

California Emergency Nurses Association

THE MONITOR

President's Message

Hello All!

What a great 6 months it has been. My Presidency is half over. I cannot believe it! Since I last wrote to you all what have we been doing?

Where do I begin?

First, on behalf of Cal ENA, Matt and I graciously accepted the California State Council 2008 Achievement Award at Leadership in Reno. It was so amazing to be on stage with a 747, yep, a 747. If you did not have the chance to see the photos in the May "Connection" please log on to www.ena.org and take a look. Pretty impressive! The Leadership Conference was fantastic. Great speakers, great friends, and great fun! The Cal ENA ENAF bowling tournament that our very own Diane Schertz (ENAF Extraordinaire) organized and graciously orchestrated was so much fun with a great turn out. (Mark, make sure you include the picture of Diane Schertz standing on the chair, Injury Prevention anyone?) Matt was so handsome in his suit out there in the hall greeting members and answering questions in regards to his quest to become a Director of the ENA. (he did not want me taking his picture, think I listened?)

Second, Debby Rogers provided a day on "The Hill". Several of us met at our beautiful State Capitol in April for a Leg Day. Debby provided a tour and a chance for us to "watch" our Assembly member's at "work". Then we divided up and went visiting. Several of us had appointments with our local Assembly member's staffers and Senator's staffers. We provided them with Cal ENA's position on several very important pieces of Legislature. It was incredibly powerful and well received. The power of voice in numbers is amazing.

Third, CFEDwest!!!!!!! Wow, what a week. Our BOD and State Council meetings started off the week. We had lots to discuss. Please review the minutes from the State Council meeting on our website @ www.calena.us. I highly recommend you take a look.

The State Council meeting was sponsored by AMR and Californians for Patient Care. We thank you both very much for your support!

Three Scholarship Awards were announced. The Entry Level Scholarship was awarded to Laurie Silicato, congratulations Laurie! The Daniel Kelleher Scholarship was



awarded to Robert Toman and Kent Lee, congratulations Robert and Kent!

While we were at the BOD and State Council Meetings Gail Dodge and her group of TNCC Instructors provided a TNCC Course for over 30 participants at the Conference Center. Thank you Gail, you are amazing!

CFEDwest itself was a huge hit! The Conference was very well attended with over 1300 registered (Police, Fire, Homeland Security, EMS, Nurses, etc.) out of the 1300, there were over 300 nurses registered.

Matt and I took turns providing the introductions for the speakers during the nursing tracks. The presentations by all were excellent!

In the exhibit hall the Cal ENA booth was managed by Ellie Encapera and Janet Williams. Ellie put together a couple of surveys for visitors to fill out based on their status as either ENA members or potential members. I'm looking forward to the summary.

ENA National Nominations opened on May 14th and closed in mid June. We made every effort to allow our members to vote at our booth however due to the delay of Election Procedures sent out to our members we were unsuccessful. We are so proud that Matt Powers won a 3 year term on the national Board of Directors. Thanks to all of you, the state with the most ENA members, California, once again has representation on the board.

California State Council nominations for the 2010 BOD kicked off too! You will know those results very soon! (technically, nominations opened in January, but we turned up the "heat", 102 degrees to be exact).

So what else will we have done even before the "Monitor" is published?

I will have given the opening address at the Senior Injury Prevention Conference in San Diego, attended the CHA EMS/Trauma Conference in La Quinta (yep, back to 102 degree heat!). That is just a sampling of the incredibly busy California State Council of the Emergency Nurses Association.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Los Angeles @ Universal Studios in August. Remember, there is something positive to be gleaned from everything that happens. Make it your mission to find that positive aspect.

Thank you so much for all that you do everyday as Emergency Nurses!

Kind Regards-
Janet

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Education and Events

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7/17-18/09, San Diego, Rady Children's
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CEN Review Classes

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or cancelled after publication. Please confirm
dates with course directors or at:
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for current course listings.**

Call one of these providers for their next class:

Selfridge, Sparger, Shea Assoc.
(800) 270-2500

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Paragon Education (800) 997-9937
(previously Randolph Associates)

Cathy McJannet
cathy.mcjannet@usa.net

Don't forget to register for national
ENA's Annual Conference in
Baltimore, MD
October 7-10, 2009

Go to www.ena.org for information

Important Dates

2009 Board and State Council meetings

Aug 13-14: Universal City Hilton

Nov 12-13: San Diego TBA

Next Newsletter Deadline: Sept 10

Committee News

Membership

Chapter	1/09	3/09	5/09
(223) East Bay	285	291	302
(224) Greater LA	471	482	494
(225) Mid-Valley	270	247	245
(226) Orange Coast	254	256	261
(228) San Diego	332	342	328
(230) San Francisco	251	246	238
(232) Loma Prieta	222	232	241
(253) Sacramento	416	420	422
(362) Inland Empire	277	282	281
(378) Channel Islands	137	141	148
(379) Superior	137	142	144
(442) Kern County	49	46	46
Total	3108	3117	3150

These are the most current totals for our 12 active Chapters and overall total for the California Council as of May 1, 2009. Monthly lists of No Chapter Assigned (NCA) members are immediately assigned to a chapter by their zip code mailing address and sent back to National. The California Chapter Locator by Counties can be found on the Cal ENA website www.calena.us check it out to see where you belong.

For timely communication and optimal membership services all members should always keep their membership, email & mailing addresses current ***with ENA's National office.*** Only the individual member can update or change their personal information, email address and chapter preference with the national office. This data then filters down to state and local listings.

Cal ENA's 2009 State Membership Campaign "Up for Grabs, Again" concluded on April 30, 2009. Each Chapter awarded 3 new memberships to registered nurses. In addition, some California Chapters accepted the challenge to match these gifts, sponsoring students and nurses, adding to our totals. A personal letter of congratulations will be mailed to each pre paid award recipient, welcoming them to ENA, encouraging them to take advantage of all membership benefits and get involved in ENA activities.

Calling all Delegates... It is time to apply for delegate status. Applications (revised 1/2009) and instructions can be found on the Cal ENA website www.calena.us under documents. The deadline for "best position on the list is June 5, 2009. If we reach 3,200 members by mid June we can anticipate needing 64 delegates + 2 alternates this year. The discussions this year will include bylaw amendments, resolutions and a decision regarding future delegate representation. We need you!

Join the ENA Connection on line at www.ena.org providing members with information, professional development, networking opportunities and on-line shopping. The "members only" section is great so check it out and sign up today!

Membership packets are a great tool to recruit or welcome new members. You can get them, FREE from the national office for your recruitment needs. Market ENA at your educational events and meetings.

Ellie Encapera

Quick Survey of Member Involvement

This survey was taken at the ENA booth during CFEDwest. There were 29 members who filled out the survey. Here are the results:

Question	Yes	No
Are you certified in emergency nursing practice?	13	16
Have you ever attended a chapter meeting?	15	14
Have you ever attended a state council meeting?	8	21
Have you ever attended an ENA sponsored educational event?	26	3
Have you ever attended a national conference (Annual Scientific Assembly and/or Leadership Conference)?	16	13
Do you read written and electronic ENA news items?	27	2
Do you take part in local, state or national elections?	15	14
Are you active in ENA at any level?	7	22
Have you served as a voting delegate at an ENA National General Assembly?	6	23
Would you like more information about serving as a voting delegate?	8	21
Are you satisfied with the benefits and opportunities ENA offers its members?	29	0

Committee News

Membership and Communications

The purpose of this group is to provide a venue for Cal ENA members to seek advice and share ideas with their colleagues. Timely communications are essential to our members who take the time to stay informed. They look to state and chapter leaders for current, concise information regarding meetings, events and educational offerings. Newsletters and electronic communications are the best venues to convey dates, times and locations of meetings and events.

At our meeting in Palm Springs, members present wanted information regarding the duties and responsibilities of delegates and what resolutions and bylaw amendments would be discussed this year. The importance of timely newsletter distribution along with content and examples of formatting was shared by the Sacramento group. Orange Coast has had very successful meetings at popular restaurants offering a meal and CE programs sponsored by vendors. Other options for chapter meetings were explored. The Sacramento Chapter has innovative ideas for “play together, stay together” meetings and social events. Chapter reports to The Monitor, our state newsletter, are encouraged and should include vital information of interest to its members. Meetings, events and educational offerings should include dates, time, location and content. Advertise educational events, brochures, costs, etc. and share your news with surrounding chapters. Join us during committee meeting time at our next state council meeting.

Ellie Encapera

Government Affairs

GAC see report. ACEP is concerned about our stand on their overcrowding plan -NEDOCS (the proposed plan doesn't tell us what to do to alleviate overcrowding) AB360 would require new-hire orientation for 5 days before they can work – to limit scabs. There is a Helipad bill that would allow them to stay – despite neighborhood concerns. It has a good chance of success. Go to website to see the latest updates on bills and legislative actions:

<http://calena.us/government%20affairs.htm>

Debby Rogers

Trauma

ENA sponsored instructor courses held May 30 to get instructors willing to teach out of their area. Robert gets weekly updates about courses all over the state. Those open to all will be posted on our website.

Robert Toman

Pediatrics

The Pediatric Committee was attended by a small mighty group of nurses with a love of pediatric nursing. We first discussed the Pediatric and Trauma Committee Conference Call that took place the day before. ENPC classes were discussed with suggestions about how to have better classes, helping your students prepare, and the one day renewal courses.

Rita Nicklas from Northern California had emailed the Peds chair, asking permission to have an ENPC director from Nevada teach a course. It was decided that this was a courtesy notice as ENPC is nationwide and instructors can teach in all states. She was notified that this was not a problem.

Since we have a very strong budget due to ENPC assessments coming to the committee, the pediatric committee is hoping some hospitals or councils will request grants to assist with the ENPC courses in underserved areas. We are also looking to help out with injury prevention or any other financial assistance pertaining to the emergency care of pediatrics. Interested persons should contact the Peds chair and the committee will discuss and vote on it at the next meeting in August.

Isolation practices were discussed, especially as it pertains to the recent “swine flu” media frenzy. Most hospitals are giving masks to the patients and family members with symptoms and the staff is using N95 masks as recommended by the CDC. Some hospitals even erected tents in their parking lots to help sort and triage the large influx of patients. This was a great preparation and learning opportunity for the upcoming flu season in winter.

Finally, we discussed the ever growing problem of pediatric psych patients in our emergency departments. At the present time there is no solution and we are all having difficulties placing patients due to limited resources.

Please contact me with any requests for future topics to be discussed at meetings, requests for grant money, or any other questions.

Christine Marshall

EMS Commission

From Government Affairs – Discussed AB 1272 and AB 1205. Will watch funding bills AB 511, AB 1153 and AB 1174.

From DIG – Last meeting mostly H1N1. The DIG is considering compiling information for guidelines to reoccupy post evacuation.

No reports from Air Medical TF, State Stroke TF, State STEMI TF

Old Business – The new AED legislation AB 142 concerns

State and Chapter News

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health studios. Legislation to address the need for the medical Rx will not occur this legislative period. At the time the June Statewide exercise is still scheduled. It may focus on lessons learned and best practices so good ideas can be disseminated.

New Business – Discussed H1N1 infection Control practices. Since very few admissions occurred, most patients were seen in an ED type setting. Reiterated statistics from the SARS event – 51% of the patients were health-care workers and the primary vector for spreading SARS was HEALTHCARE WORKERS. Learn from others.

Judith A. Scott

State Council News

Treasurer **Linda Broyles** reports on our spending for national ENA Assembly in Baltimore. Approval has been granted to pay our delegates for 4 days this year at \$75/day. (Please don't double-dip—if your chapter gives you a per diem, be sure

the total adds up to what you spend to register, travel to and stay at the conference. Delegates will wear the long khaki shirt from last year on the first day of General Assembly. The treasury will buy you a new one if you are a new delegate. On the second day, wear one of your logo Polo shirts from past years. The State will sponsor a Wine and Cheese Reception in Baltimore. Our own **Julie Rossie**, with help, has put together a Healthy Emergency Systems resolution for consideration at GA. We will also debate national Bylaws changes that would reduce the total number of delegates to 700.

Due to budget constraints, national has canceled the excellent State Leaders Orientation held yearly in Chicago. We will make do with our own 4 hour orientation prior to the November State Council.

Past-president **Matt Powers** is reviewing the Bylaws. Drafts will be posted on the website. Be prepared to vote on them at the August meeting.

Plans for **2010 State Council** meetings were announced:

- January - Sacramento, Leg Day
- May - Palm Springs, CFEDwest
- August - Monterey or San Jose
- November - Huntington Beach



Chapter News

East Bay Chapter last meeting had 16 members who enjoyed a free meal while they learned about OB emergencies and bladder resection.

Mid Valley distributed their free memberships. They will give \$25 towards renewal to aid retention.

Orange Coast had a luncheon at Mission Hospital on sponsored by Arctic Sun. They had a dinner at Roy's sponsored by Baxter, that included a talk on subq hydration. They held their CEN Review at the end of May, along with a TNCC and PNCC.

San Diego had their annual 911 Conference on April 17 at Scripps La Jolla. Many student nurses attended. Their Overcrowding Summit was also at Scripps.

San Francisco had over 20 members at their UCSF meeting. The students are present at meetings every other 3rd Thursday. They are planning an Emergency Preparedness class—From Home to Hospital in September.

Channel Islands had a talk by the FBI, a talk on Poisoning and a big dinner at the end of May at a Steak House sponsored by Baxter.

Loma Prieta gave away 3 memberships. They held their annual class called Emergency Care Through the Ages this May. Monthly meetings still draw 20-30. Dr. Lonergan spoke on Botulism at one.

Inland Empire had a Snake Bite talk, a Baxter sponsored dinner at El Torito and a Loma Linda meeting in May. They gave away 2 memberships, requiring winners come to some meetings.

Sacramento has 20 members at their meetings. Their goal is to be a professional and a social organization to encourage members to stay and play. At one meeting, they had a Chemical Inservice. They are planning an ED Nuts and Bolts Conference and a Camping Trip July 10-11

Kern County had their annual event, this year it was an X-Ray and Ultrasound Interpretation class in February. A CEN Review is planned in July. They also designed a unique ED shirt.

Trauma System: Moving Along at Freeway Speeds

by Julie Rossie, RN, Sue Fortier, RN, Angela Hackensmidt, RN

California has gained momentum to develop a statewide trauma system. In 1983, Regional Trauma Systems language was included in the Health and Safety Code to allow but not require local trauma care system development. As a result, California's current trauma care system is comprised of local and optional trauma systems. **Allowing local areas the option of developing a trauma system has fragmented the California State Trauma system. Rural, remote, lower population areas and those with insufficient health care resources are challenged to develop trauma systems leaving gaps in access in several areas of the state.** In 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger directed the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMS Authority) in collaboration with the Trauma Advisory Committee to complete the statewide trauma care plan.

In the time since, the state EMS Authority has developed an assessment of need and an implementation process for developing the state system. Even though a state trauma plan has not been completed, the EMS Authority is moving smartly forward. Three recommendations were identified during the assessment process to be necessary for development of a statewide trauma system – strengthen the State trauma leadership, develop a statewide trauma registry, and consider trauma system funding. Additionally, the recommendations call for transitioning from a decentralized, local optional trauma system to a statewide coordinated trauma system through the establishment of a regional trauma care network.

With this, the development of a statewide trauma care system was off and running! The state has been self-divided into five regions, each **with the mutual goal of improving trauma care throughout the region, improving access to underserved areas, and balancing resources. The five regions closely mirror the existing five regions of the state's Office of Emergency Services (OES), and were developed with consideration to geographic area, population density, transportation and emergency resources, current trauma patient flow patterns and inclusion of a Level I Center. The RTCC's will provide local representation in statewide system planning and oversight.** The 5 regions are No. CA, Bay Area, Central CA, Southwest, and Southeast. (See map at: <http://calena.us/trauma.htm>) Each region has developed a Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee (RTCC). Here is a brief overview of the focus of each RTCC:

Northern California:

Identified team of trauma experts as members of the Executive Steering Committee;
Established sub-committees on trauma triage, air utilization and transfer, and gap analysis;
Regional Summit planned for July 2009.

Bay Area:

Identified leadership team and core members;
Established work groups for data and performance improvement, inventory of resources and system status, policy development, and research and grant development;
Regional Summit held June 8, 2009 with topics that included helicopter utilization, Statewide Highway Safety Plan, spinal cord and burn resources, funding options, and system case reviews.

Central California:

Developed and approved bylaws;
Final development stages of a regionalized gap analysis, common field trauma triage criteria document, regionalized committee structure recommendation, and implementation of a rural trauma course;
Regional Summit held on June 25, 2009 in Fresno.

Southwest:

Established an executive leadership team with the first meeting held on May 29, 2009 in Ventura;
Established project chapters for sub-groups on access to care, quality improvement, trauma data system, and mass casualty;
Regional Summit held on January 23, 2009 in Thousand Oaks.

Southeast:

Developed subgroups on quality improvement, field trauma triage, and funding and repatriation;
2nd Regional Summit held on June 5, 2009 in Palm Springs.

Clearly each RTCC is hard at work developing a system to meet the trauma care needs of their residents. Currently, four key areas are being looked at in regards to development of a state trauma system: 1. Collection of data, with plans for a state-wide reporting system using consistent definitions and criteria to be trialed in November 2009; 2. Developing a (regional) resource inventory (gap analysis); 3. Developing regional trauma policies; 4. Grants and research.

The 2nd CA State System Summit will be held in San Diego on Sept 21, 2009. If you are interested in keeping up with the State Trauma Care Plan progress, go to www.emsa.ca.gov/systems/trauma or contact Johnathan Jones, RN, Trauma and Specialty Care Coordinator, EMS Authority at johnathan.jones@emsa.ca.gov.

Whether your healthcare practice is in pre-hospital, community hospital, non-trauma or trauma centers, we should hail the efforts of our fledgling statewide trauma system. We are on our way. The fuel tank is full and the freeway is wide open. Destination – California State Trauma System!

Resources for further information

Model Trauma System Planning and evaluation tool: <http://www.facs.org/trauma/traumasystemsplanning.html>
History of trauma system development: <http://www.emsa.ca.gov/systems/Trauma/files/CaliforniaTraumaHistory.ppt>
Model Trauma Systems Planning & Evaluation: <http://www.emsa.ca.gov/systems/files/trauma/ModelTraumaPlan.ppt#256,1,HRSA>

Board Candidates' Statements

For President-Elect

(1)

**Linda Broyles, RN, MSN, MICN,
CEN**

San Diego Chapter

Current Position: Clinical Coordinator for AMR and QA/QI Clinical Coordinator for the Regional Cooperative Care Program for five Fire Agencies in San Diego County



I have been a nurse for more than 30 years and a member of ENA for 20 years. During that time, I have served as President of the San Diego Chapter for the years of 2000 and 2001 and the Chapter treasurer for the years of 2002 to 2008. I am currently serving as your State Treasurer for 2009. My involvement in ENA at the State and Chapter level has provided me with the knowledge and expertise to serve as your President-elect. It would be my privilege to serve as a member of your Board of Directors.

ENA Involvement:

ENA Member 1989 to present
Certified Emergency Nurse 1990 - present
Member San Diego Chapter 1989 - present
Past President San Diego Chapter 2000 and 2001
Treasurer San Diego Chapter 2002 – 2008
ENA representative to EMCC 2003 - present
Treasurer Elect Cal ENA – 2008
Treasurer Cal ENA – 2009



(2)

Marcus Godfrey, RN

Sacramento Chapter

Current Position: Clinical Nurse Manager, Emergency Department, Sutter Roseville Medical Center and a member of the California Hospital Association's Trauma/EMS Committee

I believe in the aggressive outreach to inactive ENA emergency departments. It is the responsibility of CalENA and its chapters, to ensure that all ED nurses know that we are here for them, and that we have the resources they need to help them provide safe; quality; efficient; emergent care to their patients. Only through this outreach can we achieve the mission and purpose of the ENA. I have a long history of holding positions of leadership in my career; as a Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge and Independent Duty Medical Technician in the US Air Force, and as manager of a large emergency department in the private sector. I look forward to the opportunity to lead this great organization in the near future.

ENA Involvement:

2009 – President, Sacramento Chapter, CalENA
2009 – President-Elect, Sacramento Chapter, CalENA
2009 – Cal ENA GAC, Testifies for CalENA on all bills of interest at State Senate and Assembly Health Committees
2007 – Poster Presenter, ENA Leadership, Honolulu

Secretary

Linda Rosenberg, RN, BSN, MICN

San Diego Chapter

Current Position: Manager Pre-hospital/EMS
Sharp Memorial Hospital, San Diego, CA

I have been a nurse for over 30 years and my career includes 15 years at Long Beach Memorial (a Level 1 Trauma Center) in the SICU, L&D and Emergency Departments. My family moved to San Diego in 1993 and for the past 16 years I have worked at Sharp Memorial Hospital. I was initially hired as a trauma nurse team leader (TNTL) at Sharp Memorial and advanced to Clinical Educator for the Emergency Department. I have worked as Manager of the Pre-hospital/EMS Department for the past 6 years where I oversee the daily operations of our Base Station which receives over 2,000 calls a month. As part of the Emergency Department, I work closely with the Trauma Service to coordinate MICN and Trauma education and training. I am also an instructor for the Sharp Healthcare San Diego County MICN Training Course.

As the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator I am the liaison between the Pre-Hospital Provider Agencies, Fire Agencies, Flight Programs, and work closely with the other 6 Base Hospital Coordinators. San Diego County is very large with a total of 21 Emergency Receiving hospitals. I am active on multiple County EMS related and Disaster related committee's interacting with the Medical Society, County EMS, San Diego's Disaster Programs and I am affiliated with 3 Paramedic Colleges as their Clinical Preceptor. I am also currently an ACLS/BLS Instructor and TNCC Instructor. I am actively involved with ENA at the Chapter Level and I look forward to serving its members at the State Level by fulfilling new and challenging responsibilities on behalf of our wonderful organization.



ENA Involvement:

Member since 2000
2008 San Diego Chapter President
2007 San Diego Chapter President Elect
2007 Delegate for Scientific Assembly
2006 San Diego Chapter Secretary
2006 Delegate for Scientific Assembly
2005 Delegate for Scientific Assembly



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Board Candidates' Statements

Treasurer-Elect



(1)
**Kara Davis, RN, BSN,
ENPC, TNCC**

Superior California Chapter
Current Position: Staff Nurse,
Enloe Medical Center, Chico

I have been an ER nurse for twenty-three years and have been an ENA member for twenty-two years. As a member of ENA, I have been the president for Superior California Chapter, prehospital committee chair and a representative for ENA on many task force and vision committees. Recently, I have taken an interest in accounting and have taken accounting classes at a local community college for the past three semesters. I would be delighted to serve the organization as treasurer-elect.

Thank you for your consideration.



(2)
**Antonio T. Reyes, RN, BS,
CEN, MICN**

Greater LA Chapter
Current Position: Staff Nurse St
Jude Medical Center and Citrus
Valley Medical Center- Queen of
the Valley Campus.

I have been in this profession for almost a decade and most part of it was in the Emergency department as an ER nurse. From the medical surgical floor and critical

care setting, I became charge nurse and was invited to hold various supervisory positions. I then became an ER director of a 20-bed Emergency Department in a hospital in Orange County and was instrumental in the accreditation of Chest Pain Center by the Society of Chest Pain, the first in Orange County. I have been a very active member of ENA in local, state and national level. I was a member of the California delegation to the ENA National Assembly for three consecutive years and these have been very instrumental to my continuous growth as an ER nurse. I have realized how important this organization is to the development of our practice and I know I can be of service to this organization. I am looking forward to serving the entire ENA membership within the State of California and I know that with my utmost dedication to our association coupled with my passion to serve, uplift and improve the practice of emergency nursing, shall be my strength as I seek the position as Board of Director.

Director At Large

(1)
**Tobin (Toby) Miller RN, MICN, CEN,
CCRN**



East Bay Chapter

Current Position: Emergency Department Shift
Manager Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek
I am honored to be nominated to the State Board
of Directors again this year. My history with the
ENA includes the following:

- ENA State BOD – Secretary 2009
- East Bay President Elect Jan 2009 – May 2009
- East Bay President June 2009 – Present
- State Education Co-Chair 2009
- ENA National Delegate 2007, 2008
- Member of Greater LA Chapter 2005-2008

My professional work history includes ER Staff Nurse, ER Charge Nurse, ER Clinical Nurse Educator, House Supervisor, ICU Clinical Nurse Educator and ER Manager. During the past year I have relocated to Northern California to work for Kaiser Permanente as the Night ER Manager at the Walnut Creek Facility. In addition to my role at Kaiser Permanente, I maintain clinical competency by working as a per-diem nurse in the Los Angeles area. I maintain board certification in both Emergency (CEN) and Critical Care Nursing (CCRN). I also am a Los Angeles County certified Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN). I am also a part-time Medical Officer with the Holland America Cruise Line, working periodically as a nurse on board cruise ships.

I look forward to the opportunity to be able to continue to serve our State Membership and ensure that the vision of the California Emergency Nurses Association continues to be put into practice.



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My name is Janet Williams. I am the current CAL ENA Director at Large for 2009. I have enjoyed my experience serving on the current Board of Directors. I have encountered many new people and experiences this year. I currently work at Children's Hospital Central California. I have been there for almost 4 years. Nursing is my second career. I previously worked in the dairy industry as an accounts receivable manager. I am currently serving as Mid-Valley Chapter Immediate Past President. I have found that being a member of ENA has increased my knowledge and given me the chance to meet with nurses that have had so many different experiences. It is my hope in serving on the State Board to broaden my experiences and grow as a nurse. I am excited to be given the opportunity to have a chance to sit on the State Board of Directors.

Evidentiary Blood Alcohol Draws (Law Enforcement Request) by Emergency Department Nurses

It is not the responsibility of nurses to determine the guilt or innocence of a patient being investigated for drunk driving, nor to enforce drunk driving laws; nevertheless, nurses can play an important role in decreasing drunk driving by cooperating with a legally conducted DUI investigation¹.

A law enforcement officer may legally request a blood alcohol sample be drawn from a patient for use as evidence in a DUI investigation². Emergency department nurses may be concerned that cooperating with law enforcement may put their own safety and liability at risk. A recent statewide survey of emergency department nurses showed nurses had the following concerns:

- The threat of assault and battery charges

- Fear for personal safety because a patient was combative

- Concerns of liability due to hospital or management policy

- Wishing to avoid a subpoena to testify in court

There have been anecdotal reports of officers who have threatened to arrest a nurse who is unwilling or feels unable to comply with a request for a draw. These officers are possibly citing California PC148(a)³. Nurses who understand the laws pertaining to evidentiary blood alcohol draws are better able to make informed decisions about their actions in cooperating with a DUI investigation.

California VC 23612 states that any person who drives a motor vehicle is deemed to have given consent for an alcohol test if arrested under suspicion of drunk driving. If a nurse is asked to draw the blood for this test, VC 23158(d) specifically protects the nurse from criminal or civil prosecution, providing the following conditions are met: (1) The nurse is an RN or LVN, (2) the test is drawn in a reasonable manner according to accepted venipuncture practices, (3) the test is drawn without violence by the person administering the test, (4) the test was requested in writing by a peace officer⁴. With the exception of Los Angeles County, "forced blood draws" are sanctioned as law enforcement agency policy in all counties in California. Therefore, a nurse may draw blood from a patient who is being restrained by law enforcement personnel and remain protected from civil and criminal liability providing the other conditions of VC 23158(d) are met.

Patients being investigated for impaired driving may be uncooperative with any care provided. An experienced nurse may be able to obtain cooperation that will improve the safety of the nurse while drawing the test⁵ and prevent the patient from incurring additional legal penalties associated with the refusal of a legally required blood alcohol test.

Every hospital ER should have a policy for evidentiary that includes an evidentiary draw protocol for nurses to follow. If a hospital policy prohibits nurses from drawing evidentiary tests, nurses must adhere to their policy. Other hospitals have unclear policies that leave nurses feeling unprotected. Nurses should discuss their policy with management if this is the case.

A number of measures can be taken by the nurse to greatly reduce the requirement of a personal appearance in court. Using non-alcohol skin prep avoids legal argument that the blood sample has been contaminated with outside alcohol⁶.

Clear documentation of the procedure and chain of evidence will also decrease the probability that the nurse will be called to court.

There are a number of precautions that can be taken to ensure nurses are protected physically and legally when drawing an evidentiary blood test.

Ensure the officer submits the request in writing.

Be familiar with your own hospital policy.

Communicate openly with your patient and allow the officer to explain the penalties for refusing a legally requested blood alcohol draw.

Use the vacutainer provided by the investigating officer to collect the blood sample.

Draw the blood sample according to your hospital policy. If no policy is in place, follow your hospital protocol for venipuncture lab draw with the additional recommendations:

- Avoid drawing the sample from an IV, Heparin lock, or a vein proximal to an IV.

- Do not use any solution containing alcohol to prep the skin.

- Be sure an officer is observing the blood draw and immediately takes possession of the sample to ensure a proper chain of evidence.

- Document the entire procedure in the patient's medical record and include the following:

- Note that the law enforcement officer requested the blood sample in writing and include his or her name and badge number.

- Document the patient's consent according to your own hospital policy.

- Indicate the non-alcohol solution used to prep the skin.

- Note the site of the venipuncture, preferably distal to any IV or heparin lock.

- Specify the name and badge number of the observing officer who took possession of the evidence.

The issues surrounding evidentiary blood alcohol draws by nurses in the emergency department can be complex and vary greatly among hospitals and counties in California. A clearer understanding of the law and hospital policy will allow nurses to best protect themselves and avoid hindering a legal investigation.

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