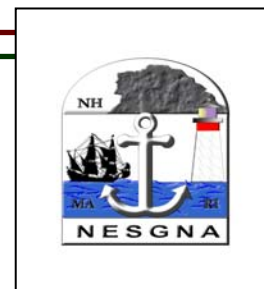




# NESGNA "SCOPE"

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*Please post at work in your GI Unit to share with co-workers.*

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## **President's Letter**

Jane Harker, MS, BSN, RN, CGRN

What a wonderful year it has been to serve as your 2007 NESGNA President! As of right now, we have 408 members, and we are the largest of the 62 SGNA regions. We count many of our members on national SGNA committees, including the Program Committee, the Practice Committee, and the Regional Societies Committee. As a matter of fact, one of our former members, and a past president of our region who re-located, was elected to serve on the 2007-2008 Nominations and Elections Committee. We are also extremely proud of Sandy Cialfi, from Brigham and Women's Hospital, who is the 2007-2008 SGNA President, and Lisa Heard, from Children's Hospital, who is President Elect.

For 2007, we provided 11.6 Contact Hours for our members and hosted one of the first SGNA-Doris Barnie Certification Review Courses at The Cambridge Hospital. We also hosted the fall Certification Exam site that was held at Winchester Hospital.

Again, this year, NESGNA awarded (3) \$400.00 scholarships for our members to attend the Annual Course in Baltimore, and provided \$100.00 bonuses to 38 of our members who successfully certified or recertified in gastroenterology nursing. Congratulations to each and every one of you.

I would like to remind everyone to renew your membership in SGNA. It is our professional organization and membership offers many opportunities, including regional and national scholarships, and discounts on all SGNA merchandise as well as regional and national educational programs. I feel this is well worth the cost of the membership.

Additionally, please think about becoming involved in SGNA, by volunteering to be on a committee. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet others who share your passion and interest in all things SGNA. Future Involvement Forms can be found on the SGNA web site at [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org).

As I finish my presidential year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a special "thank you" to each and every member of the 2007 NESGNA Board. You are an awesome group to work with! I want to add a special thanks to Debbie Gates, who is completing four years as Treasurer, and to Kim Foley, who has held various Board positions (treasurer, director, and president) over the past 8 years. And lastly... thanks to all of you, our NESGNA members, who make us the strong region that we are.

### **NESGNA Officers & Board 2007**

#### **President**

*Jane Harker, MS, BSN, RN, CGRN*

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*Arlene MyersMckim, RN, CGRN*

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## ***2008-2009 SGNA NATIONAL ELECTION***

*The polls open on November 14, 2007. The last day to vote is January 21, 2008. Don't miss the opportunity to read information and see the photos of the candidates! To review the candidates and cast your vote, visit [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org). Paper ballots can be found inside the Nov/Dec SGNA newsletter, but voting online is convenient, fast and easy. You can call SGNA Headquarters (800-245-SGNA) at any time for assistance. Your right to vote represents freedom of choice...DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.*

### **The DAVE Project**

#### **Have you heard about it?**

The Digital Atlas of Video Education. Go to [www.thedaveproject.org/GI\\_Nursing](http://www.thedaveproject.org/GI_Nursing) where you will find various video and audio educational sessions related to GI Nursing. The site was developed by Jane Harker, RN, CGRN and Chris Robbins, RN, CGRN, both of whom work at Massachusetts General Hospital and are members of the 2007 NESGNA Board. Four new videos have recently been added and anyone can contribute. Check out the site and find out how.

### **Spotlight on...**

#### **Baystate Medical Center Endoscopy Unit**

The Endoscopy Unit at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts performs 11,000 inpatient and outpatient procedures annually. We are currently running two units where we care for patients based on volume. Our specialty programs include esophageal and rectal motilities, pH impedance studies, and placement of pH probes. We also provide interventional therapies for patients including specialty endoscopic stent placements, double balloon enteroscopy, and bronchoscopy including stent placements, endoscopic ultrasound, endobronchial ultrasound, and ERCP's. We provide care to short stay surgical patients. Our endoscopy volume includes adults and pediatrics and pediatric short stay surgical cases. Our professional staff includes 18 registered nurses, 8 GI techs and 3 surgical techs. Many of the staff are cross trained to all areas. All registered nurses are ACLS certified and our techs are CPR certified. We are available 24/7 through our call rotation, including weekends and holidays. Forty six percent of our staff are GI certified. Baystate Medical Center recently received Magnet recognition. We will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual GI Conference at Baystate on March 15, 2008. For further information on the conference please contact our manager Doreen Freeman at (413) 794-1770. Brochures will be sent after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

#### **Educational Offerings**

#### ***SAVE THESE 2008 NESGNA MEETING DATES***

January 26, 2008 – Saturday – NESGNA Winter ½ day breakfast meeting – Newton Marriott

April 12, 2008 – Saturday - NESGNA ½ day breakfast meeting – Burlington Marriott

September 13, 2008- Saturday 7am-12pm – NESGNA Fall ½ day breakfast meeting – Newton Marriott

November 20, 2008- Thursday 6pm - 9pm - Business/ Educational dinner meeting – Burlington Marriott

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## Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings

Please join us for the NESGNA Special interest group meetings!

Simply contact us if you would like to host a SIG meeting. Talk with us at the January meeting and we will give you all the details! We are looking for someone in New Hampshire to host a meeting. How about Western MA, would you like to host a SIG meeting? Contact Jane Harker at [jdharker@comcast.net](mailto:jdharker@comcast.net) or [jharker@partners.org](mailto:jharker@partners.org).

### Next SIG Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at Winchester Hospital Endoscopy Center  
10P Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801

This will be a CEU dinner offering

Sponsor- Stan Kobylanski- Boston Scientific

Time- 6pm to 8:30pm

RSVP before February 20th to [kobylans@bsci.com](mailto:kobylans@bsci.com) or [kimfoley\\_nesgna@yahoo.com](mailto:kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com)

Come and see our new offsite endoscopy center and earn CEU's

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### Other Educational Offerings

April 26,2008: Spring into Endoscopy, sponsored by Cape Cod Healthcare, at the Radisson on the Waterfront in Plymouth, MA. Contact Arlene Mckim at [arldicmcki@aol.com](mailto:arldicmcki@aol.com) or Susan Hanley at [shanley@capecodhealth.org](mailto:shanley@capecodhealth.org)

May 16 – 21, 2008: SGNA's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Course, Salt Lake City, Utah. Contact SGNA at [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org).

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

A limited amount of NESGNA logo denim shirts will be available for purchase at the January 26, 2008 meeting. Cost is \$25.00 cash or check only. Sizes available are small, medium, and large. Order forms for additional shirts and sizes will be available at that time. If you would like a shirt but are unable to attend the meeting, contact Jane Harker.

### CERTIFICATION EXAM UPDATE

*Planning to take the May certification exam in 2008???*

When? Saturday, May 18, 2008

Where? Salt Lake City, Utah (at the SGNA Annual Course) and Washington, DC.

Early registration deadline: March 12, 2008

Final deadline: March 19, 2008.

For more information, and to register for the exam, go to [www.ABCGN.org](http://www.ABCGN.org)

*A reminder to the nurses who won scholarships for the annual course, this year or any year, and have not received your award. You must submit proof of attendance, eg. a copy of your CEU certificate, in order to receive the check. For more information, please contact Deb Gates at [debzzz6337@aol.com](mailto:debzzz6337@aol.com), or Chris Robbins at [csrobbins@comcast.net](mailto:csrobbins@comcast.net)*

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## 2008 NESGNA Scholarships

NESGNA is again this year offering (3) \$400.00 scholarships to our members to attend the 2008 SGNA Annual course in Salt Lake City. Go to our web site, print out the application and mail to Jane Harker.

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Visit us online at [www.nesgna.org](http://www.nesgna.org)

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*To post announcements (no job listings, please) in the newsletter contact Kim Foley at [kimfoley\\_nesgna@yahoo.com](mailto:kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com)*

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