



## URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP

House Bills (HB) 4520 and 4521, were recently introduced by Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Linden) and Rep. Kelly Breen (D-Nov) to help protect healthcare employees including nurses while performing their official duties. While not making these assaults a felony (which seems to have been a sticking point in getting the bills passed) the bills double the fines, and require signage be prominently placed in hospital emergency rooms to deter potential assaults. Our MENA government affairs committee reviewed these bills at our last meeting and support the bills. We encourage all our members to contact your local house representatives and ask that they support the bills. If you do not know how to do this, please contact Naomi at [Nurseomi@comcast.net](mailto:Nurseomi@comcast.net), she will help you write an email or a plan a visit and has offered to accompany you on your visit if she can.

We would like to collect your stories of violence that you have experienced or witnessed. If you have a story of being assaulted and injured by a patient or visitor, please Email your stories to [Nurseomi@comcast.net](mailto:Nurseomi@comcast.net).

We do have a TIME SENSITIVE Request. We are urgently looking for a story or two of staff being assaulted by a family member or visitor to highlight the concerns we have about violence that arises from unexpected or unanticipated- but very real- sources. If you have a story of being assaulted and injured by a visitor or family member, please contact [Naomi.Ishioka@corewellhealth.org](mailto:Naomi.Ishioka@corewellhealth.org) as soon as possible.

Naomi Ishioka RN MSN CEN NDHP-BC



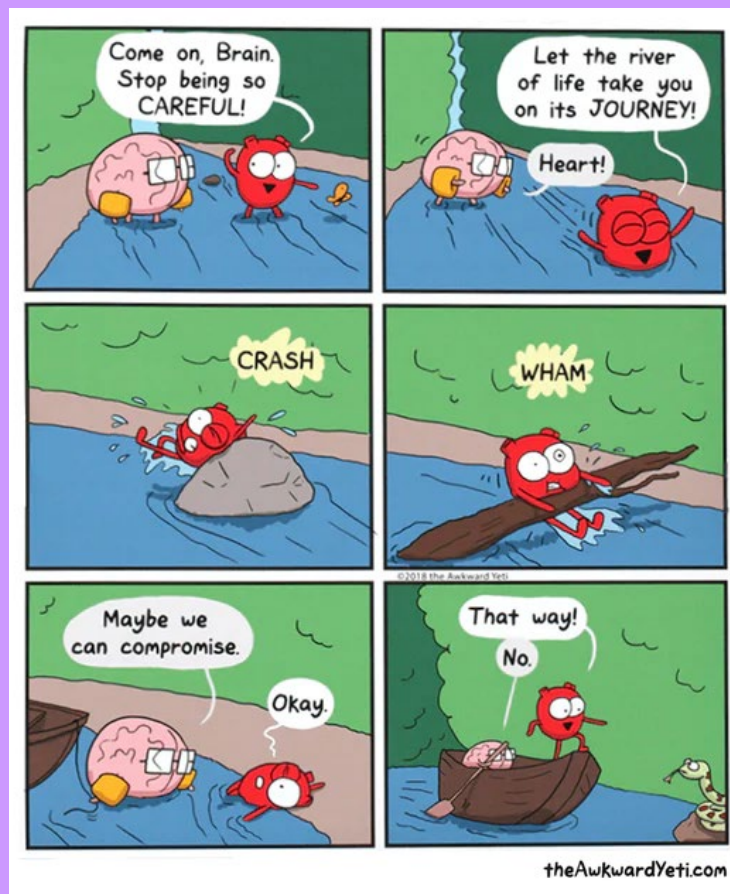
## SPRING 2023 TRIAGE NOTES

Here are a couple quick updates and a chance to win a free registration for our 2024 Conference in Traverse City! Be the 5th person to respond to this email and win! Literally, just respond and say “Hello” and you can win!

Updates:

- Our Winter 2023 Triage Notes Free 2023 Frankenmuth Conference winner was Michelle Barnett! Congrats, Michelle!
- Congrats to our winners at our Frankenmuth conference,
  - 2024 Conference Winners
    - Debbie Bricely
    - Jenna Arens
    - Heather Bartlett (Poster Winner)
    - Jenna Conner (Poster Winner)
  - Membership Winners
    - Jessica Gault
    - Jo Eells
    - Amy Preuss
- 2023 MENA Awards Nominations are [NOW OPEN](#).
- Finally, our bylaws are now updated and can be seen [HERE](#).

**Rebecca**





Michigan State Council



**FREE EVENT**

**JULY 13TH  
BAY CITY, MI**

**Costela Brazilian Steak House  
110 Uptown Drive  
Bay City, MI 48708**

**6:30pm-8pm**

**Dinner and Discussion Courtesy of  
Astra Zeneca to learn about  
ANDEXXA**

**Presentation by:  
James Neuenschwander MD, FACEP,  
FASAM**

**Attending Emergency Physician, Doctors Hospital  
Adjunct Associate Professor, The Ohio State  
University**



Registration Required  
Use the QR code to register!  
Limited seats available







# MICHIGAN MENA T-SHIRT CONTEST

**THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT,  
MENA STATE CONFERENCE 2024 IN  
TRAVERSE CITY, AND BRAGGING RIGHTS!**

All submissions please send to our Membership Chair- Gail VanStanton: [vmtawas@gmail.com](mailto:vmtawas@gmail.com).  
Submissions will be accepted until the end of the year 2023. Voting will be sent out early 2024  
and the winner will be announced so we can have t-shirts by our 2024 May Conference!



## Standing Together Against Trafficking Conference

The inaugural *Standing Together Against Trafficking* conference is an opportunity for anti-trafficking professionals, subject matter experts, and survivors to engage in dialogue, networking, and information sharing as we unite efforts to make Michigan a national leader in the anti-trafficking movement.



This day-long event will feature a series of speakers and workshops with a focus on human trafficking service providers, health care, child welfare, and survivor support. The conference is hosted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' [Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board](#) and [Division of Victim Services](#).

# SAVE THE DATE!

STANDING  
TOGETHER  
**AGAINST**  
**TRAFFICKING**  
Michigan Anti-Trafficking Conference



**September 6, 2023**

**LANSING CENTER | 333 E MICHIGAN AVE | LANSING, MI**

**Registration Coming Soon**

More information about speakers, sessions, and how to register will be available in the coming weeks. If you would like to receive updates about this conference via email, please subscribe using the link below.

[Click Here to Receive Conference Updates](#)



Division of  
Victim Services

[www.Michigan.gov/CrimeVictim](http://www.Michigan.gov/CrimeVictim)

# Michigan ENA 2024: Traverse City



## April 30 - May 1



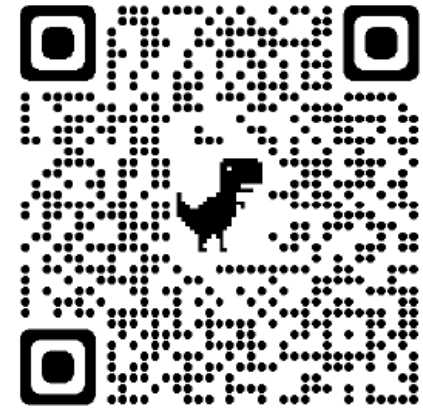
- Grand Traverse Resort and Spa
  - \$50 for members and \$55 for nonmembers







Nominate an  
emergency nurse  
for a  
**2023 AWARD!!**



CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

Excellence in Emergency Nursing  
Lifetime Achievement  
Inspire  
Nurse Manager  
Nurse Leader  
Rising Star

## **Foundation News**

A big thank you to all who supported our annual opportunity to win at this years MENA conference in Frankenmuth. Our earnings from this event were \$2200.00. This money goes to supporting future ENA scholarships and MENA one-time scholarships for those Emergency nurse that want to expand their knowledge by attending a college or university. Supporting one of our members, in expanding their degree, is one way in which our organization supports our MENA members. The ENA Foundation has a goal this year to obtain donations of over \$425,000.00 to support the scholarship program. We support Emergency nurses in advancing their learning by giving a one-time scholarship of \$500.00. Your support over the years by purchasing tickets for the prizes at our conference has been greatly appreciated. We could not assist in the scholarship program without your support in our annual event. It is your participation that helps our organization continue the scholarship program. As we move forward with our program, you can also donate a gift in which we can place in our opportunity to win area at our conference. This gift can also be a tax deduction as well. If you want to donate a gift, keep receipt turn into me and I will write up a letter with our tax exemption number so you can use it on your 2024 taxes. Please contact me if you would like to donate. It is very important to our organization that we continue the scholarship program. If you are planning on going back to school to increase your education, please go to the web site and fill out the form on scholarship and send to Kim Johnson. You can apply to the National ENA Scholarship as well. One of the greatest gifts we can give to our members is by giving them financial support in obtaining their goal. 2024 MENA conference is in Traverse City. Hope to see you all there supporting the Foundations event. Donate today for our Foundation for our future.

Kim Johnson

MENA Foundation Chair

## Michigan ENA "I love ER Nursing" T-Shirts

We are putting together a group order for shirts.  
Fill out the order form (see last sheet) and payment will be due when our order arrives.  
Shirts will arrive approximately 30 days after orders close.

Short sleeve is \$20, long sleeve is \$30.

Orders due by **June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

Short sleeve is available in either **Vintage Black** or **Heather Navy**  
with your choice of **BLUE** or **RAINBOW** EKG graphic on back

Long sleeve is available in **Black**  
with your choice of **BLUE** or **RAINBOW** EKG graphic on back



# SIZE CHART

SIZE	CHEST	LENGTH
<b>S</b>	18"	28"
<b>M</b>	20"	29"
<b>L</b>	22"	30"
<b>XL</b>	24"	31"
<b>2XL</b>	26"	32"



# SIZE CHART

SIZE	CHEST	LENGTH
<b>XS</b>	17.5"	27"
<b>S</b>	19"	28"
<b>M</b>	20.5"	29"
<b>L</b>	22"	30"
<b>XL</b>	23.5"	31"
<b>2XL</b>	25"	32"
<b>3XL</b>	26.5"	33"





\*no payment due at this time. Payment will be expected when your shirts are delivered. Size chart page indicates sizes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail VanStanton/vmtawas@gmail.com

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## Government Affairs Update

May 2-3 was the ENA National Day on the Hill this year. I had the opportunity and honor to represent our Michigan ENA in Washington D.C. for this event. The event started off with ENA staff, national board members, and ENA Government Relations staff Rob Kramer and Richard Mereu provided us with a preparation day which included a comprehensive review of the ENA's government affairs priorities, and a summary of the 2 bills that we are currently backing, as well as how to effectively speak to our representatives. IN addition, they spoke about how to effectively use social media to promote our messages

The Deputy surgeon General Denise Hintion who is a nurse, and passionate about improving mental health care across the nation. She acknowledged the increase in violence and general incivility that seems to be pervading the nation, and spoke of several initiatives that their office is working on to improve physical and mental wellbeing of the nation's youth, as well as initiatives she is supporting to improve workplace safety and decrease violence in mental health care institutions.

On day 2, we went to the Capitol and met with our legislators. I was able to meet with Senator Gary peters and his staff, as well the health aides for Senator Debbie Stabinaw and House Representative John James. They were all very supportive of the ideas behind both of the bills that we were asked to speak to.

This year we were there specifically supporting 2 different bills. The first is HR 2663/S.117 the "Support the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act." T his bill directs the secretary of Labor through OSHA to require employers to develop and implement prevention plans that are worker driven and comprehensive, based on a hazard assessment that workers are a part of. This would include creating a process of documenting and investigating violence, supporting employees who report instances of violence including non-retaliation strategies, and ensuring training in identifying and addressing hazards, and ensuring that employees are aware of their rights to report to the authorities. Senator Debbie Stabinaw was an immediate cosponsor, and Senator Gary Peter's office stated they would be signing on

The second bill is the "Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act" which is the S.1346 (not yet introduced in the house) bill. This bill is specifically trying to address the extended holding of mental health patients by creating funding for programs that expedite transition to post emergency care through use of tele-psychiatric support, or assessment in the ED by community health care programs to place them in outpatient crisis clinics, as well as increasing the number of available inpatient beds. All three offices were not aware of this bill, but all three were very interested and stated that it was likely that he would be supportive of such legislation. While none have signed on yet, I have reached out to the staff to remind them about it and again asked them to support it.

The day was capped off with a joint press conference with ENA and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) who was also in Washington DC to support the legislation. This was held on the lawn of the capitol building and several nurses and doctors shared their stories of being violently attacked at work, and how it is affecting morale and making it more difficult to recruit and retain staff for the emergency departments across the country. Through advocacy and asking for change we can create an environment that is safe and supportive for our staff who

work in our Emergency departments which are a vital part of our healthcare system, and a safety net for many who need care across the country.



### Child Passenger Safety Certification Course – (Safe Kids Worldwide):

New courses have been added:

- (ID MI20230519557H) has been added in Comstock Park on **June 8, 2023**.
- (ID MI20230516545) in Sault Sainte Marie on **July 10, 2023**.
- (ID MI20230530584) in Coldwater on **July 10, 2023**.

Click [here](#) to find course details.

- Click [here](#) to search for courses by course ID, State, Date etc. Courses are added frequently, so it can be useful to check regularly using this search option.
- If you would like to be notified by email, when a new course is added in Michigan, you can sign up to receive them directly, [here](#).

