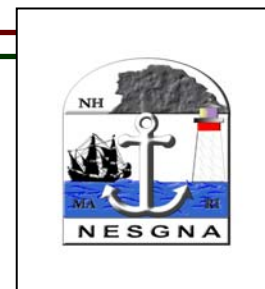




# NESGNA "SCOPE"

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## **President's Letter**

Jane Harker, MS, BSN, RN, CGRN

The Annual Course is now behind us, and what a wonderful time we had in Baltimore. The proximity to the Inner Harbor and to Camden Yards made this an excellent site for the course. And the weather cooperated too. Clear blue skies and warm temperatures complimented this year's outstanding educational offerings.

Our week began with the NESGNA networking session on Saturday night, so generously sponsored again this year by Boston Scientific, and ended with our own Sandy Cialfi from Brigham and Women's Hospital accepting the Presidential gavel from Carol Stevens. In between, were Optional Sessions where we had the opportunity to learn from the best, Concurrent Sessions, where we had a choice of numerous interesting topics, and the General Sessions, that proved to be inspirational and humorous, as well as informational.

There was ample opportunity to visit with the vendors and learn all about new products. And, of course, there was time for fun. Regional Night was quite popular, as was the party on Monday night and the Gala Awards Dinner on Tuesday night. Does anyone have any good pictures of Sandy and the unicycle??

And now it's time to start planning for next year. During the summer and fall, the NESGNA is asking you to think about becoming involved in your professional organization. We will be seeking candidates for President Elect (a three year commitment), Treasurer (2 years), and 2 Directors (2 years). Ballots will be available on our website: [www.nesgna.com](http://www.nesgna.com), in the late summer, and will also be included in the Fall newsletter.

Did everyone catch the new feature in the Winter newsletter? The Massachusetts General Hospital GI unit was "spotlighted" in a brief article, and we'd like to do the same for yours. If you would like to see your endoscopy unit "spotlighted" in an upcoming NESGNA newsletter, let us know. Send a brief description of your unit to the editor at: [kimfoley\\_nesgna@yahoo.com](mailto:kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com).

There are several educational opportunities coming up in the fall. See the listing later in this newsletter, and also on the web site. Just go online to [www.nesgna.org](http://www.nesgna.org). Hope to see you at the NESGNA Fall half-day course. Have a great summer!

Lisa, Sandy, and Jane with our BSCI friends!



Sandy delivering her inaugural address.



## **CERTIFICATION EXAM UPDATE**

If you are planning to take the certification exam in October, you should start studying this month. Form a study group with your friends and make it a fun time. Buy the Core Curriculum from SGNA by going online at [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org) and break it down into sections. Study a little each week and you'll be amazed at how much you can learn if you pace yourself. Now here's some really good news....once again the exam will be held at the Winchester Hospital Conference Center in Winchester, MA. Last year's proctors raved about the site saying it was the best of all the sites they have been to. Parking is free and easy and Winchester Hospital is easily accessible from routes 128 and I93.

## **The DAVE Project**

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

Hospital and are members The Digital Atlas of Video Education. Go to [www.thedaveproject.org/GINursing](http://www.thedaveproject.org/GINursing) where you will find various video and audio educational sessions related to GI Nursing. The site was developed by Jane Harker CGRN and Chris Robbins 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.

## ***CALL for NOMINATIONS***

Have you ever thought about joining the board of NESGNA? Well, think no more. Throw your hat in the ring and become a candidate for the fall election. Each year we elect two directors, a president, and either a secretary or treasurer. This year the position of treasurer is open. All positions are two-year terms with the presidency requiring a three year commitment. For more information please contact any board member or email Kim Foley at [kimfoley\\_nesgna@yahoo.com](mailto:kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com). Ballots will be mailed in October. Winners will be announced at the November business/dinner meeting. Join the fun...get involved...keep NESGNA outstanding!

## Spotlight on...

### Winchester Hospital GI Suite and Endoscopy Center in Woburn

Winchester Hospital is located 12 miles north of Boston convenient to routes 128 and I93. We are a Magnet hospital, the first community hospital in Massachusetts to earn this distinction. Our GI division is quite busy for a 200 bed hospital, averaging 50-60 cases per day between our two units. We have a small, 2 procedure room GI suite at the hospital campus, where we scope all the in-patients and a limited number of outpatients for the gastroenterologist covering the hospital for the week. We also perform ERCP's but have to travel to radiology for this procedure.

Esophageal Motility is another service we provide our patients. In April, we purchased a high-resolution manometry system, which now enables us to perform our studies in 1/4 the time it took with water perfusion systems, and much less inconvenience for the patient. There are only three of these state-of-the-art systems in Massachusetts; Winchester, MGH, and BIDMC.

The bulk of our screening patients are scoped at our off-site location in Woburn. It is a beautiful facility, boasting 5 procedure rooms, 15 recovery beds, and an infusion room for our patients receiving Remicade. Our staff consists of 8 gastroenterologists, 36 registered nurses, 12 techs, and 4 administrative assistants.

## Educational Offerings

### SAVE THESE 2007 NESGNA MEETING DATES

September 16, 2007- Saturday 7am-12pm – NESGNA Fall ½ day breakfast meeting

November 16, 2007- Thursday 6pm - 9pm - Business/ Educational dinner meeting

Don't forget...We will be back at the *Boston Marriott Burlington* for the September and November meetings.

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### Other Educational Offerings

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).

October 20-21, 2007: **CTSGNA Fall Conference**, "Beyond the Scope" in Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Conn. Contact: Gail Steele at [gsteele170@yahoo.com](mailto:gsteele170@yahoo.com).

November 3, 2007: **Roger Williams Hospital GI Course**, "Basics and Beyond Endoscopy Course." Roger Williams Hospital, RI. Contact: Audrey Kennedy at [akennedy@rwmc.org](mailto:akennedy@rwmc.org).

November 9-10, 2007: **EUS Live 2007**, presented by Massachusetts General Hospital at the Boston Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. Contact: Jane Harker at [jharker@partners.org](mailto:jharker@partners.org).

**HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!!**

Today is the era of electronic communication. NESGNA is asking that all members go on the SGNA website and be sure their e-mail addresses are correct. We would like to be able to communicate with NESGNA members by e-mail but we have a lot of messages returned due to inaccurate addresses. Information is spread more quickly and easily using the Internet but we need your help. Soooo.....  
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE..... go to [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org) and UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS.

*Congratulations to St. Elizabeth's Hospital who won the drawing for the GI Nurses Day Breakfast again this year. We hope you enjoyed it !*

*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)*

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

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