



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

2019 Upcoming Meeting Dates & Locations

10/24/19 Northridge Medical Center

12/5/19 Quiet Cannon (Holiday Meeting)

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July 25, 2019 Lunch and Learn

Topic: Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) Update and Ethical Approaches

Location: Windsor Gardens of the Valley
13000 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91606

Speaker: Edward T. Luberski, MSPT



Effective October 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will enforce the new PDPM, replacing the current payment system. This change will affect the admission and billing practices in therapy services substantially. Many of us working with the Medicare system and rehabilitation services will be directly or indirectly affected. As case managers, we have the ethical responsibility to understand these changes and how this may affect our clients' rehabilitation benefits. Ed is the regional VP at Select Rehabilitation where he is responsible for the clinical management of multiple local and national facilities and contributes to the development of clinical programs, employee training, and strategic planning. He will share with us the components and the process as CMS implements PDPM for Medicare beneficiaries. Nursing intervention, appropriate coding, and rehabilitation services will be discussed including the potential ethical challenges surrounding the assessments process, therapy provision and re-hospitalization with these changes.

Program Objectives: At the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to:

- 1. List the 6 components of PDPM
- 2. Identify the PDPM payment assessments
- 3. Recognize the correlation of coding, therapy, and nursing assessments and identify the ethical scenarios surrounding each of these
- 4. Describe application and transition to PDPM

Agenda:

Registration/Housekeeping:	11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Lunch & Presentation:	12:00 PDPM-What is It?
	12:15 Admission Coding, therapy and nursing services classification; ethical considerations of each
	1:00 Assessment Schedules-ethical considers in therapy minutes, group therapy, re-hospitalizations
	2:00 Implementation; Partnerships; Q&A



Cost: (No refunds for this event)

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

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Target Audience:

RN, CCM, and other allied health care professionals
Approved for 2 CEUs California BRN, Provider # CEP1219
2 CCMC Ethics approval # pending

President's Message

June, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of RNS,

RNS was founded in 1972 with just a few nurses gathering in their homes. The original intent was to share concerns and ideas for industrially injured clients. As rehabilitation and case management industries have grown and evolved, so has our membership, and the focus of RNS has expanded to networking with other professionals with similar interests. RNS has provided our members and friends with many unforgettable experiences and professional growth opportunities. It has served our communities for nearly five decades. It has been a monthly retreat for many of us where many beautiful friendships have flourished.

But, our industry is constantly changing; the evolution of information technology has provided a wide variety of e-learning opportunities and has changed the way we seek professional development and continuing education. The increasing complexity of the case management industry, as well as competing employment practices, also impacts our participation in traditional face-to-face meetings or networking events. The Board of Directors of RNS has continued their efforts in keeping their promises and the mission of RNS alive, adapting to the many challenges of these changes. However, RNS membership and attendance have diminished significantly over the past several years. With many discussions in the past months, the Board of Directors has unanimously reached a very difficult decision—it is with great sadness that I announce to you that RNS will be discontinued after our December 5, 2019 meeting.

Your Board of Directors has continued to work an additional year in bringing you quarterly educational meetings. We do have three last meetings scheduled for you: On July 25, 2019, our meeting will be hosted by Windsor Garden of the Valley in North Hollywood. (Meeting flyer and registration are included in this newsletter.) On October 24, 2019, Dignity Health Northridge Medical Center will host our meeting where we will present our bi-annual RNS Cares Awards. We will end the year with a BIG, BLOW-OUT holiday meeting on December 5, 2019.

Although RNS will come to an end this year, there is still much work ahead of us. We cannot part without recognizing the outstanding professionals in our industry who exemplify excellence in their practices. We are asking all members and friends in helping us with nominations for our awards. The three awards go to Case Manager of the Year; Not-for-Profit of Year; and Physician of the Year. You may provide us with your nominations to me by text to 909-731-0006 or via email at Faron1@ca.rr.com. Please take a few minutes and let us know the physician, case manager, and organizations you would like to see honored. We provide each honoree with a plaque and a check to their favorite charity. Do not limit yourself to one in the not-for-profit category, as we may be able to honor multiple charities as we close out our organization. **Please submit your nominations by no later than July 31, 2019.**

It has been my honor to serve as your President for the past three years and as a member for more than 20 years. I am honored to express my infinite gratitude to the wonderful Board of Directors I have served with. Angie, Laura, Deb, Hanna, and Toni, I thank each and every one of you for all the hours you have donated to RNS and all your hard work in keeping this organization going.

I also thank the continued support of the members and friends who have continued to attend and host RNS. A special thank you goes out to Nancy Silver of Neurorestorative-Winways and her awesome coworkers for hosting our April Meeting and to our wonderful speakers and longtime friends, Barbara Greenfield, RN, BSN, CCM, CNLCP, and Lee Ann Hitchman, CLPF, who addressed "Ethical Dilemmas: Case Management and Navigating Special Needs Trusts." Additional thanks to all of you who provided raffle prizes and to Winways, A+ Healthcare Marketing, and CareerSmart.

Looking forward to seeing you in July!

Respectfully submitted,
Francine Aron, President

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Nominate someone and tell us why you think they exemplify excellence in their field of practice. Please text (909-731-0006 or email to Francine at Faron1@ca.rr.com

Physician of the Year
Case Manager of the Year
Not-for Profit Organization of the Year

Hurry! Nomination deadline --July 31st



October 24th—Meeting location, Northridge Medical Center
Topic: Applying Ethical Principles to an Inside-Out Approach to Case Management
Speakers: Angie Jung, RN; Derek Vehling, LAPD Fire Captain

December 5th—Meeting location, Quiet Cannon, Montebello
Topic: To be announced, Holiday/Farewell meeting

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(Please include your check)

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Member: \$25.00 Non-member: \$35.00
(Sorry, no refunds for this event)

Name: _____

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Regular Meal Vegetarian Meal

Please note, if you registered, you are responsible for paying for the meeting, even if you don't attend.