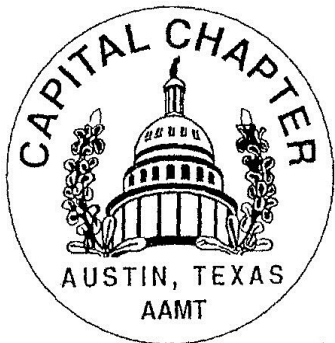


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Capital Chapter 2007 Meeting Schedule

Seton Medical Center
1201 W. 38th Street
Austin, Tx 78705

April 21 8:30-11:45 a.m.

July 21 8:30-11:45 a.m.

Oct 13 Fall Symposium
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
"Capitalize on Change"

Dec 8 TBA

Capitalizing on Change

Message from the President - Kathy Muelker, RMT

I am honored to be serving as the president of the Capital Chapter this year. As a recent newcomer to the medical transcription profession, I am very grateful for the encouragement and support I have received from my fellow chapter members during the past two years. It can be tough when you are just starting out in this field, which is quite ironic since there is such a demand for quality MTs.

With continuing changes taking place in our profession, I feel it is extremely important to be involved and stay aware of industry trends and advancements. Sharing information and helping each other understand what these changes mean for us as MTs is crucial. Being

receptive and adaptable to change is a characteristic I truly try to maintain. However, I also feel a need to understand the "why" behind the change and know there is a legitimate reason for it. Change is never very easy and we all tend to resist change in one way or another. We enjoy staying in our comfort zones and do not like being forced to venture outside of them.

I hope to continue to serve as a leader in helping others transition through change. I feel our chapter meetings are an excellent way to share information, experiences and ideas. We can help support each other and identify the 'risks, benefits, and alternatives' associated with change. We can lend

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Chapter Meeting & Used Book Sale – Saturday, July 21

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our chapter meeting on July 21. We will be having our annual used book sale in conjunction with the meeting. Come and browse through the medical reference books graciously donated by your fellow MTs for our sale.

Books are only \$5 each and all proceeds will benefit the Capital Chapter. Please bring medical reference books that you no longer use.

Many of us have reference books sitting around (or stored in the closet or garage). This is your chance to get rid of those books and pass them along to someone who will use them!

Students, this is a great opportunity for you to continue building your medical reference library without spending hundreds of dollars.

Our July 21 meeting will be held in

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Capital Chapter members attended the 2007 TAMT conference in Arlington.

From left: Jennifer Willie, CMT, Kathy Muelker, RMT, Jo Ann Kilsby, CMT, RHIT, FAAMT, Barbara Rasmussen. (Not pictured – Norma Burnley, CMT)

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an ear and offer advice when asked.

At our April chapter meeting I was reminded of the remarkable and diverse skills, knowledge, and talents possessed by my fellow medical transcriptionists. Our profession is truly unique and so are we. I continue to be impressed with the MTs I meet and strongly encourage everyone to attend a meeting and get to know some of these amazing people.

I have a vision for our Capital Chapter to grow and become a more active and vital association as we look toward our 25th anniversary next year. This is an exciting time to get involved and brainstorm ideas with people who understand the type of work you do and the challenges associated with it.

I know that we are all very busy people and it is hard to find any time to spare, but I hope you will consider attending our July 21 chapter meeting and get a glimpse of what we are all about.

Looking ahead, our October 13th symposium theme will be “*Capitalize on Change*” and I encourage you to mark your calendar now and make plans to come. It will be a day filled with continuing education, guest speakers, door prizes, fun and fellowship.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Capital Chapter – AHDI, please feel free to contact me at k_muelker@msn.com. I look forward to seeing everyone at our July 21 meeting!

Kathy Muelker, RMT

Austin to Host 2008 TAMT Annual Meeting

In celebration of the Capital Chapter’s 25th anniversary, the annual TAMT meeting will be held in Austin on February 15-16, 2008. Make a note of the dates and plan to attend. Yes, 2008 seems far away but it will be here before you know it!

If you have never attended the annual meeting and leadership conference of the Texas Association for Medical Transcription, you are missing something special. The TAMT event includes educational opportunities, exhibitors/vendors, great speakers, door prizes/raffles, and plenty of socializing and networking opportunities.

Congratulations to our TAMT President, P.J. Posey, CMT, who was named 2007 AHDI Member of the Year!

ACE 2007 – Reno

You are invited to Reno for the AHDI 29th Annual Convention and Expo August 15-18. The convention theme “Change is Everything” encourages each of us to consider the critical time of transition the industry finds itself in. The ability to continually grow and change on both a personal and professional level is a crucial attribute we must continue to develop as we strive to strengthen our position as documentation specialists in an electronic age of healthcare. This year’s convention will focus on the challenge we all have to change and improve ourselves on all levels.

For more information on ACE, go to:

www.aamt.org/scriptcontent/amhub.cfm

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming our new Capital Chapter members:

- Anne Jefferson**
- Polly Whitaker**
- Christy Cole, RHIA**
- Susan Ramis**
- Sherry Bice**
- Leah Casterline**
- Kathryn Nicolaisen-Strouss**
- Stephanie Karlik**

New Drugs

The following drugs have recently been approved by the FDA:

Divigel (estradiol) Gel
Date of Approval: June 4, 2007
Treatment for: **Menopausal Symptoms**

Torisel (temsirolimus) Injection
Date of Approval: May 30, 2007
Treatment for: **Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma**

Xyzal (levocetirizine dihydrochloride) Tablets
Date of Approval: May 25, 2007
Treatment for: **Allergy Symptoms**

Lybrel (levonorgestrel and ethinyl estradiol) Low Dose Continuous Regimen
Date of Approval: May 22, 2007
Treatment for: **Contraception**

Perforomist (formoterol fumarate) Inhalation Solution
Date of Approval: May 11, 2007
Treatment for: **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease**

Neupro (rotigotine) Transdermal System
Date of Approval: May 9, 2007
Treatment for: **Parkinson's Disease**

Supprelin-LA (histrelin acetate) Subcutaneous Implant
Date of Approval: May 3, 2007
Treatment for: **Central Precocious Puberty**

AzaSite (azithromycin) Ophthalmic Solution
Date of Approval: April 27, 2007
Treatment for: **Bacterial Conjunctivitis**

Influenza Virus Vaccine, H5N1 Injection
Date of Approval: April 17, 2007
Treatment for: **Prevention of H5N1 Influenza (Avian Influenza)**

Veramyst (fluticasone furoate) Nasal Spray
Date of Approval: April 27, 2007
Treatment for: **Allergy Symptoms**

Reclast (zoledronic acid) Infusion - formerly Aclasta
Date of Approval: April 16, 2007
Company: Novartis
Treatment for: **Paget's Disease**

Altabax (retapamulin) Ointment
Date of Approval: April 12, 2007
Company: GlaxoSmithKline
Treatment for: **Impetigo**

Janumet (sitagliptin and metformin) Tablets
Date of Approval: March 30, 2007
Company: Merck & Co., Inc.
Treatment for: **Diabetes Mellitus Type 2**

Ceprotrin (Protein C Concentrate (Human)) Injection
Date of Approval: March 30, 2007
Company: Baxter Healthcare Corporation
Treatment for: **Severe Congenital Protein C Deficiency**

Soliris (eculizumab) Injection
Date of Approval: March 16, 2007
Company: Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Treatment for: **Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH)**

Tykerb (lapatinib ditosylate) Tablets
Date of Approval: March 13, 2007
Company: GlaxoSmithKline
Treatment for: **Breast Cancer**

Tekturna (aliskiren) Tablets - formerly Rasilez
Date of Approval: March 5, 2007
Company: Novartis
Treatment for: **High Blood Pressure**

Book Sale

Do you have medical reference books that you no longer use? Have you replaced old editions with the new editions?

Please consider donating your books for the Book Sale at our **July 21** meeting. Proceeds will benefit the Capital Chapter.



Please bring your books to our meeting on July 21.

If you are unable to attend and have 2 or more books to donate, Kathy will make arrangements to pick up your books.

Please email or call if you have books to be picked up:

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WELCOME TO THE CAPITAL CHAPTER

Chapter Meeting & Used Book Sale
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McFadden Auditorium at Seton Medical Center, 1201 W. 38th Street, Austin, Tx 78705. Enter the hospital through the South Lobby doors (covered entrance across from parking garage)

July 21 AGENDA

- 8:30- 9:00 Coffee and registration**
- 9:00- 9:15 Welcome/Introductions**
- 9:15-10:15 General meeting**
- 10:15-10:30 Break**
- 10:30-11:30 Dr. Jose Mejia, cardiologist, "Women and Heart Disease" (1 CEC)**
- 11:30-11:45 Wrap-up/closing**

The Board of Directors will meet immediately after the meeting and everyone is invited to stay.

There is no cost to attend this meeting.

PARKING: There is FREE parking in the Bailey Square Medical Center parking lot at 1111 W. 34th just south of Seton. You can enter the lot from either Medical Pkwy or Bailey Ln.

There is paid parking available in the Seton parking garage, the Medical Park Tower parking lot, and the Medical Plaza parking garage.

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SPEAKERS

Do you know someone who would be a good speaker for our October 13 symposium or a regular meeting? If so, please contact Kathy Muelker at 512-272-9142 or k_muelker@msn.com

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Board Partner Update

April 26, 2007

Region 4 Members:

This will be a very brief board partner update just to let you know about the inaugural meeting between the AHDI board of directors and the MTIA board of directors which took place during the MTIA Conference held this year in Jacksonville, Florida, and a few other tidbits of information.

This historic meeting was the first since the announcement of our newly formed partnership and it was everything we all hoped it would be. There is a total commitment by both boards to work together for the betterment of all our members as we all look to our guide star: **Optimizing healthcare delivery by providing timely, accurate and relevant clinical information.** This guide star was developed when MTIA and AHDI first started the conversation about working together rather than separately in order to accomplish more for our respective organizations. This guide star will be the measuring stick we use as we go forward with the partnership.

Another historic event occurred during the MTIA Conference and that was the very first Military Spouse Informational. Both MTIA and AHDI were excited about this event and it was extremely successful. Representatives from the Department of Defense and Department of Labor were in attendance and made presentations. In addition, representatives from MTIA member MTSOs and AHDI approved schools had panel discussions to inform the military spouses who attended what it takes to be a medical transcriptionist and the importance of a good education in preparation for apprenticeship and ultimate employment in our profession. This first step was so successful, we are going to develop a similar program that can be taken "on the road" by components, delegates, and others as part of the Mission Possible Campaign. I urge you to watch Vitals for more information on this important AHDI/MTIA project.

Thank you all for your membership and leadership as we move forward together.

Betty Honkonen, CMT, FAAMT
2007 AHDI President-Elect
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