

*Anesthesia Administrators of Texas  
20th Annual Educational Conference*



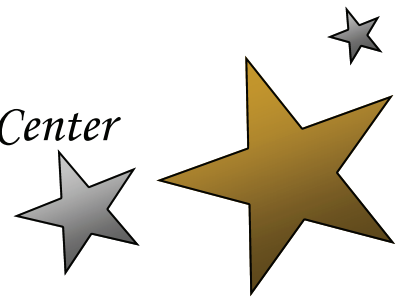
*“Celebrating Excellence!”*



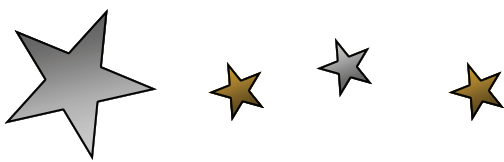
*Twenty years of  
education for Anesthesia Administrators  
in the state of Texas*



*February 17—19, 2008  
Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center  
Grapevine, Texas*



Anesthesia Administrators of Texas  
Donita Billings, President  
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**AAT** is proud to invite you to attend our 20<sup>th</sup>

Annual Educational Conference, "Celebrating Excellence." We have a terrific program lined up for you that will enhance your knowledge and update you on all you want to know about anesthesia and pain management in Texas! You will find our program offers something for everyone, whether you are a tenured administrator or are brand new to our specialty. We are pleased to present two keynote speakers this year so prepare to be inspired and entertained as they open our sessions on Monday and Tuesday. This year's program will provide updates on all coding for 2008 as well as new information from Medicare and Medicaid. Focused breakout sessions on CRNA and OB billing, collections and how to file successful anesthesia appeals will provide information to take back to your practice. For those of you in supervisory roles, we offer information about employment law and financial reporting for anesthesia practices. In addition, we have several sessions just focused on chronic pain billing - how to bill and how to get paid! This broad curriculum offers opportunities for you and others in your office to gain knowledge and update skills. We hope you will take a moment to register and invite others in anesthesia/pain management to attend with you!



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Lone Star Tower which has all the comforts of home and then some!



**Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center**  
1501 Gaylord Trail  
Grapevine, Texas 76051  
(817) 778-3000

To ensure room availability and the special rate, you must make your reservations by Monday, January 21, 2007.

## Planning Committee

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**Board elections will be on Monday, February 19th.**  
Please email one of the board members if you are interested in joining the board.

## Who should attend?

Billing & Collection Staff  
Patient Account Specialists  
Supervisors  
Administrators

Coders  
Office Managers  
Executives  
Anesthesiologists



**Business Casual Attire**

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# Anesthesia Administrators of Texas - 20th Annual Educational Conference

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:00 - 7:00 PM Conference Registration

6:00 - 10:00 PM **20th Anniversary Celebration** (*Casual Attire*)  
Join us for music, door prizes and line dancing instruction— all Texas style! (Cocktails & heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served)

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 Continental Breakfast with Sponsors

8:00 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
*Donita Billings, President, AAT*

8:15 **“Celebrating Excellence”**  
*David F. Jakielo, CHBME*

9:15 Break with Sponsors

9:45 Breakout Sessions I

**Legal Strategies For Getting Paid Without Getting Nailed**

*Cynthia Marcotte Stamer, JD*— How to get the money collected without breaking the rules.

**Motivating Employees**

*Dave Jakielo, CHBME*— Motivated employees can impact productivity and result in peak performance.

**Intro to Pain Billing**

*Marvel Hammer, RN CPC CCS-P ACS-PM CHCO*  
Get the basics on how to navigate coding and billing for chronic pain.

10:45 Break with Sponsors

11:00 Breakout Session II

**Successful Appeals for Anesthesia Claim Denials**

*Joanne Mehmert*— Understand why claims are denied and strategies for appealing. Will focus on anesthesia, MAC, acute pain blocks & “sedation.”

**Employment Law Review**

*David Criss, Attorney*—Are you current on the latest employment law changes? Get an update here!

**Advanced Pain Billing**

*Marvel Hammer, RN CPC CCS-P ACS-PM CHCO*  
A more in-depth look at chronic pain billing including billing for pumps and stimulators.

12:15 Lunch—Round table discussion groups on hot topics such as CRNAs, OB Billing, Pain, etc.

1:30 **Texas Society of Anesthesiologists Specialty Update**  
*Catherine Scholl, MD, TSA President*

2:00 **Legislative Update**

*Dianne Longley, Special Projects Dir. for Life, Health and Licensing Division at TDI*—Texas has new transparency laws effective 9/07 impacting out of network physicians—what should your practice do?

2:45 Break with Sponsors

3:15 Breakout Sessions III

**2008 Coding Update**

*Joanne Mehmert*— An in-depth update of 2008 CPT, ICD-9 and ASA code changes.

**Financial Reporting**

*Genie G. Blough, MBA, FACMPE*—Identifying what data should be reviewed and presented and offering innovative formats for presenting the information.

**Successful Appeals for Pain Claim Denials**

*Marvel Hammer & Amr Zidan, MD*—Panel discussion offering suggestions for effective ways to appeal denials on pain claims.

4:45 Adjourned

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 Continental Breakfast with Sponsors

8:00 **Personal Productivity Excellence: Organized, On Time and On Top of Tasks**

*Karla Brandau, CSP*—Join Karla as she tells you how to become a confident time manager and reduce time crunch induced stress!

9:00 Breakout Sessions IV

**Obstetrical Anesthesia Billing & Collections**

*Kelly Dennis, MBA, CPC, ACS-AP*—Understanding the complexity of OB billing including post-operative pain management for C-sections.

**Celebrating Time and Technology Connection**

*Karla Brandau, CSP*—Trusted time management principles with Microsoft Outlook as the tool of implementation. Are you using all Outlook offers?

**Accounting Controls: Preventing Embezzlement**

*Speaker TBD*—Appropriate accounting controls protect your practice and your staff.

10:15 Break with Sponsors

10:45 Breakout Sessions V

**Anesthesia Boot Camp Basics**

*Kris Simeona*—New to anesthesia, this session is for you! Learn billing and documentation basics.

**CRNA Billing Issues**

*Kelly Dennis, MBA, CPC, ACS-AP*—An in-depth look at the requirements for CRNA billing including medical direction, supervision, modifiers, split bills, etc.

**Productivity Measures**

*Speaker TBD*— How to evaluate your staff and their productivity. How much should they get done?

12:00 Lunch & Annual Business Meeting

1:30 **Medicaid Update**

*Kathy Dunbar, Texas Medicaid*

2:15 **Medicare Update**

*Christine Griffith, Trailblazer Health Enterprises*

The agenda is subject to change. Go to <http://www.aatweb.org> for an updated agenda.



