fulfill your personal and professional goals.

Get Involved and let ENA truly represent you.

TOPICS FOR LEARNING

PERTUSSIS by Mary Dunklin, RN, CEN

PERTUSSIS, ALSO KNOWN AS WHOOPING COUGH, IS AN ACUTE, WIDESPREAD, AND HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS BACTERIAL DISEASE OF THE THROAT AND BRONCHI CAUSED BY THE GRAM-NEGATIVE COCOBACILLUS BORDETRELLA PERTUSSIS. INFANTS AND CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF FOUR WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IMMUNIZED AGAINST PERTUSSIS ARE MOST FREQUENTLY AFFECTED, ALTHOUGH IT MAY OCCUR AT ANY AGE, PARTIALLY IMMUNIZED CHILDREN HAVE LESS SEVERE ILLNESS. ADULTS HAVE ONLY MINOR RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS AND PERSISTENT COUGH. THE PATIENT'S COUGHING AND SNEEZING USUALLY SPREAD THE ORGANISMS OF PERTUSSIS. THE INCUBATION PERIOD IS APPROXIMATELY 7 TO 10 DAYS, BUT CAN VARY FROM 6 TO 21 DAYS. THE PEAK INCIDENCE IS LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL.

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE CONJUNCTIVITIS, FEVER, CHILLS, RHINORRHEA, IRRITABILITY AND FATIGUE. THIS STAGE LASTS 2 TO 4 WEEKS AND CONSISTS OF SEVERE COUGH WITH HYPOXIA, UNREMITTING PAROXYSMS AND CLEAR TENACIOUS MUCUS. APNEA CAN OCCUR IN RARE CASES. VOMITING CAN OCCUR FOLLOWING A COUGHING EPISODE.

SOME OF THE DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES THAT ARE DONE ARE CULTURE AND SENSITIVITY OF NASOPHARYNX, CBC WITH DIFFERENTIAL LEUKOCYTE COUNT. ALSO, AN IMMUNOFLUORESCENT ANTIBODY STAINING OF NASOPHARYNGEL SPECIMENS CAN BE DONE.

PLANNING WOULD INCLUDE MAINTAINING RESPIRATORY ISOLATION, ADMINISTERING OXYGEN, ISOLATE PATIENTS WITH ACTIVE DISEASE FROM SCHOOL UNTIL THE HAVE TAKEN ANTIBIOTICS.