



4thThursday eNews

Feb / March 2010
Volume 4 Issue 2

Orlando, Florida.
www.centralfloridacmsa.org

Message from the Board

By Marty Bassett RN, BSN, MA, President



Did you know that we have Central Florida Chapter members who have been working on your behalf to change legislation regarding the multi state license requirement in the case management field? This law requires nurses to be licensed in multiple states for telephonic case management. Marilyn Doty and Laurie Davis have been active with conference calls that include other Florida Chapter members, plus multi-state licensure task force representatives. If you are interested in learning more about the Compact Law, please let a board member know.

As I mentioned in the January newsletter, the National CMSA Conference will be held at the Coronado Springs Resort in Disney World June 8-11. The Case Management Society of America is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year! We are looking for Central Florida Chapter members to volunteer in preparing the

[Cont'd on page 2](#)

- 1 President's Message
- 2 Chapter Notes
- 3 Government News
- 3 National CMSA News
- 4 Bulletin Board
- 5 Contact information
- 6 Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day

*St. Patrick's Day is here, you see.
We'll pick some shamrocks, one, two, three.
We'll count the leaves and look them over,
And maybe find a four-leafed clover.
I'll sew green buttons on my vest,
Green for St. Patrick is the best.
I'll wear a green hat, very high,
And dance a jig--at least I'll try!*

BECOME A MEMBER

National Office

CMSA

8201 Cantrell Rd. Suite 230.

Little Rock, AR. 72227.

501-225-2229

Fax 501-221-9068

Website: www.cmsa.org

MEETINGS

Cont'd from page 1- President's Message -----

tote bags for attendees, coordinating special activities at the conference, and providing directional support around the convention for attendees. Please let a board member know if you are interested in helping at the National Conference. It will be a great opportunity to meet fellow case managers from around the state and the country.

During the National CMSA Conference week, there will also be a session for nurses, who are working in other fields, but are interested in learning more about the field of case management. This will probably be held in another location, such as UCF or the Bahia Shrine. If you know anyone who would like this information, let them know this opportunity will be available. This session will be held on Friday morning, June 11.

Marty Bassett, RN, BSN, MA
President

4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.
Educational offering with CEU & CCM

Location: Bahia Shrine Auditorium.
2300 Pembroke Dr.
Maitland. 32701

RSVP- Member-free
Non-member-\$15

Non-RSVP- Member-\$5
Non-member-\$20

First time guest—FREE

RSVP to: -Darlene Armstrong @
866-838-1580 or
Via website @
www.centralfloridacmsa.org

Government News

WHO releases new malaria guidelines for treatment and procurement of medicines

9 MARCH 2010 | GENEVA -- The World Health Organization (WHO) is releasing new guidelines for the treatment of malaria, and the first ever guidance on procuring safe and efficacious anti-malarial medicines.

In recent years a new type of treatment called artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACTs) has transformed the treatment of malaria, but if not used properly the medicine could become ineffective.

GUIDELINES EMPHASIZE TESTING

The Guidelines for the Treatment of Malaria (second edition) provide evidence-based and current recommendations for countries on malaria diagnosis and treatment. The main changes from the first edition of the guidelines (published in 2006) are the emphasis on testing before treating and the addition of a new ACT to the list of recommended treatments.

"The world now has the means to rapidly diagnose malaria and treat it effectively" said Dr Robert Newman, Director of the WHO Global Malaria Programme (GMP). "WHO now recommends diagnostic testing in all cases of suspected malaria. Treatment based on clinical symptoms alone should be reserved for settings where diagnostic tests are not available," he added.

In 2008, just 22% of suspected malaria cases were tested in 18 of 35 African countries reporting. Until now, most clinics had to rely on microscopy, but the recent development of quality-assured Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) using a dip stick and a drop of blood means a policy change is possible. The tests can reliably demonstrate the presence or absence of malaria parasites in the blood and can be performed at all levels of the health system, including community settings.

UNIVERSAL DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

The move towards universal diagnostic testing of malaria is a critical step forward in the fight against malaria as it will allow for the targeted use of ACTs for those who actually have malaria. The aim is to reduce the emergence and spread of drug resistance and to help identify patients who have fever, but do not have malaria, so that alternative diagnoses can be made and appropriate treatment provided. Therefore, better management of malaria has a positive impact on management of other childhood illness and overall child survival.

WHO is supporting malaria endemic countries to improve the quality of their diagnostic services using both microscopy and RDTs, and urging the manufacturers of RDTs to continue improving the accuracy and quality of these critically important diagnostic tests.

WHO estimates that 80 countries have adopted ACTs for first-line treatment of uncomplicated *P. falciparum* malaria. In the guidelines, WHO emphasizes the importance of treating this deadliest form of the disease with artemisinin-based combination therapies. WHO has now added a fifth ACT - dihydroartemisinin plus piperazine - to the previous list of recommended medicines.

PREVENTING DRUG RESISTANCE

WHO recommends oral artemisinin-based monotherapy should be removed from the market because their use will hasten the development of parasite resistance. Countries need to ensure that patients are diagnosed properly and take the full dose of ACTs to prevent the development of drug resistance.

This article can be concluded at http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2010/malaria_20100308/en/index.html.

BULLETIN BOARD



Treasurer's Report

Income: \$1,272.00
Expenses: \$1,474.84



KEEP THE DATES 2010

Jan 28, 2009

Feb 25, 2009

Mar 25, 2009

April 22, 2009

May 27, 2009

June 24, 2009

July 22, 2009

Aug 26, 2009

Sept 23, 2009

Oct 28, 2009

CF-CMSA BOARD



Committee	Office/Chair	Contact
President	Marty Bassett	mbassett@cfl.rr.com 407-740-5284
Vice President	Darlene Armstrong	darlene.armstrong@umr.com 866-838-1580
Past President	Lisa Bloder	lbloder@embarqmail.com 407-839-5050
Treasurer	Lynne Bergey	lynne.bergey@flhosp.org 407-691-8297
Secretary	Patti Dorrell	patriciadorrell@yahoo.com 407-354-0023
Membership	Angella Clemons	Aclemons27@aol.com 407-284-7475
Programs	Joanne Davenport	orlandofrogs@aol.com 407-520-7925
CEU/CCM's	Lynn Roberts	Lynn_g_roberts@uhc.com 407-659-7219
Legislative	Marilyn Doty	marilyn.doty@flhosp.org 407-616-6558
Member at Large	Espy Lockwood	Esperanza.lockwood@flhosp.org 407-200-8266
Website/Email	Candace Nagata	Candace.nagata@flhosp.org 407-691-2629
Newsletter	Cheryl Gulasa	cheryl.gulasa@amerisys-info.com 407-949-3100
Historian	Marsha Stein	marsha.stein@flhosp.org 407-303-8095
Vendor Show	Victor Sargent	vsargent@cfl.rr.com 407-629-1141
Nominations	Terri Grein	Terrie.Grein@hartfordlife.com 407-919-6791
Special Project/CMOY	Laurie Davis	oakvalleyfl@cfl.rr.com 407-679-1177
Treasurer in Training	Ruth West	goofiewest@yahoo.com 407-232-1507



CF CMSA

2300 Pembroke Dr

Maitland, FL. 32701

Phone: 407-691- 5440

Fax:

E-mail: info@centralfloridacmsa.org