



August 2017

# RNS Newsletter

Advocates for Quality Healthcare

## ~ August 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting ~

### Topic:

Advocating for Catastrophically Injured Individual with a Brain Injury

### Speaker:

Tina Odjaghian, Esq., Odjaghian Law Group  
Attorney specializing in traumatic brain injury litigation

### Location:

Quiet Cannon Conference and Event Center  
901 Via San Clemente, Montebello, CA 90640



### 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

#### 2017

- August 24
- September 28
- October 26
- December 7

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[www.rns-ca.org](http://www.rns-ca.org)

Tina Odjaghian, Esq. is in private practice specializing in catastrophic injury litigation with an emphasis on brain injury. Mrs. Odjaghian and her associates have successfully secured multi million dollars in settlements and awards on behalf of catastrophically injured individuals. On the defense side, Mrs. Odjaghian represents a select group of insurance companies and self-insured employers in workers' compensation and employment matters. She has a great deal of knowledge in workers' compensation and working with case managers. Ms. Odjaghian will discuss case management services in cases involving brain injury from a legal perspective and how to effectively assess the needs of catastrophically injured patients with consideration of common legal and medical issues.

### Objectives of the Program:

*At the end of this presentation, the attendants will be able to:*

1. Identify the common legal issues involving case management services in brain injury cases.
2. Describe the do's and don'ts for case managers from an attorney's perspective.
3. Analyze examples of good and bad case management services from case studies.

### Agenda:

- 11:30 Registration & Networking
- 12:00 Luncheon, Networking, Introductions
- 1:00 Common legal issues in BI cases
- 1:30 Do's and don'ts for case managers
- 2:00 Case studies: good and bad
- 2:45 Q & A
- 3:00 Meeting Adjourn

### Target Audience:

RN, CCM, other allied health care professionals  
Approved for 2 BRN CEUs (BRN provider # 01219)  
2 CCM CEUs (CCMC approval pending)

### Cost:

Members - \$25.00  
Non-members - \$35.00  
*Vegetarian meal available upon prior request*



To register for meetings see page 3 or contact: **Hanna van der Walt**  
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Dear Members and Friends,

It's hard to believe that June and July just swept by us so quickly. Many families are getting their children ready to return to school. Here at *RNS* we are excited to continue bringing you the most interesting speakers.

Your *RNS* Board of Directors have many people to thank for the past few meetings. In May we were hosted by Kindred Healthcare in Baldwin Park with a beautifully presented lunch buffet. Then Dr. Chai Lam, entertained and enlightened us on the Management of COPD. Casa Colina Hospital and A+ Healthcare Marketing provided great raffle prizes.

In July we were pleased to have a very interesting presentation by Celeste Racicote, Nancy Porcella and Lisa Jones addressing a very difficult topic of "Brain Injury and Addiction Issues." This presentation generated a very interactive conversation and provided many helpful resources. If any of our members would like a copy of those resources, please contact any Board member and we will get that info for you. We also thank CNS, Casa Colina Hospital and A+ Healthcare Marketing for providing raffle gifts.

As for the future, your Board has some exciting news. However, you need to attend the meetings to find out what it is. We are still looking for facilities and/or vendors who would like to host future meetings in 2018. If you are interested please contact a Board member for details.

We hope you have enjoyed this beautiful summer weather here in Southern California and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on August 24, 2017 when Tina Odjaghian, Esq. is our presenter.

Remember that *RNS* Advocates for Quality Healthcare is an organization that has been offering BRN and CCM continuing education credits for many years and we want to continue to do so. Please attend and bring a friend. We not only offer CEUs, but also provided excellent networking opportunities.

Francine Aron, President  
*RNS* 2017-2018



*Left to Right: Angie Jung, Celeste Racicote, Nancy Porcella and Lisa Jones*

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## Membership Enrollment

We are accepting memberships for 2017.  
Applications are on the [RNS website](#) or will be  
available at the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### August 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 Luncheon and Meeting Registration

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(Please include your check)

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Regular Meal  Vegetarian Meal

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25.00

Number of non-members: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$35.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please 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 24<sup>th</sup> meeting .....

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## September 28<sup>th</sup> RNS Meeting & Luncheon

### Speakers:

Dr. Aaron R. Cutler, Neurosurgeon and  
Emily R. Rosario, PhD, Director of Research Institute at Casa Colina

### Topic:

Dr. Cutler will review the epidemiology and the management of the most common tumors of the brain. Dr. Rosario will share with us her research and outcome in promoting successful discharge with high risk patients via their Patient Navigation Program.

### Location:

255 E Bonita Ave, Pomona, CA 91767



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**Look inside for RNS August 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Info!**