

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Newsletter

### **COVID 19 in the Rio Grande Valley**

The World Health Organization had a proclamation as the year 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife. Also, ENA reaches 50 years as a professional membership organization. Both milestones that certainly deserve much recognition and celebration.

We have also seen other changes happening simultaneously in our environments, such as the COVID 19 pandemic. Lives have been lost, and many have been affecting by this pandemic. I am confident that your workplace has also had many changes. We should all take a moment and acknowledge where we are in this moment, what is happening around us, and, most importantly, realize that we are not alone. We're all in this together.

We must recognize the hard work and dedication of all our nurses to our patients and their families. While many people may not realize the real challenges that we face at the bedside, the problems are real. Issues such as; nurse to patient ratios, limited staffing, long wait periods in waiting rooms, limited PPE, etc.

One thing that is for sure that nurses will speak up and continue to advocate for our profession and our patients. We, as nurses, are compassionate, reliable, and resilient. We will continue to provide care for our patients, and we will get through this pandemic stronger and united. Please keep yourselves and your families safe. God bless everyone!

By Aaron Salinas

**Emergency Nursing Topic: Covid 19 Update** Education Session presented by Dr. James W Castillo II, MD.

Tuesday 6/23/2020 6:30pm-7:30pm via zoom Chapter Meeting to follow.



# **ENA Local and State Meeting Information**

Emergency Nursing Education-Register for EN20X-A Virtual Experience. September 9-11.

For More information please visit www.ena.org

- **2020 Rio Bravo Chachalacas #438 Chapter Meeting Schedule** June 23, 2020-Virtual Meeting via Zoom
- August 19, 2020-location tba
- October 21, 2020-location tba
- December 16, 2020-location tba

### 2020 Texas ENA Quarterly Meetings

- 3Q-July 10-11-Frisco
- 4Q-October 9-10-Houston

For more information please visit txena.org/meetings/

## **Educational Courses**

### **TNCC Courses**

July 18-19-DHR-Edinburg October 24 -25-DHR-Edinburg August 22-23-VBMC-Harlingen September 19-20-VBMC-Harlingen

#### TNCC Courses

September 18-VRMC-Brownsville

### **ENPC Courses**

August 8-9-VBMC-Harlingen November 21-22-VBMC-Brownsville

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