

January 2013

RNS Newsletter

~ January 24th Meeting ~

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

- January 24th
- February 28th
- March 28th

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Topic: The capabilities of Long Term Acute Care hospitals in caring for patients with respiratory illnesses

Speaker: Dr. Eric Yaeger, MD

Date: January 24th, 2013

Location: Kindred Hospital, 5525 West Slausen Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Dr. Yaeger has been treating patients at Kindred LTACs for more than 20 years. He has lectured extensively throughout the US to hospitals and medical societies about mechanical ventilation, medical leadership and long term acute hospitals. Dr. Yaeger was awarded the Colorado Thoracic Society Outstanding Clinician of the Year in 2012.

Objectives of the program:

- Understand the causes of respiratory failure.
- Understand the capabilities of LTACs in caring for patients, especially those with respiratory illnesses
- Learn the differences between weaning techniques in different patients in short term vs long term weans

Target audience: Nurses, case managers and other health care professionals

Agenda

- 1:00 Causes of respiratory failure
- 1:30 Capabilities of Long Term Acute Care hospitals (LTAC) in caring for patients, especially respiratory patients
- 2:00 Debunk myths concerning ventilator weaning
- 2:20 Differences between weaning techniques in different patients in short term vs long term weans
- 2:40 Proper timing and use of tracheostomy
- 3:00 Closing remarks and drawing

Cost

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

CEU's: Approved for 2 hours
BRN provider # 01219
CCMC Approval Pending



**Registration form
See page 3**

Date: January 24th, 2013

Registration: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Presentation: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

To register for meeting contact: Merrilee De Bry
(714) 280-1816 or (714) 237-8500

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By Barbara Greenfield, RN BSN, CCM, CNLCP

Dear RNS Members and Friends;

Our Holiday Gathering on December 6 was wonderful. The awards ceremony was emotional and heartwarming. Our membership was able experience concretely the significance of their membership. Funds were provided to three worthy organizations: Move a Child Higher (MACH1), Winways/Communication Disorders Research Foundation (CDRF), and Angel Flight West. These organizations will benefit from the monies raised throughout the year through your attendance and membership fees.

The following awards were presented at our Holiday Meeting:

- Physician of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Eric Ikeda, OD, FCOVD, DPNAP. Dr. Ikeda was acknowledged for his exceptional partnership with the rehab nurses on behalf of our patients. Dr. Eric Ikeda's chosen organization is Winways Rehab Program's Non-Profit Arm: The Communication Disorders Research Foundation (CDRF). CDRF was formed in 1976 by two Orange County Speech Language Pathologists, Elizabeth Wallace and Betty McMicken, to train speech/language pathologists in the evaluation and treating of adults suffering from stroke and brain injuries. It has since evolved into a resource that supports training and therapy scholarship opportunities for adults with brain injuries in a community based post-acute rehabilitation program at Winways.
- The Dr. Thomas Gucker Award for outstanding rehabilitation nurse was presented to Rochelle Stearns, RN. Rochelle was acknowledged for her excellence in patient advocacy. Rochelle's chosen organization is Move a Child Higher (MACH1) an Equine Assisted Activity for Riders with Disabilities. MACH1 provided an outstanding presentation by Joy Rittenhouse, Owner; Marilyn Townsend, therapist; and Laura a victim of Traumatic Brain Injury who benefited from equestrian therapy. Laura told her personal story and how equestrian therapy improved her balance, muscle strength and communication skills. Laura was a wonderful advocate for MACH1.

- The Non-Profit Award was presented to Angel Flight West in Recognition for their Service to our Community. Vince Giampa, Pilot, presented to RNS earlier this year and their story was so compelling that their organization was chosen as a recipient of the RNS Non Profit Award. Alan M. Dias, Executive Director and Vince Giampa were present to accept the award. Angel Flight West provides free air transportation for needy families by volunteer pilots.

We also introduced our new Board Members for 2013-2015: Lily Lee – Vice President and Rochelle Stearns - V.P. Committee Member; Renae Paulsen and Merrilee DeBry – Co-Treasurers; Rita Pathmanaban/Toni Bethke – Corresponding Secretary; Maryanne Sawoski – Member At-Large; and Katherine Collier – Recording Secretary.

The party concluded this year with our traditional introductions, networking, and our annual gift exchange. From my perspective, the gifts were great and it was thoroughly enjoyable spending time in the company of new and long term members.

I look forward to seeing you on January 24, 2013. We will be hosted by Kindred Long Term Acute Facility at Los Angeles, 5525 W Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90056. Dr. Eric S. Yaeger, M.D, Kindred Medical Director will present on care across the continuum.

We will be back at the Quiet Cannon on February 28 when Dr. Luis Montes M.D., Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist at Rancho Los Amigos, will present on Innovations in Robotic Therapy.

Happy Holiday's and Happy and Healthy New Year!
Barbara



2013 Rose Parade Nurses' Float

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Please RSVP for meeting by e-mail, phone or mail by **January 20th**

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The Capabilities of Long Term Acute Care Hospitals in Caring for Patients with Respiratory Illnesses

January 24th Meeting Registration

Meeting Location:

Kindred Long Term Acute Facility at Los Angeles, 5525 W Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90056

Detach and mail to....
(Please include your check)

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Number of members _____ at \$25.00
Number of non-members: _____ at \$35.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Regular Meal Vegetarian Meal

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 January 24th meeting**

**and remember to
RSVP by January 20th**

**To e-mail your reservation,
send an e-mail to:**

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RNS Policy on Advertising

- Strictly limited to job openings and educational opportunities, such as conferences, etc.
- Current members may advertise for free.
- Not a current member: Pay membership dues (\$50) to join RNS, after which they can advertise for free.
- Advertising will be a membership benefit.
- The duration of an advertisement will be limited to three months maximum or, it will be removed if no longer appropriate, when the event has occurred
- The Snail-Mailed version will have limitations based upon space available. However, the email version of the newsletter, and on the web site, can be more flexible. A web page link will be included in printed and email newsletter versions to refer to the reader more detailed advertisement information on the RNS website.

Membership Enrollment

**Annual membership fee of \$50 is due by:
January 31st, 2013.**

**Applications available on [RNS website](#) or at the
January 24th meeting.**

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