



# Highlights

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## Upcoming SAENA Meetings

Next Meeting will be held

**April 19 @ 7:30 PM**

**North Central Baptist Hospital**

520 Madison Oak Drive

210-297-4000

**Meeting and dinner**

**Everyone welcome**

2010 ENA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
**EMBRACE**  
PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES & FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

**September 21—25, 2010**

**San Antonio, TX**

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## Calendar of Events



### April

**16 & 17**—Texas state meeting @ South Padre Island

**19**—SAENA meeting @ North Central Baptist Hospital

### May

**8**—Safety Whys Babysitter Course in Helotes

**15**—10th Annual Safety Whys Adventure

Conference in Floresville

**17**—SAENA meeting  
**21, 22 & 23**—TNCC

### June

**12 & 13**—ENPC

**14**—Safety Whys Babysitters Course @ University Hospital  
**21**—SAENA meeting

### July

**8**—Injury Prevention Provider Course in Austin

**9 & 10**—Texas state meeting in Austin

**9, 10 & 11**—TNCC  
**19**—SAENA meeting

## President's Message

Mary Leblond, RN, MSN, CEN, SANE

Wow! Where does one begin to talk about all of the issues facing Emergency Nurses this year? This will be a year to remember the health care reform initiatives, nurses associations looking for ways to help nurses with evidenced based practices to help our patients, laws to protect nurses in their workplace, and to protect nurse whistle blowers. And....Emergency Nurses Association's 40th Anniversary is this year, cumulating in September during the National Emergency nursing Conference in San Antonio. What an awesome place to celebrate this event and ENAs goal is to have 40,000 members by this year. Please make plans to attend for the educational and networking experiences.

San Antonio ENA was the host to the Texas ENA state meeting in January where the strategic plan demonstrates initiatives to meet the National ENA's focus on our members and their patients. Our next Texas ENA meeting will be in April in South Padre Island.

In January, Valerie Brumfield and I attended the Na-

tional ENA Government Affairs workshop in Washington DC. Talking with the representatives, senators and their staff took on a new focus this year as the health reform bills are being discussed. If you get on the San Antonio ENA web page, there is a new web sticker on the front page.

- The Alert Sticker is similar to the Action Alert box at the ENA LAC Home Page. The Alert sticker is the only sticker with dynamic content, where the sticker will update automatically as the ENA Action Alerts change on the LAC Home Page. (The Alert titles in the sticker go directly to the ENA Action Alert pages for more information about the issue in the news or the action to take.)

In February, ENA's Leadership was in Chicago attended by over 1,000 emergency nurses and sponsors who participated in educational presentations and networking. Consistently, emergency nurses throughout the country are facing many of the same dilemmas seen in San Anto-



nio. The crowding issues, holding patients in the ED, wait times for patients to be seen, precepting new nurses in the ED, meeting federal and state mandates, mental health patients, patients without access to primary care or those uninsured were just some of the topics discussed along with strategies presented for emergency nurses to use daily.

Throughout this year, I hope you will look to the San Antonio ENA members and board as a resource for you in your practice. We invite you to join us as we learn new approaches and strategies which will enhance our patient care and provide professional growth as ER nurses.

## TNCC Schedule for 2010

May 21, 22 & 23

July 9, 10 & 11

October 8, 9 & 10

December 3, 4 & 5

To register, contact Susan Douglass @ 210-358-4272 between 8:30 & 5:30 Mon.—Fri.

## ENPC Schedule for 2010

June 12 & 13

August 21 & 22

October 23 & 24

To register, contact Diane Walcutt @ 210-387-7236 between 8:30 & 5:30 Mon.—Fri.

## What is Your ENA Membership Worth?

**You can easily receive more than 5 TMES your annual membership dues in benefits, services and resources!**

- Publications, including ENA’s flagship Journal of Emergency Nursing (a \$89 value) and ENA Connection newsletter (a \$50 value) \$139 worth of publications included with your ENA membership.
- Member-only discounts of 10% to 25%, or more on educational products and merchandise.
- Discounted fees for ENA Annual Conference (\$135 savings) and Leadership Conference (\$110 savings), as well as other ENA-sponsored educational seminars and classes.
- Preferred pricing—for Certified Emergency Nurses (CEN), Certified Pediatric Emergency Nursing (CPEN), Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN) and Certified Transport Registered Nurse (CTRN) exams offered by the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN).
- Grants and scholarships of up to \$10,000 through the ENA foundation.
- Other money-saving benefits including discount computer purchase, cash rebates (in most states) when you buy or sell a home, ENA credit card, and more.
- Exclusive access to the members-only section of the ENA Web site at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) which offers important features such as Document Sharing, ListServes, Special Interest Groups, and Career Center.
- Continuing education programs offering contact hours and the opportunity to meet, network with and learn from colleagues from across the nation and around the world. And remember, each issue of JEN offers up to 8.5 hours of contact hours at a very modest cost.
- A network of state councils and chapters providing you with local meetings, events, networking and support.

### Kudos and Recognition

- Thanks to **Methodist Hospital** for allowing us to hold the January TXENA State Meeting in the John Hornbeak Building.
- Much appreciation to **Cindy Saunders and Mary Leblond** on their hard work, planning and coordination for the state meeting.
- A thank you goes to **Baptist Health School of Professionals** for allowing us space in their facility for our January SAENA meeting.
- Thank you to the **University ED nurses** for preparation of the Saturday lunch at our state meeting.
- Appreciation goes out to **University Hospital** for providing us meeting space for our February meeting.

### Committees and Committee Chairpersons

#### Consumer Education

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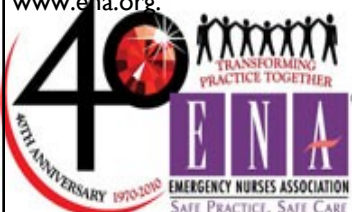
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As part of the 40th Anniversary celebration, ENA is offering all emergency nurses the gift of two free evidence-based Emergency Nursing Resources (ENRs) which are: *Use of Capnography During Procedural Sedation/Analgesia in the Emergency Department* and *Family Presence During Invasive Procedures and Resuscitation in the Emergency Department*. Throughout 2010, you may download these for free from [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).



## Injury Prevention Provider Course

Have you thought about having injury prevention activities in your community, but didn't know where to start? This can include such events as bicycle rodeos, seat belt and car seat checks, drinking and driving programs, fitting helmets for cycling and skateboarding.

On July 8th, in Austin, the Texas Injury Prevention committee will provide an Injury Prevention Provider course. This course will include both lecture and hands on demo and practice sec-

tions. The goal of the course is so each attendee will be prepared to provide an injury prevention activity, of their choice, in their community.

This will be an 8 hour course and CEUs will be available. Breakfast and lunch will be included with the registration, along with freebies, appropriate for this course.

Watch future editions of **Highlights** for complete details and registration information. This informa-

tion will also be available on [www.sanantonioena.org](http://www.sanantonioena.org) and [www.txena.org](http://www.txena.org). Make plans now to attend this fun activity.

Check out special promotions, such as group membership discounts, on the ENA website. [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org). This is ENAs 40th anniversary, and there are incentives available to increase membership. The national goal—40,000 members in 2010.