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**MEETINGS**

**July Meeting Cancelled**

\_\_\_\_\_The regularly scheduled ASPMN chapter meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2006 has been cancelled by Colleen Lawson, chapter president. Many of us had scheduling conflicts and summer vacations. The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 26, 2006, and we hope all of you will be present.

\_\_\_\_\_The North Texas Chapter of ASPMN is small, but resilient. Pain nurses demonstrate the four C's every day: caring, competence, commitment, and communication. Networking with pain management colleagues in the local area and sharing new information strengthens the bond even more.

We need your help on the local chapter level. Please mark the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting on your calendar and plan to attend. Help with your program ideas and with potential sponsors. The few charter members who remain active appreciate fresh ideas and willing persons to share the responsibilities.

Contact the following persons with your ideas and to find out how you can strengthen our local ASPMN chapter:

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Thanks for your help!

**Pain “not-so-trivia”**



Watch this column for interesting tidbits about pain management. The duck will be our pain management icon.

**Certification news**

Next Certification exam will be October 14, 2006. You can get more information at: <http://www.aspmn.org/Certification/index.htm> Do you know of any nurses who became certified after taking the May exam? Please let us know, so that we can recognize them in the newsletter and at our next meeting.

**Membership**

Membership applications (local and national) will be available at the meetings, as well as at our website. You must be a national member to be a local member. Visit [www.aspmn.org](http://www.aspmn.org) to see the National web site.

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**Video games can help cut surgical errors**

Worried that your children or grandchildren are spending too much time playing video games? Here’s another use for video games.

[http://www.usatoday.com/tech/gaming/2006-05-24-doctors-play\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/gaming/2006-05-24-doctors-play_x.htm)

**JCAHO “Do Not Use” Abbeviations List**

We all have our “standard” abbreviations that we use every day. But would your colleague, or a Legal Nurse Consultant, recognize your use of abbreviations? Check out the Joint Commission’s list of “Do Not Use” abbreviations.

<http://www.jointcommission.org/PatientSafety/DoNotUseList/>

**Tips for Eliminating Dangerous Abbreviations**

More thoughts about abbreviations.

[http://www.jointcommission.org/PatientSafety/NationalPatientSafetyGoals/abbr\\_tips.htm](http://www.jointcommission.org/PatientSafety/NationalPatientSafetyGoals/abbr_tips.htm)

**ASPMN Position Statement on PCA by Proxy**

Are you aware of ASPMN position statement on this issue? You can read and download at this site:

[http://www.aspmn.org/Organization/position\\_papers.htm](http://www.aspmn.org/Organization/position_papers.htm)

**Music Therapy May Help Ease Pain**

*“Music hath charms to soothe a savage breast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak.” ~~ William Congreve*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5519661&ft=1&f=1007>



Tarrant County Academy of Medicine Ethics Consortium  
*Beyond the Basics: Cross-Cultural, Multi-Disciplinary Conference on End of Life Issues.*

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. 8:30-5:00

Ralph M. Smith Leadership Bldg. at SW Baptist Seminary. 1700 W. Fuller at James Avenue, Ft. Worth

Two special speakers: Carolyn Sargent PHD from Dept. of Anthropology at SMU and Elizabeth Heitman, PHD, Assoc. Prof. of Medical Ethics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Tennessee.

More details to follow regarding registration.

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Univ. of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Approach to Symptom Control, Palliative and Hospice Care Conference,*

October 7-8, 2006.

Subjects: State of the art symptom management, effective communication, issues of hope & grief, and moral and ethical dilemmas for clinicians working in this field. Registration fee is \$295 for MD’s & PhD’s, but only \$195 for other disciplines—for registration completed before 9-7! For information: CME/Conference Services, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center at toll free 866-849-5866.

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