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**SCCPI joins IASP in their call to promote October 2008 – October 2009
as the Global Year Against Cancer Pain** *(See Page 5)*

Award Winning Social Workers Course Offers 2 Educational Tracks this Year

March is National Social Work Month and SCCPI is pleased to announce that the 4th annual "Promoting Excellence in Pain Management & Palliative Care for Social Workers" will be held July 31, 2009 on the beautiful City of Hope campus in Duarte, CA. This successful, national award-winning educational initiative is designed to enhance the critical skills essential for social work professionals to address the multidimensional aspects of patient and family suffering of those facing the end-of-life.



Our featured speaker is Mercedes Bern-Klug, PHD, MSW, MA. Dr. Bern-Klug is the Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa, School of Social Work Aging Studies Program. She will be speaking on "Frail Elders & Enhancing the Social Work Opportunities to Decrease Suffering" and will also offer two workshop sessions.

This year in the workshop sessions there are two educational tracks to ensure that both returning and new attendees find evidenced-based and clinically relevant information at the course. The course focuses upon skill-building and interactive learning and offers 5 social work continuing education credits. We have obtained The Lamb Foundation and Archstone Foundation funding that allows us to keep our registration fees affordable.

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PRN Course Making Changes for Better Pain Relief

The 18th Annual Pain Resource Nurse course will be hosted by the Division of Nursing Research and Education and SCCPI at the beautiful City of Hope campus in Duarte, California on September 2-4, 2009. This year the comprehensive 3 day program has been updated with more emphasis of on pain management in acute care settings. It includes information on non-opioids analgesics, opioids, titration, equianalgesia, PCAs, side effects, and addiction. Presentations also include pediatric pain, pain in the elderly and end-of-life care. Additionally, institutional support, education, and resources for Pain Resource Nurses will be presented. This course supports meeting the Joint Commission standards for pain management. There is always some learning fun built into the program and it includes self-care as an important skill for all nurses.



The featured speaker is Chris Pasero, MS, RN-BC, FAAN, well known pain management educator, author, and clinical consultant. Chris is a co-founder and past president of the American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN) and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Chronic Pain Association. Publications include co-author of the classic pain book *Pain: Clinical Manual* with Margo McCaffery, RN, MS, FAAN and soon-to-be-released, *Pain: Assessment and Pharmacologic Management*. Eighteen CEUs are offered. More information can be found at <http://sccpi.coh.org>.

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SCCPI BOARD MEMBERS HONORED!

Marcia Grant, RN, DNSc, FAAN Receives Oncology Nursing Society Lifetime Achievement Award



SCCPI is fortunate to have a SCCPI founding board member Marcia Grant RN, DNSc, FAAN who is also one of the nation's most respected and influential research nurses. Dr. Grant was selected for the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Lifetime Achievement Award for 2009. Dr. Grant is a professor in the Division of Nursing Research & Education at City of Hope. The lifetime achievement award is given to individuals whose pioneering contributions continue to advance oncology nursing.

Dr. Grant received this award for her leadership in mentoring nurses, physicians and many others in their own careers while conducting her own nationally recognized program of research in quality-of-life issues in oncology. Dr. Grant is known for her pioneering work in quality-of-life among patients with hematologic cancers, as well as for her contributions to the field of cancer survivorship. She has been a senior leader at City of Hope as well as nationally, contributing significantly to National Institutes of Health study section, professional organizations and international efforts.

Dr. Grant has served on the SCCPI board since its inception in 1993 and was also instrumental in developing the first Pain Resource Nurse (PRN) course. Dr. Grant will receive her award at the 2009 ONS congress in San Antonio in April 29-May 3. SCCPI congratulates Dr. Grant on this well deserved award!

YOU CAN HELP SCCPI BE GREEN

In order to help SCCPI be more energy efficient by reducing paper to print the SCCPI newsletter, we are offering our newsletter via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email rather than the postal service, contact Maggie Johnson at 626 256-4673 ext. 63202, Mjohnson@coh.org, or sccpi@coh.org.

Rose Virani, RNC, BSN, MHA, OCN Receives 2009 Oncology Nursing Society Pearl Moore Making a Difference Award



Rose Virani, RNC, BSN, MHA, OCN has served as the Treasurer on the SCCPI board since 1998. Rose, a senior research specialist at City of Hope in Duarte, CA, is the 2009 recipient of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Pearl Moore Making a Difference Award. The award recognizes her significant contributions to the

oncology nursing profession at the local and regional levels. She has been the director of various research projects focused on cancer pain, survivorship, and end-of-life/palliative care issues.

“Receiving this award is a giant step forward for ELNEC (End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium) in making an impact on and making a difference in oncology nursing in order to provide better care to the dying and their families,” said Virani.

Rose has been an active member of ONS for more than 20 years, participating in the ONS Hospice/Palliative Care and Cancer Program/Development Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and the Greater Los Angeles and South Bay Chapters of ONS. She also is the past president of the Inland Empire SIG as well as a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. SCCPI congratulates Rose on this well deserved award!

Special Thanks for Donations to SCCPI!

**Pamela Merriam
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<http://sccpi.coh.org/Donations.pdf>

Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES)

Rosene D. Pirrello, R.Ph.
Pharmacy Director & SCCPI Board Member
*San Diego Hospice and The Institute for
Palliative Medicine*

The California prescription-monitoring program, CURES, is committed to assisting in the reduction of pharmaceutical drug diversion without affecting legitimate medical practice and patient care. The CURES program, restructured in 2003, originally evolved from the California Triplicate Prescription Program.

Created in 1940, the California Triplicate Prescription Program (TPP) was the oldest, longest running multiple copy prescription program in the nation. The TPP program regulated and monitored the distribution of Schedule II controlled substances through state-issued, serialized, triplicate prescription forms.

In 1998, the TPP program established an electronic monitoring system capable of capturing all Schedule II controlled substance data throughout the state. This system became known as the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES). In 2004, the 65-year-old triplicate form was eliminated and replaced with a secure tamper-resistant prescription form enabling the CURES Program to capture Schedule II through IV controlled substances. Pharmacies throughout California transfer this information to the CURES Program electronically every week for rapid tracking.

The CURES program provides patient activity reports (PAR) to the medical community, investigative referrals to Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) field offices, print out requests to outside law enforcement for assistance in investigations, specialized reports to researchers, and statistical data to determine drug trends either state-wide or region specific.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What information may be obtained from CURES?**
CURES contains the patient name, date of birth, drug name, drug form, strength, quantity, pharmacy name, pharmacy number and the prescribing physician information.

2. **Who has access to CURES information?**

Any health care practitioner who has a DEA license, e.g., physicians, pharmacists, pharmacies, nurse practitioners. The health care practitioner must have previously cared for the patient or currently be caring for the patient. The patient activity report will only be sent to the address on the requestor's DEA license.

3. **What do I do if the information in CURES is not correct?**

Be prepared to tell the person in the CURES unit which Patient Activity Report (PAR) you are looking at and he/she will pull the copy from the Program files and do the following:

- Ask what field of information is incorrect and why; what the correct information should be.
- Ask your name and telephone number.
- Look into the matter and call you back to verify what has transpired.

4. **What do I do if a patient expresses concern regarding the information obtained from CURES?**

- **Do not** provide a copy of the PAR to the patient.
- You may refer a patient to the CURES public number below.

5. **What should I do if I suspect my patient may be "doctor shopping"?**

Call CURES and ask to speak to a supervisor.

6. **If I am an out-of-state doctor may I request a PAR?**

Yes, if CURES can verify your DEA number and that the person is under your care.

7. **How do I contact the CURES Program?**

CURES 4949 Broadway Sacramento, CA 95820
Phone: (916) 319-9062 Fax: (916) 319-9448
For more information and PAR request forms go to <http://ag.ca.gov/bne/trips.php>. (Referenced for this article in addition to personal telephone consultation).

For More Information on Pain



Visit the City of Hope
Pain & Palliative Care
Resource Center at

<http://prc.coh.org>

March is Social Work Month

The White House Officially recognized National Professional Social Work Month in 1984. This important observance is an opportunity for the profession to reflect on its history, celebrate the important work that is being done and look toward a promising future.

Social workers are passionate, purpose-driven individuals who want to provide excellent services for individuals and communities. Social workers have the unique training and education to see the purpose and possibility in the lives of those they serve.

This year the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) are focusing on the future of social work and the need to recruit more social workers into the profession. The recruiting focus for Social Work Month 2009 is *Social Work: Purpose & Possibility* defines the social work profession. People who become social workers do so because they seek a purpose to their career, acknowledging the many different paths upon which a social work degree might lead you. The NASW is also building a web-based application called “50 Ways to Use Your Social Work Degree” that will give people more information about the profession of social work and will help draw people into the minds and hearts of dedicated social workers.

The *Social Work: Purpose & Possibility* toolkit can be found on the NASW website <http://www.naswdc.org>.

Social Workers Course *Continued from Page 1*

Attendees will receive extensive course materials, a comprehensive resource binder, lunch, refreshments and valuable networking opportunities.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the critical advocacy role of social work in pain management and palliative care for patients and their families, with special attention to the unique needs of elders.
- Link the domains of quality end-of-life care to social work practice
- Identify multiple biopsychosocial-spiritual assessment tools and interventions appropriate for social work use in palliative care.

This course fills quickly. Discounted early-bird registration ends July 10, 2009. The program and registration information are available at <http://sccpi.coh.org>.

Community Forums

Social networks are transforming health care for professionals, providers and patients. These online community forums discuss methods and tools to improve pain and chronic disease. Online forums are usually available to anyone with an interest in participating.

California HealthCare Foundation: discuss methods and tools to improve chronic disease care. Join the forum at <http://community.chcf.org/forums/19.aspx>.

Palliative Care Network: the first online community exclusively for Palliative Care Professionals. Join the forum at <http://www.pcn-e.com/community/>.



PainAid (American Pain Foundation): Here you will find Conference Rooms; Discussion Boards on a broad range of topics; and Ask the Expert feature. Join the forum at <http://painaid.painfoundation.org>.

Nurse.com: nursing discussion forums, respond to polls, upload content and may other special features. Join the forum at <http://forums.nurse.com/>.

Netdoc.com: physician and medical community forum, including medical specialties. Join the forum at <http://www.netdoc.com>.

MedHelp, finding cures together: medical support communities and “Ask the Doctor” forums, including an International, Spanish and pet forum. Join the forum at <http://www.medhelp.org/>.

Fibrotalk: support and information for Fibromyalgia. Join the forum at <http://www.fibrotalk.com/forum/>.

The Cancer Forums: discussion about any type of cancer. Join the discussion at <http://www.cancerforums.net>.



“**Social Workers Help starts here**” is a valuable web resource for social work professionals which offers advice, inspiring stories, issues and answers, a social worker directory and more.

[Http://helpstartshere.org/](http://helpstartshere.org/)

Global Year Against Cancer Pain

The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) has launched the October 2008 – October 2009 Global Year Against Cancer Pain to focus attention on the pain and suffering faced by people with cancer. Through this campaign, IASP seeks to provide a voice to those with cancer-related pain by “Raising Awareness, Improving Treatment, and Growing Support.” They hope the program will serve as an important first step toward reducing cancer-related pain and suffering for people around the world.

More than 10 million people worldwide who are diagnosed with some form of cancer each year and pain associated with their condition is a serious concern. The consequences of unrelieved cancer pain are devastating and can include functional impairment, immobility, social isolation, and emotional and spiritual distress. Cancer patients express greater fear of dying in pain (i.e., suffering) than dying.

Approximately one-third of adults who are actively receiving treatment for cancer and two-thirds of those with advanced malignant disease experience pain. Children with cancer have similar pain experiences. While increasing numbers of medical professionals and governments are beginning to place more attention on the pain suffered by long-term survivors of cancer, much more research is needed.

Throughout the year IASP will organize various programs and events designed to highlight the issues associated with cancer pain. Specifically, these efforts will encourage and promote:

- Proper assessment and management of cancer pain by knowledgeable clinicians
- Increased access to appropriate treatments for cancer pain
- More research on the underlying biology of cancer pain
- Development of new therapies to relieve the pain and suffering of cancer patients.

IASP will also initiate media efforts to educate health-care providers, government leaders and agencies, and the general public about the issue surrounding cancer pain.

Global Year Against Cancer Pain Fact Sheets, Resources and Events can be found on the IASP website at <http://www.iasp-pain.org/>.



The ACE Project:

**Advocating for Clinical Excellence -
Transdisciplinary Palliative Care Education
Final Annual Course!**
October 13-16, 2009 in Pasadena, CA

The ACE Project is an NCI-funded study that seeks to enhance the advocacy and leadership skills of competitively-selected psychologists, social workers and spiritual care professionals through an innovative transdisciplinary educational experience. Four annual courses with 75 new participants per course will be held followed by a Reunion Conference in October 2010 that reunites all past 300 participants and faculty to disseminate findings, share lessons learned and strengthen participant change efforts. We invite your application to this important endeavor to improve the care of those who are seriously ill, the dying and the bereaved. Substantial financial assistance will be provided to ACE attendees.

Applications for the fourth and final ACE Project Course are due June 20, 2009.

Information and application:

<http://www.cityofhope.org/ACEproject>

Contact:

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or via email: ACEproject@coh.org

NIH Spending Less on Pain Research

Pain research accounts for about 0.6% of all grant awards by the National Institutes of Health, according to a study published in *The Journal of Pain*. Funding levels rose 12% from 2003 to 2004 but then dropped by 9.4% on average during the subsequent three years. Funding for cancer pain research declined more rapidly for basic science than for clinical pain research. The authors called the investment in pain research "seriously out of scale with the impact of pain on the nation's health care burden." The authors indicate funding for pain research has declined at a higher percentage than the overall NIH budget. At the same time, NIH grants increased steadily for investigations pertaining to nausea and dyspnea. The American Pain Society provided a grant to support the research. Website: <http://www.jpain.org/article/PIIS1526590008007682/fulltext>.

See Regulatory & Legislative Update on Page 7 for information on the National Pain Care Policy Act.

FDA Hearings on Prescribing Opioids and Narcotics

The Food and Drug Administration recently announced that it was stepping up efforts to reduce unsafe use of 24 narcotics products -- methadone pills, fentanyl patches and extended-release pills containing morphine, oxycodone and oxycodone, such as OxyContin. The agency sent letters to 16 manufacturers of 24 products. The letters told the drug makers of agency plans to require a risk-evaluation and -mitigation strategy, or REMS, "to ensure that the benefits of the drugs continue to outweigh the risks."

Additionally, the FDA will hold meetings this year with manufacturers, patient and consumer advocates, and the public to ask for advice on how to carry out the new control program, officials announced.

Schedule II narcotics are already restricted according to rules jointly administered by the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Agency. But the current restrictions have failed to "fully meet the goals we want to achieve," said Dr. John K. Jenkins, director of the FDA's new drug center.

"Despite these efforts, the rates of misuse and abuse, and of accidental overdose of opioids, have risen over the past decade," the agency said in a statement posted on its Web site. The agency has issued increasingly urgent warnings about the risks, but the toll has only worsened in recent years. "The FDA believes that establishing a REMS for opioids will reduce these risks, while still ensuring that patients with legitimate need for these drugs will continue to have appropriate access."

A major part of the new program will be efforts to educate doctors about appropriate prescribing of the products. There will be no immediate changes for prescribers or users of extended-release pain pills. Other pain pills that are immediate-release and more commonly prescribed for pain won't be affected.

The 24 medications under review had 21 million prescriptions written for them in 2007 to 3.7 million patients, Dr. Jenkins said. They are extremely effective in reducing pain, which many medical studies suggest is widely undertreated in patients suffering serious illness. (A complete list of the drugs is at www.fda.gov/cder.)

Trends in Nonmedical Use of Prescription Pain Relievers: 2002 to 2007

Download Report at <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/painRelievers/nonmedicalTrends.pdf>



Pain Resource Nurse (PRN) Curriculum & Planning Guide now available from the ASPI Resource Center
<http://trc.wisc.edu/items.asp?itemID=114>

American Academy of Pain Medicine Publishes Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids

The American Pain Society (APS) and the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) has published the first comprehensive, evidence-based clinical practice guideline to assist clinicians in prescribing potent opioid pain medication for patients with chronic non-cancer pain.

In Gratitude...

SCCPI would like to express its appreciation to its executive sponsors. Without their generous support, we would not be able to offer our services or meet our mission of "promoting optimum pain relief for all people with cancer."





**Regulatory
 & Legislative
 Update**

National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009:

The American Pain Foundation and 106 organizations, including SCCPI, from the pain care community support the introduction of the National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009, H.R. 756 in the U.S. House of Representatives. This important bill was introduced by Lois Capps (D-CA) and Mike Rodgers (R-MI) and is a reintroduction of H.R. 2994 from the 110th Congress, which passed in the House of Representatives in 2008. If passed in Congress, it will be presented to the President to sign into law.

The bill would help to improve outreach, provider educational training, research, and develop an awareness of the complex issues in treating pain. It recommends:

- ★ Creating an Institute of Medicine Conference on Pain Care
- ★ Forming a Pain Consortium at the National Institute of Health
- ★ Providing much needed pain care education and training for health care professions
- ★ Initiating a comprehensive public education and awareness program.

For a summary of the National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009 and how it will have a positive impact in the lives of millions suffering with pain go to the following website <http://www.painfoundation.org/>. Please let your legislators know that you support this important legislation!

NCPI Stakeholders Report:

The Northern California Pain Initiative (NCPI) held a successful discussion forum, “Improving Pain Management in California: Next Steps” on Friday, December 5, 2008 in Sacramento, CA. Invited participants included pain management experts, pain advocates, representatives from pain stakeholder organizations, health care practitioners, and regulatory and legislative representatives.

The discussion forum goal was to identify challenges to safe and effective pain management, then to recommend actions to improve pain management practice in California. The agenda was designed to promote discussion and open exchange of ideas. Following each presentation, expert panelists responded to and commented on the presentation from their particular perspectives. The audience was also invited to provide input and comment.

Aaron M. Gilson, MS, MSSW, PhD, with the Pain & Policy Studies Group and World Health Organization Collaborating Center presented the keynote address: “How to Improve the Policy Environment for Pain Management in California.” Dr. Gilson concisely identified the policy and regulatory challenges we face in California, setting an excellent tone for our discussions during the rest of the meeting.

The recommendations from participants of the Forum fell into three basic categories: Policy, Education, and Patient Care. NCPI will help facilitate efforts to act on priorities identified through the Forum and set the stage for further improvements in pain management in California. The Forum was necessary to continue the networking and collaborations with all pain management stakeholders that are critical in order to deliver on the priorities that have been identified. The NCPI website can be found at <http://home.earthlink.net/~norcalpain/>.

Ask CHIS

Need a health statistic? Ask CHIS (California Health Interview Survey) is the place to look. Ask CHIS is a free online tool that helps you search for statistics on your county and state. Health advocates, media, health care providers, foundations and researchers depend on this rich source of population-based data for critical health information. Website: <http://www.chis.ucla.edu>

CHIS is conducted by the UCLA Center of Health Policy Research in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Care Services and the Public Health Institute.

The California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) included reports on San Gabriel Valley residents in pain who were asked “How much pain interfered with normal work”:

How much pain interfered with normal work?	2001
Not at all	46.5%
A little bit	25.7%
Moderately	14.6%
Quite a lot	10.7%
Extremely	2.5%
Total (n=449,000)	100%

Source: <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/>

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Vital Options® International TeleSupport® Cancer Network

Vital Options is a cancer communications, support and advocacy organization dedicated to using communications technology to help people cope with cancer. Its mission is to facilitate a global cancer dialogue. They also have a website dedicated to young adults with cancer.

Website: <http://www.vitaloptions.org/>

SCCPI Notes

Kathe Kelly
SCCPI Director

Dear SCCPI Members,

Since this is SCCPI's first newsletter of the year, I'd like to bring you up-to-date on our activities for 2009 and introduce our newest board member. SCCPI also dedicates this newsletter to the efforts of the IASP who have declared 2008-2009 as the "Global Year Against Cancer Pain" (Page 5).

At our annual Board Retreat in January SCCPI decided to make this year dedicated to pain relief through educational opportunities for healthcare professionals, which includes our social workers course and PRN course (Page 1). We will also update the SCCPI pain reference pocket card and distribute it, at no charge, to cancer centers, medical education sites and to physicians throughout Southern California.

The board also affirmed the importance of caregivers, and added caregivers to our beliefs about the treatment of pain. SCCPI beliefs are listed on our website at <http://sccpi.coh.org/Mission%2009.pdf>.

Additionally we are pleased to introduce you to our newest Board member Frances Baumgarten, PhD. Dr. Baumgarten is a two time cancer patient and survivor. She established Fran's Place: Center for Cancer Counseling in Newport Beach, CA with a colleague in 2000. She truly recognizes the importance of treating not only the physical pain associated with cancer but the emotional pain that is often overlooked. More information on their website (<http://www.centerforcancercounseling.org/>). We welcome Fran and her expertise to our Board.

As always we welcome your input and support. Contact us at sccpi@coh.org.

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2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH IS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

MARCH

March 25-28: Annual Assembly of AAHPM & HPNA
Location: Austin, TX
Web: <http://www.aahpm.org/education/conf/geninfo.html>
Affiliations: AAHPM & HPNA

March 30: Putting POLST Into Action
Location: Sacramento, CA
Web: <http://www.finalchoices.org/>
Affiliation: California Coalition for Compassionate Care

APRIL

April 5-8: The War on Pain
Location: Maui, HI
Affiliation: UC Davis Health System
Web: <http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cme/conferences/>

April 21-22: ELNEC Core
Location: Oklahoma City, OK
Web: <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/elnec/>
Affiliations: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, City of Hope & Mercy Health Center

April 29: National Bereavement Teleconference:
 Diversity and End-of-Life Care
Location: Huntington Hospital, Pasadena, CA
Web: <http://hospicefoundation.org/teleconference/default.asp>
Affiliation: Hospice Foundation of America

April 29-May 3: Oncology Nursing Society Congress
Location: San Antonio, TX
Web: <http://ons.org/meetings/congress09/index.shtml>
Affiliation: Oncology Nursing Society

April 29-May 4: American Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Meeting
Location: Chicago, IL
Web: <http://www.americangeriatrics.org/>
Affiliation: American Geriatrics Society

MAY

May 7: AOSW 25th Annual Conference
Location: Savannah, GA
Web: <http://www.aosw.org/docs/AOSW09ConfBroch.pdf>
Affiliation: Association of Oncology Social Work

More events can be found at <http://sccpi.coh.org/>

MAY

May 7-9: American Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting
Location: San Diego, CA
Web: <http://ampainsoc.org/meeting/>
Affiliation: American Pain Society

May 15-16: ELNEC Geriatric
Location: Pasadena, CA
Web: <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/elnec/>
Affiliations: American Association of Colleges of Nursing & City of Hope

May 29-June 2: ASCO Annual Meeting
Location: Orlando, FL
Web: <http://www.asco.org>
Affiliation: American Society of Clinical Oncology

JUNE

June 25-26: ELNEC Core
Location: Minneapolis, MN
Web: <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/elnec/>
Affiliations: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, City of Hope & Hospice and Palliative Nurses Assoc.

JULY

July 31: 4th Annual Promoting Excellence in Pain and Palliative Care for Social Workers
Location: Duarte, CA
Web: <http://sccpi.coh.org/>
Affiliations: SCCPI & City of Hope

SEPTEMBER

September 2-4: Pain Resource Nursing (PRN) Course
Location: Duarte, CA
Web: <http://sccpi.coh.org/>
Affiliations: SCCPI & City of Hope

September 10-12: APHON 33rd Annual Conference
Location: Orlando, FL
Web: <http://www.aphon.org>
Affiliation: Association of Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Nurses

Last ACE Course October 13-16

Apply Now: <http://www.cityofhope.org/ACEproject>