

South Dakota Emergency Nurse's Association

CEN REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

SDENA is proud to announce the CEN Reimbursement Program. Our organization is strongly committed to promoting members education and advancement in their professional practice. Achieving CEN (Certified Emergency Nurse) status is a statement of dedication and commitment to providing excellent nursing care. In recognition of these efforts SDENA will reimburse the fee of \$190.00 (ENA member rate) after successful completion of the CEN process: initial test and/or recertification. The process is as follows:

Eligibility....SDENA members. Encourage your fellow nurses to join the organization.

Steps...Take CEN exam or complete recertification process. You must be an SDENA member! Submit application (after successful completion) which includes a copy of the CEN certificate or

card and your facilities nurse manager signature.

Funds....SDENA has dedicated \$3000.00 ("1st come-1st reimbursed") to the CEN Reimbursement Program for 2006

Promotion....An announcement will be sent in early January to all SD hospital DON's and/or ED Managers with details of the program. SDENA will also provide CEN review course sponsorships in the amount of \$500.00 per course. If your facility plans a review course, please contact the SDENA President, Treasurer or the Trauma Chair person all of which are noted in this newsletter.

All members are encouraged to share the news of this exciting program with their nurse leaders and co workers.

President's Message

We've rang in the New Year and many of us have made our new years resolutions. Have you made yours? You might want to consider making a resolution to take the CEN this year. SDENA is sponsoring a CEN Reimbursement Program. One of the common reasons nurses say they don't take the CEN is because of the cost. SDENA has taken that excuse off of your list. You can now take the CEN (as an SDENA member), pass it and get reimbursed for the test fee of \$190. Another resolution you might want to include is becoming more involved in SDENA. As newsletter editor, I am always looking for someone to submit

articles of interest. We have several other committees who could use your time, commitment and expertise. Schools, communities and colleagues welcome the wealth of knowledge you could share with them. Please contact any committee chair or myself to express your interest or gain more information. We would love to hear from you.

May this be your year to shine personally and professionally and to show what truly wonderful people and nurses South Dakota has.

Tammy Dohman
SDENA President

Individual Highlights

- Mark your Calendar for CEN Review Course March 8 & 9th
- Congratulations to Jill Wiesner and Cindy Baldwin. They were re-elected to Treasurer and Secretary!

Special Interest Articles:

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Inserts :

- CEN Review
- Meeting Minutes
- Agenda
- CEN Review Brochure

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Baldwin

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Jody Foster

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Pat Sortland

SDENA DELEGATE EXPERIENCE IN NASHVILLE

I attended my first ENA National conference in Nashville as a alternate delegate. What a wonderful experience it was. There were so many other emergency nurses, however it still felt like a small town. I would especially like to thank Avera St. Luke's, SDENA and my co-workers in the ED for making it possible for me to have had this opportunity for professional growth.

Cindy Nelson

Thank you, SDENA , for support so I could attend the National conference in Nashville. It was a totally wonderful experience, exhausting but very good!! Thanks again!!

Dory Gassman



2005 General Assembly Delegates and Alternate Delegates: (left to right): Cindy Nelson, Dory Gassman, Mikki Baschnagel, Patty Knoll and Tammy Dohman

Being a delegate was a wonderful experience. I would definitely go again if given the opportunity to attend another national convention. The conference experience made me feel that with greater involvement I could really make a difference in my community and state. I felt really important pressing my button to vote. I met some wonderful people that share the same feelings and weird sense of humor about being an ER nurse.

Mikki Baschnagel

Imagine emergency nurses from across the country coming together in order to share with others who truly know "what it's like in the ED". This is the experience of being a delegate to the National Emergency Nurses Conference. Those of us who attended learned that our strengths and our frustrations are shared by other emergency nurses. The conference in Nashville provided us with pertinent as well as interesting educational offerings. We had great food, great entertainment and best of all great personal interaction with other emergency nurses. It was a pleasure to represent South Dakota at the 2005 National ENA Conference. Thank you all for your support.

Patty Knoll, RN

Government Affairs Committee

Submitted by Lisa Hatzenbeller, RN

An elected, eleven member Board of Directors is responsible for the direction and oversight of ENA's government affairs programs. ENA's government affairs programs are designed to:

- Advocate quality patient care, injury prevention, and wellness promotion.
- Represent the interests and concerns of emergency nursing professionals.
- Provide a strong unified voice for emergency nursing through legislative and regulatory representation.
- Facilitate broad member participation.

In the news: Everyone is closely watching the avian flu virus and health officials are concerned about the short supplies of vaccines and the medication Tamiflu. The federal government is increasing its stockpile of Tamiflu and a vaccine against the virus to 20 million doses of each. Yet, such doses are still below the quantities that would be needed if the virus were not quickly detected and contained. This is the second consecutive year in which alcohol-related fatalities were reduced. Federal government studies indicate, what emergency department already know, that driving under the influence is one of the nation's most frequently committed and deadliest crimes.

Trauma Committee Report-TNCC Reimbursement

Submitted by Clara Johnson, RN, MS, Trauma Committee Chairperson

SDENA will continue the TNCC reimbursement program in 2006 marking the 6th year of the program. Letters will be sent to the DON's of all SD hospitals with less than 50 beds or those designated as Critical Access Hospitals. SDENA is truly committed to disseminating trauma nursing education. The organization has taken an admirable approach to assisting our small hospitals who have little or no education dollars in tight budgets. The following is a summary of monies reimbursed in the program's history.

2001.....	\$4095.00
2002.....	\$4250.00
2003.....	\$5500.00
2004.....	\$4450.00
2005.....	\$3630.00 with \$870.00 monies left from budgeted dollars
2006.....	\$5000.00 has been budgeted

The following facilities have benefited from the program: Armour, Rosebud IHS, DeSmet, Bowdle, Hoven, Platte, Scotland, Viborg, Canton, Chamberlain, Redfield, Spearfish, Gettysburg, Mobridge, Tyndall, Webster, Madison, Freeman, Parkston, Britton, Burke, Winner, Flandreau, Clear Lake and Custer. Please share this information with your nurse managers. Showcase the great efforts of our organization. We indeed can be proud of our dedication to fellow nurses, our hospitals and to our patients.

The Trauma Committee and Pediatric Committee are planning a TNCC and ENPC Instructor Course Day sometime in mid summer. Details will be forth coming with details and dates. Discussion is also underway regarding a CATN (Course in Advanced Trauma Nursing) course in 2006. Again details and dates will be announced in the upcoming newsletters and via course flyers.

Must Knows From SDENA EIC

Submitted by Dory Gassman, RN, BSN, SDENA EIC

- ENA members willing to commit to promote the new Choices for Living program in your community (replaces Dare to Care) contact me. SDENA will purchase the program.
- Funding available for helmets through an application process for the Bike with Care Program. See application form
- National ENA compiles stats and a report quarterly of the activities submitted by each state, so please get the necessary info into me as soon as course completed—Date course held, number participating, title of course, and who taught.
- ICE your cell phone---“In Case of Emergency”. This is tool being used by emergency personnel through the nation to contact victims loved ones. By entering your emergency contacts into your phone it makes the information readily available ultimately making notification efforts faster and easier. Spread the practice.
- Driving Skills for Life--- This is an awesome website with interactive activities, PSAs, brochures, and teaching curriculum, check it out the work is done! The word just needs to be spread!
www.drivingskillsforlife.com



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Dates & Times to Remember

TNCC Provider:

March 8-9: Rapid City Regional Hosp; 605-719-2273

March 14-15 @Sioux Valley Hospital

April 4-6 @ Vermillion; Contact Sioux Valley Hospital

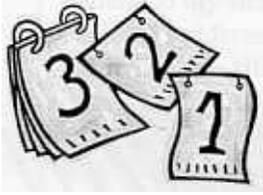
April 19-20: Rapid City Hospital; 605-719-2273

ENPC:

February 8-9 @ SVH

Trauma Symposium:

April 5 @ Best Western Ramkota Inn. For more information call:
605-322-1285



ICE Your Cell Phone

ICE stands for In
Case of Emergency

Most of us carry cell phones; let's use this to our advantage even when we can't be the one making the call!

ICE stands for In Case of Emergency, this is a national initiative used to aid in contacting loved ones if you are injured. Paramedics and emergency response personnel are being alerted to look to the cell phone for ICE in your address book to find the contact person.

What do you need to do? Add ICE to your address book then enter your number of the individual to contact in case of an emergency.

Spread the word this is a great way to make notifying efforts easier & faster! With the holiday season upon us and everyone on the go update your phone today with ICE!



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*We cannot hold a
torch to light
another's path without
brightening our own.*
Ben Sweetland

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