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SDENA Newsletter

South Dakota Emergency Nurse's Association

COME AND JOIN THE FUN !!

Individual Highlights

- Tammy Dohman appointed to EMS Advisory Committee
- Dory Gassman wins ENA Exhibitor Scholarship.
- Mark your Calendars for SDENA's Fall Trip September 30th-October 1st!!!!!!

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Delegate Application
June Meeting Minutes

SDENA OFFICERS

President: Tammy Dohman

Secretary: Cindy Baldwin

Treasurer: Jill Wiesner

Immediate Past

President: Jody Foster

Board Member-at-Large:

Pat Sortland

Mark your calendar for another SD ENA fall trip...**JUST FOR YOU**. For those who attended the 2003 trip to Minneapolis, you will recall the great time that all experienced. This year's bus trip will be to Omaha, Nebraska departing Sioux Falls on Friday, September 30th at approximately 9am with plans to stay in the Old Market area with return on Sat October 1st in the early evening. Tentative plans include a Friday evening dinner aboard the Fremont Dinner Train which is a 30 mile round trip from Fremont to the historic town of Hooper set in the 1940's. On board the renovated train, the group will experience fine dining, USO shows, melodrama or a murder mystery and great wine tasting. Saturday's plans include a trip to the Lauritzen Botanical Gardens and Center, a 100 acre site close to the Henry Doorly Zoo. The Garden is home to naturalistic

landscape of trees, shrubs, prairie grasses, streams, ponds, a bird sanctuary, small waterfalls and hundreds to thousands of flowers. Area highlights include the "Garden in the Glen, English Perennial Border, Victorian Garden, Woodland Pond, Festival Garden, Song of the Lark Meadow, Rose Garden and Spring Flowering Walk." Both days will allow time for shopping and shopping and shopping at the multiple Old Market shops and a Omaha shopping mall. Transportation will be provided by Prairie Coach from Dell Rapids. Don't miss this opportunity to be pampered and relax with really great people. Full details including cost will be forthcoming.

Clara Johnson RN, MS
Trauma Committee Chairperson

President's Message

Here's hoping this summer finds everyone having a safe and enjoyable few months. For those nurses taking TNCC this year and are working in small hospitals, don't forget to apply for the TNCC Reimbursement Program that is provided through SDENA.

A big congratulations to Dory Gassman! She applied for and won the Exhibitor's Scholarship to attend Scientific Assembly this fall in Nashville.

It was an honor to be on the Elections Process (now Nominations) Committee over the past year. It was a fun and enlightening experience and the people

I worked with were wonderful. My bid for re-election was unsuccessful but thank you everyone for your support.

Governor Mike Rounds appointed me to the EMS Advisory Committee and I am excited to get to work on that project.

This year ENA's General Assembly is in Nashville. There is a delegate application enclosed with this newsletter. If you are interested in becoming a delegate for this year, please fill out a form and return it to me by said date.

Have a safe summer.

Tammy Dohman
SDENA President

HAVE YOU THOUGHT PERTUSSIS?



*Bordetella
Pertussis*

Healthcare providers who have unprotected contact with someone infected with Pertussis are also at risk of transmission.

THINK PERTUSSIS! During May and June cases of Pertussis are being identified more frequently in children and adults from our region. 68 confirmed cases in Lincoln County alone. Pertussis or whooping cough is a respiratory illness that can affect adolescents, adults and partially or non-immunized children. Childhood Pertussis vaccination wanes by about age 14-16 leaving older adolescents and adults no longer immune from vaccine and therefore able to be infected with Pertussis. Pertussis is very easily transmitted from person to person. Complications of Pertussis can be severe, including death.

INCUBATION PERIOD: The time from when a person is exposed to when Pertussis develops ranges from 4-21 days, commonly 7-10 days, but can be as long as 42 days.

SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN:

- ✓ Stage 1: Runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever and a mild, occasional cough similar to a common cold. Lasts for 1-2 weeks.
- ✓ Stage 2: Cough becomes more severe. The patient has bursts (paroxysms) of numerous, rapid coughs probably due to difficulty expelling thick mucus from the bronchial tree. At the end of the paroxysm, a long inspiration is accompanied by a high-pitched "whoop". The child may turn blue, vomit and be very exhausted after coughing. Between attacks the patient usually appears normal. This stage last several weeks (1-6).
- ✓ Stage 3: Recovery is gradual with less paroxysmal coughing that disappears in 2-3 weeks. Paroxysms can occur for many months with subsequent respiratory infections. Fever is generally minimal.

SYMPTOMS IN ADOLESCENTS/ADULTS:

- ✓ Adolescents, adults and those partially protected by vaccine may become infected with Pertussis but usually have milder disease. These persons may present with a persistent cough that has lasted greater than 7 days. Symptoms may be indistinguishable from other respiratory infections.
- ✓ Inspiratory "whoop" is uncommon in this age group.

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PERTUSSIS PREVENTION

- ✓ Vaccination provides protection from Pertussis infection during childhood years.
- ✓ As healthcare workers, prevention can be provided by having the patient wear a mask, or wearing a mask to care for any patient with undiagnosed respiratory illness.
- ✓ Persons with household, daycare and or significant occupational contact or exposure to a person with Pertussis may be prescribed antibiotics prophylactically to prevent infection.

PERTUSSIS TREATMENT: Several different antibiotics can be prescribed by your physician to treat Pertussis.

Submitted by Kay Boik, RN
Pediatric Chairperson



Trauma Committee Report-TNCC Reimbursement

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

SD ENA is in its' 5th year of the TNCC reimbursement Program. As an ongoing commitment to trauma nursing education, SD ENA has designated monies for RN's from small hospitals for TNCC. After successful completion of the course, the nurse can submit for course fee reimbursement minus the cost of the \$40.00 manual. Each January letters explaining the program are sent the hospital Director of Nurses. It is truly a compliment to our organization to be leaders in the state in trauma care. The TNCC provider courses are disseminated under the auspice of the following hospitals: Avera Mckennan, Avera Queen of Peace, Rapid City Regional, Sioux Valley Hospital, and Avera St Lukes'. Recently the DON's of the Mobridge and Bowdle hospitals have become instructors with plans to offer courses collaboratively. Presently there are approximately 20 courses per year offered collectively by the above facilities. Monies reimbursed by SD ENA in past and present years are as follows:

2001.....	\$4250.00
2002.....	\$4070.00
2003.....	\$5500.00
2004.....	\$4450.00
2005.....	\$1535.00*

*through 6/15/05 to 11 nurses from Armour, Sisseton IHS, Scotland, Rosebud IHS, Canton and DeSmet.

During the 2001 through 2004 years, SD ENA allowed \$5000.00 for the program. The 2005 allotment is \$4000.00. Also each year application for additional dollars has been initiated with National ENA. The national award for 2005 was \$500.00 thus bringing the potential reimbursement monies to \$4500.00.

SD ENA members, take pride and tell your fellow nurses what the organization does. Frequently nurses will ask, "Why should I join a professional organization?" and "What do they do for me?" You now have an answer!!!!



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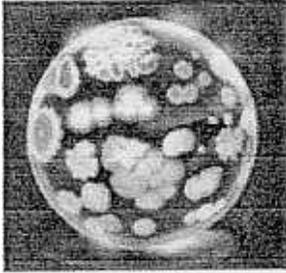
Staffing...Triage...Crowding...Diversion

ED Managers, we NEED YOUR HELP. ENA has conducted the emergency department benchmark study since 1995. The information from ED Managers is critical for identifying, understanding, and responding to the rapid changes in emergency health care, staffing, overcrowding, and patient safety. Your support of this on-going effort is greatly appreciated. If you are an ED Manager and have not completed the benchmark survey or you have not received the survey...Log onto www.ena.org and click on the Top 10 Reasons to Complete the Survey. You will find access to the survey in this area.

The final date to complete the survey is November 1, 2005.

ATTENTION ED MANAGERS
Please take the time to fill out ENA's benchmark survey

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