

# HIGHLIGHTS

July 18th CEU Offering & Chapter Meeting:

## Child Safety Seat 101, "Mom's Right Arm & Why It Doesn't Work Anymore."



Susan Douglass, RN  
University Medical Center

**CEUs have been applied for and will be awarded to RNs attending this event**

### *PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE*

*The above meeting will be held at  
Connally Memorial Medical Center  
499 10th Street Floresville, Texas (830) 393-1300  
7:00 PM*

#### *Driving Directions From I- 37 South*

I-37 S towards CORPUS CHRISTI.  
Take exit number 132 to get on US-181 S towards FLORESVILLE.  
Drive for 18.4 miles to reach 499 10th St. (Connally MMC)



## Calendar At A Glance

August 15: San Antonio ENA  
Local Chapter Meeting

August 19, 20 21: TNCC San  
Antonio

September 14—18: ENA An-  
nual Meeting, Nashville

October 4—6: ENPC San Antonio

October 8: SafetyWhys  
Baby sitter's training at Univer-  
sity Hospital

October 14-16: TNCC San Anto-  
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October 17: San Antonio ENA  
Local Chapter Meeting

October 21—22: Texas ENA  
State Meeting, Dallas-Ft.  
Worth

November 21: San Antonio  
ENA Local Chapter Meet ing  
with CEU Presentation: Dr.  
Airway Management by  
Mike Huott, MD

December 19 (Dinner Meeting,  
place TBA)

# 2006

January 2006: Texas ENA State  
Meeting, San Antonio

February 23—26: ENA National  
Leadership convention,  
Austin, TX

## Dinner and a Diagnosis: CHF

In June, the San Antonio ENA held a lecture along with a dinner at Dave and Busters. The dinner, sponsored by Scios, maker of the drug Natrecor, was attended by about 30 ENA members. Curtis Townsend, RN, CEN gave a talk entitled *The Next Pandemic: Why we are failing with heart failure*. During the talk, Curtis noted some scary statistics: over half a million CHF diagnoses are made per year with a 20% fatality rate in that first year of the diagnosis. By the time he concluded his one hour talk, he had covered pathophysiology of CHF, how the body compensates, and current treatment regimens. Members sipped cocktails from the bar, and then ate salmon or pasta, fresh steamed vegetables and delicious cakes and fresh fruit. There was no cost to individual members, and each RN received a certificate for 1.4 CEUs for attending the presentation. Many thanks to Curtis and to Debra of Scios for a relaxing and educational evening. We hope to have more events like this in the future.



Curtis Townsend and Scios rep Debra  
Gonzalez after the lecture




Peggy Dubuque and Yvonne Moseley ecstatic  
about their newfound knowledge of CHF.

## ENPC & TNCC Course Offerings

The Dates for the Next ENPC & TNCC are as follows:

**ENPC: November 4, 5, 6,** Contact: Jan Elliott (m) 210-387-6810 or (m)210-325-9460, or TxJanSA@aol.com or JaniceElliott@MHSHealth.com

**TNCC: October 14-16.** Deadline to register is September 1. Contact: Susan Douglass, (210) 358-4272, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



ENA ANNUAL MEETING,  
NASHVILLE, TN  
September 14 - 17, 2005

## *Helping Hands of ENA Members Around the World and In the Military*

**By: John Hughes, RN USN**

*Editor's note: John Hughes is a night shift charge nurse at Methodist Hospital Adult ER and a member of the San Antonio chapter of the ENA. In January 2005 he was deployed to Kuwait with the Navy.*

Clear, sunny and hot with highs in the 130's and lows in the 90's. That's been the weather forecast here at US Military Hospital Kuwait (USMHK) lately and for the near future. What that forecast means to me in Casualty Receiving is that folks better be practicing good water discipline today or we're going to be very busy.

I deployed for a year with my unit from San Antonio in January, leaving behind an anxious family and my comfortable Emergency Department at Methodist Hospital for this tent hospital in Kuwait. It makes you feel as though you stepped back in time. Forcing your focus back on the patient, watching for telltale signs and symptoms to let you know what is going on instead of relying on gadgetry.

A majority of the troops moving in and out of the combat area in Iraq stage through Kuwait where they train in the heat and become acclimatized before going north. It's a process that takes at least a couple of weeks, as individuals not used to the oppressive temperatures practice functioning with full battle gear loads at the ranges and in the desert camps. Mistakes are made, accidents happen and USMHK is there to

support them and get them back to duty quickly or onward for definitive care and rehabilitation. It is a rewarding mission and I feel fortunate to be here to experience it and extend the caring hand of Navy Medicine to our servicemen in Operation Iraqi Freedom. See you in 2006!



**John Hughes, RN United States Navy**

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