



President's Message

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that you have a prosperous 2006. I am pleased to be able to serve as your 2006 State President and look forward to a challenging but productive and fruitful year.

I am constantly impressed by the excellent quality of professionals involved in the Indiana Emergency Nurses Association. This was validated for me at our recent board meeting. We look forward to leading you and being a resource for you. I look forward to working with the board and all of you to help the Indiana Council

'kick it up a notch'. Some of our goals for the year include: Continuing to provide TNCC/ENPC to rural areas, continuing to increase membership, improving our working relationship with EMS, increasing involvement in ENCARE, and holding a State symposium to name a few.

I welcome you to attend the State meetings this year. They are an opportunity for education, participating in the business meeting, networking, feedback, and fun. As we all have our daily demanding lives this and all the ENA events are a place to com-

pare stories and know you are not alone. I challenge and urge each of you to get involved. Please let me know of your interests and I will do my best to get you connected with the right people or project. I am also continuing Patty's challenge for each of you to being a guest to the meetings.

Also, please let me know if there is anything I can do for you at the local level.

Annette



Annette Chard
President Indiana ENA 2006

To Help Clear Up Some Confusion:

According to section 10.1 in our Indiana State Council bylaws we shall have the following standing committees: Education, Legislative, Membership, Pediatric, Trauma, EMS, ENCARE, and General Assembly delegate selection.

Section 10.3 tells us that the President shall serve as an ex-officio member of each committee. Section 10.5 that the size of each committee shall be determined by the state council. Section 10.6 states that the President

shall, with council approval, appoint chairpersons and members of all committees.

Because of expressed concern we are reviewing current membership and trying to get a better geographic representation. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees please let me know.

Thank you,
Annette Chard RN,
State President

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Jackie Richey Receives K.A. Coffman Award

On November 2nd, 2005 Jackie Richey was presented the K.A. Coffman "Advocate for School Nurses" Award at a luncheon sponsored by the Indiana Association of School Nurses. This award is given to the non-school nurse individual

who has contributed the most to school nursing in Indiana.

Jackie instructs school nurses in emergency care of the pediatric patient. She presents a 3 day Indiana Department of Education course. She has taught

over 500 Registered Nurses, who specialize in school nursing, from Indiana, Kentucky and Connecticut.

Please join Indiana ENA in congratulating Jackie, one of our own, on her well deserved award.

Introducing your Indiana ENA Board for 2006

President: Annette Chard
Immediate-past President: Patty Sandor
President-elect: Terrie Will
Treasurer: Larry Addison
Secretary: India Owens

We look forward to leading into 2006. Please let myself or any of us know if we can help you with anything.

Annette

Web Master: Ruth Slabach
Newsletter Editor: Pam Jahnke
Trauma Chair: Theresa Joy
Pediatric Chair: Merry Addison
EMS Chair: Jackie Richey

Membership: Ron Kraus and Greg Strine
Education Chair: Terrie Will
ENCARE: Terry Cox
Government Affairs: Pam Jahnke
Fundraising/Grant writing: Merry Addison



India Owens
State Secretary

I will be representing the national ENA at the first ED Performance Measurement Summit in late February. This is being sponsored by Urgent Matters National Program Office at the George Washington

ED Performance Measurement Summit

University Medical Center along with Emory University.

The purpose of the meeting will be to develop a set of ED performance measures and definitions that will establish a common language and standards for ED performance and quality improvement. I would like to ask other state members what they cur-

rently measure, specifically what they are being asked to measure internally or externally that they feel does not make sense or contribute to quality initiatives.

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Needs Assessment for Indiana ENA Members' :

Tell us what the Indiana Emergency Nurses Association can do for you. Please fill this out and e-mail answers to:

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Annette Chard 3228 Thames Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

What educational topics are of interest to you?

What questions do you have about the ENA?

Have you ever attended a State ENA meeting?

If yes: What did you like/not like about it?

If no: Why?

Do you attend your local ENA meetings?

If yes: What do you like/not like about them?

If no: Why?

Thank you for your input.

Annette

Patty's Pearls: D-dimer



Patty Sandor,
Immediate Past President

D-dimer is a blood test performed to diagnose thrombosis. It was originally developed in the 1990's for the diagnosis of disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC) and has become an important test for patients with a high suspicion of other thromboembolic disorders as well.

D-dimers are unique in that they are the breakdown products of a fibrin mesh that

has been stabilized by Factor XIII. This factor cross links the E-element to two D-elements in fibrinogen which is the final step in thrombus generation. Plasmin, the natural fibrinolytic enzyme, organizes clots and breaks down the fibrin mesh. However, it cannot break down the bond between one E and two D's- so the protein left over is a D-dimer!

The testing is of clinical use when **deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE) or DIC** is suspected.

If the test is negative, you can be virtually sure there is no thromboembolism; in other words, it is a test of exclusion. If the test is positive the probability is very high, but must be augmented by further testing, i.e. Doppler ultrasound, V/Q scan or spiral chest CT. Labs will report quantitative (+/-) or qualitative (a number in ngs/mls) results.

Diagnosis for DIC is a little more difficult, but the D-dimer

parameter is the most often observed abnormal test result.

Keep in mind that despite 93-95% sensitivity and ~ 50% specificity when diagnosing thromboembolic disease, you can still get false positive and false negative readings.

False positive readings can be due to recent surgery, advanced age, pregnancy, trauma, inflammation, liver disease, malignancy, or high rheumatoid factor, to name a few. **False negatives** can result if the sample is taken too early after thrombus formation, if testing is delayed for several days or if the patient is on anti-coagulants.

Have a question or a subject you'd like to know more about? E-mail me at psrn1@verizon.net and I will try to cover it in a future article!

References are available on request.

Patty

First Ever Indiana State Council ENA Annual Symposium

The State Council will host it's first ever Annual Symposium on June 14th, 2006. The Symposium will be held at the Indianapolis Hilton North on Shadeland Avenue near the I69 and 82nd Street exit.

Jane Somes, from Minnesota, will present on *Brown Bag Surprise*, or *Polypharmacy Patients*, *The 80 Club- 80 Meds*, *80 Shirts*, *80 years*. Other presenters will include: Dr

Charles Graves on *Trauma Systems and the Indiana Journey*, Kit Solotkin on *Surviving Sepsis Campaign* and the *Emergency Department Key Initiatives*, Ron Kraus on *Methampheta mine Toxicity*, Cheryl Riwitis on *Family Presence in Resuscitation*, Michelle Ditton, from the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center, on *Special Considerations in Pediatric Sexual Assault*, and Jackie Richey will teach us



Teresa Will
President Elect 2006

Government Affairs: Legislative Update



Pam Jahnke
Government Affairs

Update on current Indiana legislative activity. The following bills are still alive as of Feb 17, 2006 and have crossed over from their place of origin. They must go thru a third reading before they could become law. This session is due to end by March 14, 2006.

HB 1106 AEDs this bill is up for second reading in the Senate. Removes the requirements that a person or entity that acquires a defibrillator ensure that the users have completed certain courses and have enlisted a physician for medical direction

HB 1020 Regulation of teen clubs. This has been assigned to Gov. Affairs and Interstate Commerce committee not heard yet.

HB 1024 Makes criminal confinement a Class C felony instead of a Class D felony., and more... Assigned to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters, not heard yet.

HB1112 Prohibits a court from admitting a communication of sympathy into evidence. Provides that a court may admit a statement of fault into evidence, including a statement of fault that is part of a communication of sympathy, if otherwise

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participants to select the topic of their choice. We are actively looking for sponsors and vendors who wish to set up a table. Our current participating sponsors include Scias and Genetech.

The Symposium is conveniently being held the day before the State Council meeting on June 15th. You could come and stay the night in Indy and have some fun! Do some shopping at Circle Center or Keystone at the Crossing ! A nice summer break for all. We hope to see

admissible under the Indiana Rules of Evidence. (This means if a Health care provider offers condolences to a patient's family it cannot be used against the provider in a lawsuit as an admission of guilt.) Up for second reading in the Senate.

HB1123 Creates the sexual assault standards and certification board to certify sexual assault victim advocates. Assigned to Committee on Homeland Security, Utilities and Public Policy and not heard yet.

HB1155 Child molesting. Requires a sex offender who is not required to register for life to register for a period of 20 years , plus more restrictions on offenders including possible use of GPS devices on offenders. Assigned to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters, not heard yet.

HB1209 Public transportation smoking prohibition. Prohibits smoking in a public means of mass transportation, in an enclosed area of a public mass transportation terminal or waiting area, or within 100 feet of an entrance to a public mass transportation terminal or waiting area. Up for second reading in the Senate.

HB1235 Isolation and quarantine. Establishes the procedure for a public health authority to obtain or issue an order to restrict the movement of an individual in the least restrictive manner when there is evidence that the individual has been exposed to a communicable disease. Provides that a person, medical clinic, health care facility, or other location that meets certain criteria is immune from civil liability resulting from an act or omission in providing health care services during an event that is declared a disaster. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor to violate the conditions of quarantine or isolation. Repeals superseded provisions concerning the isolation of certain individuals. Assigned to Committee on Judiciary., not heard yet.

HB1283 Makes domestic battery a Class D felony if: (1) the person who committed the offense has a previous unrelated conviction for a substantially similar crime in Indiana or any other jurisdiction; or (2) it is knowingly committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years of age. Makes

strangulation a Class D felony. Assigned to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters, not heard yet.

HB1238 Emergency management mobile support. Specifies the types of individuals who and the time frame in which an individual can be called to duty with a mobile support unit. Specifies: (1) liability provisions concerning the individual; and (2) compensation and reimbursement available to a member's employer or a member of a mobile support unit who is not an employee of the state or a political subdivision. Passed Senate with amendments returned to House for review.

HB1281 Makes domestic battery a Class D felony if: (1) the person who committed the offense has a previous unrelated conviction for a substantially similar crime in Indiana or any other jurisdiction; or (2) it is knowingly committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years of age. Makes strangulation a Class D felony. Assigned to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters, not heard yet.

HB1314 Requires the state department of health to study the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by pregnant women, and more...Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services, not heard yet.

HB1367 Study of liability for 501 (C) (3) organizations. (That is us.) Provides that the committee shall study insurance and liability issues affecting small nonprofit organizations and may prepare legislation for introduction in the 2007 session of the general assembly. Assigned to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters, not heard yet.

HB1414 Human and sexual trafficking. Assigned to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters, not heard yet.

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Legislative Update Continued

SB2 Makes it a Class D felony to rent matter that is harmful to a minor within 500 feet of a school or church. Assigned to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, not heard yet.

SB6 Lifetime parole for child molesters. Up for second reading in House.

SB12 DOC administration of sex offender registry. Up for second reading in House.

SB88 Requires every occupant of a motor vehicle to wear a safety belt, with certain exceptions. Assigned to Committee on Public Policy and Veterans Affairs, not heard yet.

SB102 Amends the uniform anatomical gift act to provide that a donor making an anatomical gift and the donor's estate are not liable for any injury or damage that may result from the making or use of an anatomical gift. Up for second reading in House.

SB111 Student nutrition and physical activity. Requires daily physical activity for elementary school students in public schools. Requirement that a certain percentage of the food and beverage items qualify as better choices (healthy foods). Assigned to Committee on Education, not heard yet.

SB208 Medical alert on licenses or identification cards. Up for second reading in the House.

SB232 Eliminates automatic exemptions from jury service.

Prohibits employers from requiring or requesting employees to use annual vacation or sick leave for jury service. Up for second reading in the House.

SB246 Sex offenders. Prohibits a sexually violent predator from working or volunteering on school property or at a public park or youth program center. Prohibits certain sex offenders from residing within: (1) 1000 feet of a school, public park, or youth program center; or (2) one mile of the victim's residence. Up for second reading in the House.

SB284 Development of statewide trauma system. Assigned to Committee on Public Health, not heard yet.

SB300 Victim's compensation fund. Defines "forensic and evidence gathering services" and replaces references to "emergency services," more....Assigned to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, not heard yet.

SB374 Exception to use of child passenger restraint systems during funeral processions. Assigned to Committee on Roads and Transportation, not heard yet.

This is just a partial listing of current state bills. To follow up on bill activity on your own, just use the following internet address:

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/session/calendars.html>

The next **Code News** will have more updates on state and federal legislation.