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Triage Notes

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From the left: Gayle Lenehan, editor JEN, Debra Seguin, President Michigan ENA, Judy Halpern, Editor, Disaster Management and Response.

From the President:

I had the privilege to represent Michigan at the 2003 Leadership Challenge held 2/27-3/2/ 2003 in Albuquerque New Mexico. Thurs. 2/27 was the State Leaders conference. I found this day packed full of great information and dynamic speakers. I was seated at a table with Donna Mason our national board liaison. It was great to meet her and share ideas. I invited her to our spring conference in Mt Pleasant, May 12 & 13, 2003. There was a great session by Jeff Cagna, Chief Strategist Principled Innovation LLC entitled **Building a Strategic Association**. The rest of the leadership Challenge was great as well. No other organization allows its members the opportunity to network not only with colleagues but the national officers and board of directors. Where else can you walk up to the president of a national organization (Kathy Robinson) or the editor of the Journal of Emergency Nursing (Gail Lenehan) and discuss the challenges of emergency nursing in your state.

Together we can improve the care of emergency patients across this state. Our web site should be up and running in May 2003. Come to our spring conference May 12 and 13, 2003 in Mt Pleasant MI. Get

involved and help us.

Deb Seguin

Michigan State Meeting En Care Meeting
Monday, May 12 at 3:30 PM
Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant
Special Guest at the meeting: EnCare Founder Barb Foley

All providers and interested people are welcome to attend to learn about injury prevention and what is going on within the state. This is the day before the Michigan State ENA conference however; you do not have to be registered for the conference to attend this meeting. When registering for the conference, make sure you get your EN Care ribbon. I hope to see many of you. Please forward your suggestions you want included on the agenda.

National En Care is attempting to construct a national database and has asked all to send updated contact information. We are in the process of doing a state mailing. **Please complete the form and return it to me.** I encourage all who have trained and remain interested in injury prevention to complete this form even if it has been some time since you last presented. **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THE MAILING CONTACT ME!** The people we do not hear from will be removed from the state roster. **Hope to see all at the State meeting!**

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ENA Council Welcomes SANE Chair

All practicing emergency nurses are exposed to challenges of sexual assaults. The person assaulted may be a child, teenager, adult or elder. They may be male or female, rich or poor, black, brown or white. All can appear in your emergency department and may need a sexual assault examiner-or SANE. The Michigan ENA nursing leadership recognizes that experienced forensic nurses are valuable not only to their institutions, but to their community as observed in programs such as women's health, pediatrics, critical care and educational institutions.

ENA welcomes a committee chair at Michigan ENA State Council level to encourage, inform, share and advise emergency department nurses as needed. We need your feedback as to how the SANE committee can contribute you. We hope to be an effective tool with which to communicate, educate, and be a vital resource in order to expand the circle of caring nurses. Please send your concerns, comments, current programs, and/or upcoming SANE Forensic events to me.

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Call for Members

The pediatrics **AND** the trauma committees are inviting members of Michigan ENA to become members of their committees. The committees generally meet before the state council meetings. Please call or email the chairpersons of these committees OR talk to the committee chairs at the annual meeting in Mount Pleasant on May 12 from noon to 3 PM.

Chapter News

From chapter 149: Pacesetters

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Pacesetters Chapter, one of the oldest in the State Council. Our chapter was named Pacesetters because Emergency Nurses are fast on their feet, and the original mascot of EDNA (Emergency Department Nurses Association) was the roadrunner. EDNA was later changed to ENA and the roadrunner (who by the way had a nurse's cap on its head) was dropped. Chapter 149 is busy this time of year preparing for the Holly Safety Fair, an annual event. Mary Grba and Ina Golden, both Pacesetter members, are organizers of this event. The Safety Fair will be held this year on May 31 from 11 AM until 3 PM. We invite all ENA members and their families to come out to Holly, Michigan at Bush Park and enjoy the day.

Incoming chapter president will be Sue O'Brien RN, Trauma Coordinator, McLaren Regional Medical Center and Treasurer will be Sue Borton.

Mary Grba
President, Pacesetters Chapter

Award that medal

How many times at the end of a shift have you said "You deserve a medal for putting up with that

- a. physician
- b. family
- c. patient
- d. all of the above.

Nominate a co-worker for one of the following awards

Excellence in Emergency Nursing Award

The Michigan ENA annual Excellence in Emergency Nursing Award ceremony will be held in conjunction with our Annual Spring Conference, May 12, 2003. Nominations are now being accepted through May 10th, 2003. This is a great time to honor an Emergency Nurse who exemplifies excellence in Emergency Nursing. Please take time to recognize a co-worker or colleague. Letters of nomination, including a short biography and why this nurse is being nominated, should be sent to state council president Deb Seguin. Nominations can be mailed to Deb at 3324 Merrill, Royal Oak, MI 48073 or via email at dseguin@beaumont.edu.

Voting for the award will take place at the State Council meeting prior to the annual conference by the voting members present.

Criteria for nomination are

1. RN in good standing, practicing in emergency nursing in a role of staff nurse, educator, outreach coordinator, case manager, manager/administrator, nurse practitioner or CNS, health educator, trauma coordinator etc.
2. Minimum of 2 years in emergency nursing
3. Member of ENA with documented activity in a participation in the Michigan Council of ENA.



local chapter or

ENCARE Injury Prevention Award

Nominations for this award should be for a EN Care provider that has shown dedication to injury prevention by promoting alcohol awareness, CPS safety, or Gun Safety Program throughout 2002. Please submit 100 words explaining the nominee's contribution to the Michigan Emergency Nurse Care program. Include contact information: name, address, telephone number, work address and immediate supervisor. Send nominations to Diane Benson, 39533 Lakeshore Dr. Harrison Township, MI 48045 Or email to Diane Benson E-mail Address: mienicare@wideopenwest.com. Deadline for nominations is May 10, 2003. Voting will occur at the State Council Meeting in Mount Pleasant on May 12th.



From Laraine Moody and Pediatric Committee

E-Mails, Chain-Letters and Other Interesting Stuff . . .

OK, we all receive those chain-letter e-mails from well-meaning friends (some who have WAY too much time on their hands) informing us of all of the wonders and dangers in the world today. You know the e-mails; they tell you about everything from: someone stealing your identity, to the miracles of peanut-butter facials, to alligators on the loose in the streets of southeast Detroit, to Elvis really is alive and well and living on the 42nd floor of the Las Vegas Hilton, to you too can become rich if you only send \$20 to the 3 people at the top of the list, to the latest computer virus, to . . . anyway, you get the idea.

So, I was expecting something along these lines when I received the following e-mail -- but to my surprise I am finding myself passing this one along instead of deleting it while shaking my head and mumbling "...she really has way too much time on her hands....."

Laraine Moody

Pediatric Committee, Chairperson

E-Mail from Joanne McKay:

I received the email below about static from cell phones and car interiors being responsible for car fires at gas stations. I had never heard of this and it made me think about ENA including information about this as an educational imperative because kids can't help themselves under these circumstances. The parents must be made aware of this potential danger to their own and their children's safety. Plus there are many teen drivers with cell phones who would never know about this potential danger either. Is it mentioned anywhere that you know of to alert emergency nurses?

The link below takes you to the Petroleum Equipment Institute website that has much more information about this and the documented cases of car fires. Just having knowledge about this could save lives. Do you have any suggestions for how to share this information? Possibly in our MENA newsletter and possibly in ENPC or TNCC courses?

Joanne

E-Mail from Friend of Joanne McKay:

I was just out at the (GM) Proving Grounds on Tuesday and we saw a presentation on electronic magnetic discharge. We were told that vehicles contain more and more electronics - items like CD players, OnStar, satellite radio, in addition to cruise control, ABS, on-board diagnostics to electronically controlled fuel injection.

All of this put together with vehicle materials, such as the Scotch Guard on the seats, creates more static. That's why you are more likely to get shocked just getting in and out of your car. At MPG (Milford Proving Grounds), they stressed that the two most important points to remember are:

- ***Don't use cell phones while fueling,***
- ***Don't go sit in your car while filling up the tank - especially in dry (and cold) winter conditions.***



Safety Update for Kids in Cars

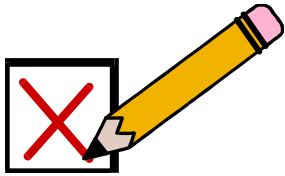
Bob Renkes of Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of "static" at gas pumps. His company has researched 150 cases of these fires. His results were very surprising:

1. Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.
2. Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When finished and they went back to pull the nozzle out the fire started, as a result of static.
3. Most had on rubber-soled shoes.
4. Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.
5. Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas.
6. It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.
7. There were 29 fires where the vehicle was reentered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models. Some resulting in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer.
8. Seventeen fires that occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

Mr. Renkes stresses to NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door TOUCHING THE METAL, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

The Petroleum Equipment Institute, along with several other companies now, is really trying to make the public aware of this danger. You can find out more information by going to <http://www.pei.org>. Once here, click in the center of the screen where it says "Stop Static".

You may want to pass this information along to your family and friends, especially those who have kids in the car with them while pumping gas. If this were to happen to them, they may not be able to get the children out in time.



Educational Offerings

Mark your calendars and attend at least one educational offering per year.

Upcoming national ENA meetings:

2003 Scientific Assembly Philadelphia PA Sept. 18-20 2003
 Leadership Challenge 2004 Salt Lake City Utah Feb. 26-29, 2004
 2004 Scientific Assembly San Diego CA October 1-3, 2004

Western Michigan Emergency Nurses Association:

“Emergency Nursing: *The Critical Link*” Grand Rapids, MI October 9, 2003

For further information contact Sherri Veurink-Balicki at 616 752 6798

William Beaumont, Royal Oak, PALS course, October 2, 2003

To Register Call Barb Pope at 248 551 1965

What is the best way to find a TNCC or ENPC Course in Michigan?

All TNCC and ENPC courses are listed on the ENA web site at ena.org. However course directors often plan their courses well before they submit to ENA. The challenge of reserving rooms and obtaining instructors requires a lot of preplanning. The list of courses below have been submitted to the newsletter by the course directors in order to help you to plan.

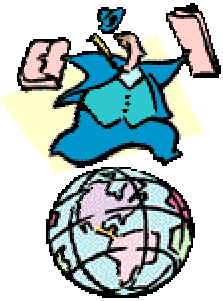
<u>TNCC Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
November 7 and 10, 2003	Holland Hospital	Kristi Potts	kristi@hoho.org
April 14 and 15, 2003	Keweenaw Memorial	Liz Siivola	906 337 6509
April 29 and 30, 2003	Macomb Community College	Mary Giovannelli	586 263 2602
May 1 and 2, 2003	Covenant Healthcare	Dan Andrews	989 222 2929
May 9 and 12, 2003	St. Joe Mercy, Ann Arbor	Madonna Walters	734.712.5099
May 9 and 10, 2003	St. Mary’s Saginaw	Rich Herm	989 497 3046
June 5 and 6, 2003	Port Huron Hospital	Pat Manion	810 606 7891
July 24 and 25, 2003	Covenant Healthcare	Dan Andrews	989 222 2929
October 9 and 10, 2003	Port Huron Hospital	Pat Manion	810 606 7891
October 16 and 17, 2003	Bronson	Donna Jacobs	269 341 6405
October 23 and 24, 2003	Genesys	Pat Manion	810 606 7891
October 29 and 30 2003	Macomb Community College	Mary Giovannelli	586 263 2602
November 6 and 7, 2003	Beaumont, Royal Oak	Barb Pope	248 551 1965
<u>ENPC Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
September 23 and 24, 2003	Macomb Community College	Mary Giovannelli	586 263 2602
May 6 and 8, 2003	Providence, Novi	Joanne McCall	248 465 4223
April 17 and 18, 2003	Bronson	Donna Jacobs	269 341 6405
September 22 and 23, 2003	Bronson	Donna Jacobs	269 341 6405
October 9,10 2003	Beaumont, Royal Oak	Barb Pope	248 551 1965

Membership News

In an effort to promote awareness of our professional organization, embroidered tee shirts and sweatshirts with the “Michigan ENA” logo will be for sale at the Spring Conference at Soaring Eagle Resort. These items are selling at cost and are not a money making project. Purchase a tee shirt or sweatshirt and help to market the Michigan ENA.

There are several Michigan ENA Chapters that have been inactive for an extended period of time. After multiple attempts to communicate with these chapters and determine any commitment to remaining Michigan ENA chapters and receiving no response, the Michigan State Council, under the National ENA bylaws has officially closed these chapters. The closed chapters are: Detroit, Oakland, Blue Water, Superior and NW Regional. The Michigan ENA Council has recently mailed letters to members who have been assigned to these chapters informing them that they will be reassigned to an active Michigan ENA Chapter. There is an effort to resurrect the Downriver ENA Chapter. A process is in progress to incorporate the Downriver Chapter with the Dearborn area. These members will not be reassigned at this time. Downriver Chapter meeting information will be available in the community when it is solidified.

If you are not sure what chapter you belong to or are not getting information from your local chapters, please call or email Mikki Favor, the Membership Services chairperson.



Deadlines to Remember

May 10, 2003 Submit nominations for
EnCare and Excellence in
Emergency Nursing Awards.
April 21, 2003 Registrations for Michigan
ENA conference are \$75 before
this date and \$85 after this date for

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