

President's Message



ENA... advocating for patient safety and for excellence in emergency nursing practice

Code News

Crowding

Is it crowding, overcrowding, backups or boarding? No matter what you call it in your ED you know it is a source of frustration, concern and downright makes you mad!

The situation is a result of one or both of these factors: not enough inpatient beds or not enough staffing to utilize available inpatient beds.

As ED nurses we have long understood that ED boarding is not just a local problem.

Changing the perception of ED boarding has to occur on many levels to stimulate interest in correcting this problem. The awareness that this is not safe for patients or our

practice has to be rolled up to the leadership in your facility.

Anne Marie Papa, Director, ENA Board, uses the term 'stretcher side' to emphasize that patients being held in her ED are not in a bed. The term is often met with the question "What do you mean by stretcher side, they're in a bed, right?"

Of course as ED nurses we know they are not. They are on a 4 inch mattress on a narrow cart that may or may not be parked in a hall.

I propose taking the term one step further in making our point. Does a patient who spends 4 or more hours on a stretcher get a pressure ulcer more often than a patient who is moved to an inpatient bed

timely? Evidence supports that time spent on a stretcher contributes significantly to the formation of pressure ulcers, however, the emphasis that long waits in the ED for a bed seems to not be related causatively to ED boarding. Maybe this is due in part to the failure of ED staff and leadership to use the terminology that brings this point home.

Start thinking of your patients as "stretcherd", not bedded and see if this small change opens the door to at least dialogue about the negative impacts of that four inch mattress versus a bed.

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Mark Your Calendar—JUNE

- 16 ENPC Instructor Course
- 17 4th Annual ENA SYMPOSIUM
- 18 ENA State Council Meeting



INDIANA

Emergency Nurses Association

4th Annual Indiana ENA Symposium— June 17

The 4th annual Indiana ENA symposium is right around the corner on June 17th, 2009. Once again the event will be hosted at the Ritz Charles Carmel. Eleven speakers are slated; some from our National ENA and some from local ENA chapters around our state.

Some of the course topics include bleeding disorders, stroke care, ethical dilemmas in the ED, pediatric forensics, and emergency care of the elderly. There will be ample time to visit with vendors in the exhibit area and lunch is included in the fee. Brochures were mailed to all Indiana ENA members; the

form is also posted on our website
<http://indianaena.org>

Plan to attend, and help us make this the most successful symposium to date!

~ Patty Sandor,
Symposium Chair

Call for Authors

The *Journal of Emergency Nursing* offers professional emergency nurses the opportunity to learn and share.

The "Clinical Notebook" section of the *Journal* is for submissions describing procedures in emergency care and/or quick reference

charts suitable for placing in a reference file or notebook. This criteria is not strictly adhered to, so if you would like to author an article, please submit on-line at <http://ees.elsevier.com/jen>

If you want to discuss your article out-line or rough draft prior to submission,

please contact the Clinical Notebook Section Editor, Andrew Harding MS RN CEN NEA-BC at adhardingrn@gmail.com

Thank you for your time and consideration of this call for authors.

ENA REMINDERS

- Now until June 12: ENA Elections (visit ena.org)**
- June 10-11: Indiana Rural Health Conference**
- June 16th: ENPC Instructor Course**
- June 17th: 4th Annual Indiana ENA Symposium at the Ritz Charles**
- June 18th: Indiana State Council Meeting**
- July 23-24: CATN class. Information on www.indianaena.org**
- October 23: TNCC Instructor Course**

~ Yonna Heath, Secretary

2009 Election Platform –vote by 6-12

You may vote by visiting <http://ena.org> Be sure to look at all the candidates. I have made a quick list of their names, states and the office they are running for election. Be sure to vote and let your voice be heard. It is important. The voting stops June 12th.

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