

Spring Newsletter

April 2007

Race for the Cure



We are officially a sponsor of the Race for the Cure on June 9th 2007! The Alliance is listed in the brochure and also will be printed on the official "Race" shirts. This is exciting for our group and we can be proud that we are supporting such a good cause. As part of our sponsorship, we received 5 free registrations for the race. There will be a drawing at our May 7th meeting to award these registrations to 5 members who are present.

We would like to have a good showing from the Alliance at the race and would be pleased to have our group run/walk together. Please complete the enclosed special registration form and return it to:

QCA APN/PA Alliance

P.O. Box 4349 Davenport, IA 52808

We welcome all friends and relatives to join our group but they too will need to complete this special form which may be photocopied. We must receive your registration by May 10th. We will pick up your race packet and materials. You may then get your materials from Peggy Newkirk on Thursday, June 7th or Friday June 8th at 2307 35th Ave Rock Island or call 309-788-6502. If you have already registered you may contact Peggy or meet at our booth by 7:30AM on race day. If you do not register on the enclosed form you will be responsible for picking up your own race materials.

We have chosen to purchase Alliance shirts for our members to wear in the race. These will be free to those participating in the race. If you would like to have a shirt but are not planning on participating in the race, they may be purchased for \$6.00. If you are planning

on entering the race but are unable to attend the May meeting, contact Jayne Gilmore (786-5277) to receive your shirt.

In addition to our presence in the race, our sponsorship, and our support, we will have a booth (our meeting place prior to the race) showcasing advanced practice clinicians. We need some volunteers to be at our booth from 7:00AM till 10:00AM. If you are unable to walk with our group but would like to help at our booth please contact Peggy Newkirk (309-788-6502).

To showcase our professions we will have a directory of advanced practice clinicians, who are accepting new patients. These will be available for the general public interested in partaking in the excellent care our members provide. If you would like your name listed in this directory, please send Deb Cooney the following information; your name, specialty, collaborative physician name, business address and office phone number by May 10, 2007 - cooneyda@hotmail.com. You may also complete the short form at the end of the newsletter and send it to her at 2916 143rd Ave. Court West, Milan IL. 61264 OR you may give your information at the meeting on May 7th.



May meeting

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Weideman as our speaker on May 7, 2007. She will be speaking on "Thyroid Disorders". The meeting it will be held at the Adler. RSVP by May 2nd by calling Shelley Loukinen 563-210-1947 or e-mailing meetingsrsvp@qcaapnpa.org. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Membership



This is just a reminder for everyone regarding membership. On the mailings you receive from the Alliance, your address label includes a number, "05", "06", or "07" after your name. This indicates the last year you have paid your membership dues to the Alliance. If you believe yours is incorrect, please contact Nancy Agnew, treasurer, at 563-344-8786. 2007 memberships can be paid at the May meeting. We hope to see everyone there!



Scholarship

Once again, we will be offering a scholarship to a student pursuing a Masters or Doctoral degree either as a physician assistant or an advanced practice nurse. The scholarship is \$1500. Qualifications include a GPA of 3.0 or better, a 250 word essay to be judged by our professional issues committee and two letters of recommendation. It is open to all who reside within the area served by the QCA APN/PA Alliance. Anyone interested should contact Sara Nyquist, Carolene Robinson or Becky McCullough.

From the President's Pen



Finally, spring is here! Hope you are all enjoying the sunny days (and staying dry on the wet ones). As you know, the Alliance has decided to participate in the Race for the Cure to help raise funds for our local Susan G. Komen fund. More details are in the previous article in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you on June 9th for a fun-filled morning.

I have another request that we can all do to help with breast cancer research. There is currently a very large study underway looking at environmental and genetic aspects of breast cancer. This study is known as the "Sister Study". The study needs a total of 50,000

women who have a sister with breast cancer. They still need to enroll 17,000 women by the end of the year, 2007!

Women may be eligible to join the Sister Study if

- They have a sister (living or deceased), related by blood, who had breast cancer
- They are between 35 and 74 years old
- They have never had breast cancer themselves
- They live in the U.S. or Puerto Rico

To join today or learn more about the Sister Study, visit the website www.sisterstudy.org. You may also call 1-877-4SISTER (877-474-7837). I ask that each of you encourage your patients that have a sister with breast cancer to visit the above website and join in this landmark study. A flyer, that may be reproduced for your office, is included with this newsletter. As the Alliance strives to become a more philanthropic organization within the community, we all can help by becoming involved in small ways. This is just one of many and I appreciate the efforts each of you makes on a daily basis. Peggy.

Job opportunities



Renee Elmer has provided us with many job opportunities for PAs and NPs in the local area. One recent one is with Dr. Thomas Ade, Dr. David Ade and Dr. Castro in Moline. This is a well-established primary care office and if you're interested, please contact the office.

Information - Directory of those accepting patients

Name: _____

Circle one - NP CNM PA

Collaborative Physician: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Send to: Deb Cooney
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