



# NESGNA "SCOPE"

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### **President's Letter Kim Foley RN, CGRN NESGNA President**

NESGNA President's Letter  
Summer 2006

As the days of summer shorten, I find myself looking forward to the crisp, cool days of fall in New England. Although short, this summer proved to be enjoyable with enough hot and humid weather to make many of us happy. I was fortunate to have vacationed on Cape Cod this year. Early morning strolls by the ocean, lazy days on the beach with my granddaughters, and the absence of any sense of structure to each day provided just the elixir necessary for rejuvenation. Refreshed and energized, I am anticipating a wonderful fall in New England with the myriad of events happening in our region.

September brings two exciting events, the Annual NESGNA Fall Meeting and the Crohn's Colitis "Guts and Glory" Walkathon. If you haven't formed your team yet for the Boston Walk along the Freedom Trail on September 9<sup>th</sup>, you still have time. Simply go online to [www.cdfa.org](http://www.cdfa.org) and sign up. "Team Butts & Guts" is the name of my team if you can't walk but would like to pledge support for this worthy cause.

I hope to see many of you on September 16<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Fall Meeting at the Burlington Marriott. "To Sleep, Perchance to Dream - Sedation in the GI Lab," is the topic. Two of our past Presidents, Katie Snyder and Lisa Heard will be presenting at this meeting, in addition to a physician lecturing on sleep apnea. Lisa will speak about capnography and Katie will present information about nurse administered propofol. It promises to be a stimulating morning, one you shouldn't miss.

October is certification month and this year we are proud to be able to host a special test site for all of New England. Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> is the date, and the place is Winchester Hospital in Winchester, Massachusetts. New England has the distinction of having 39% of our members certified. This was one of the criteria the region was judged on for the regional society award and part of the reason we won. Good luck to all of you who are studying to sit for the exam. Maybe by this time next year we can say that New England has 50% of its membership certified!

November brings the Annual Business/Dinner Meeting also at the Burlington Marriott. Keep the 15<sup>th</sup> open as this meeting will kick off a year long celebration of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a chartered SGNA regional society. Several New England nurses were instrumental in the founding and organization of the Society of Gastrointestinal Assistants, or "SGA" as SGNA was originally known back in the early 1970's, demonstrating this region's dedication and commitment to excellence in GI nursing. We are searching for information about these early years, so if any of you have information about this time that you could share with us, please contact any board member.

Summer may be waning but fall looms brightly before us full of promise for self-enrichment, professional fulfillment, and community involvement.



**The New England SGNA will donate \$25.00 to the CCFA for every \$250.00 raised by a participating NESGNA team. Go to the website. You can easily create your own web page and watch your progress as you help find a cure for Inflammatory Bowel Disease.**

The Boston walk is being held on September 9<sup>th</sup> and follows the Freedom Trail. Please visit their website at [www.ccfa.org](http://www.ccfa.org) for more information.

Winchester Hospital has named its group of walkers the "Team Butts and Guts". We hope to see you there.

## Gastroenterology Nursing Certification

The New England SGNA is hosting a test site for the fall 2006 CGRN exam.  
The date is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Location: Winchester Hospital, 41 Highland Ave Winchester Ma. 01890

Contact Kim Foley at [kimfoley\\_nesgna@yahoo.com](mailto:kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com).

Phone 781-932-9660

(The CBGNA website will be posting the Winchester location on their website in the near future. Please contact Kim Foley for more details)

**Good Luck to all of you preparing for the October exam!**

### SAVE THESE DATES:

September 16, 2006- Saturday 7am-12pm. NESGNA Burlington Marriott

November 14, 2006- Evening Business/ Educational Dinner Burlington Marriott

2006 Multiregional Conference: October 13-15<sup>th</sup> and CGRN Test Site. Albany NY. Contact Barb Schwant @ 518-887-2850

CTSGNA Fall Conference October 20-21 2006. Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Connecticut. Contact Gail Steele @ [gsteel170@yahoo.com](mailto:gsteel170@yahoo.com)

October 15, 2006 - Certification exam. Regional exam site @ Winchester Hospital.

## NESGNA Call Survey 2006

In the winter newsletter, we surveyed the membership about being on call during off hours. There were a total of eight questions to which fourteen hospitals responded. I apologize for not publishing the results in the spring newsletter. Here, at long last, are the interesting results.

Question 1: What hours are you required to be on call?

Massachusetts General (MA)	7:30p-9p weekdays, 8a-9p on week ends
Lahey Clinic (MA)	6p-7a
St. Elizabeth's (MA)	7a-3p Saturdays only for emergent ERCP's
St. Annes's (MA)	7a-3:30p every other Saturday
Baystate Medical Center (MA)	6p-7a week days, 7a-7a Sat & Sun
Berkshire Medical Center (MA)	3:30p-7a week days, 7a-7a Sat & Sun
Metro West (MA)	24/7 when unit is closed.
Caritas Norwood (MA)	7a-7a Sat, Sun, Holidays.
Southern New Hampshire (NH)	5p-6:30a weekdays, 7a-7a Sat & Sun
Cheshire Medical Center (NH)	7a Sat to 6a Monday
Elliott (NH)	4:30p-7a weekdays, 7a-7a Sat & Sun
Kent Hospital (RI)	3p-7a weekdays, 7a-7a Sat & Sun
Roger Williams (RI)	5p-7a weekdays, 7a-7a Sat & Sun
Winchester (MA)	7p-6:30a weekdays, 7a-7a Sat & Sun

Questions 2, 3, 4: How many nurses take call per evening/week-end and if a second nurse and or tech is on call is it 24/7 or abbreviated hours?

Massachusetts General (MA)	3 RN's are on call always for same number of hours, scope tech on Saturdays
Lahey Clinic (MA)	1 RN, no techs
St. Elizabeth's (MA)	2 RN's, no techs
St. Annes's (MA)	2 RN's, tech same hours
Baystate Medical Center (MA)	1 RN, tech or 2 <sup>nd</sup> RN if ERCP
Berkshire Medical Center (MA)	1 RN, 1 tech same hours
Metro West (MA)	1 RN evening, 2 <sup>nd</sup> RN 9-5:30 Sat & Sun
Caritas Norwood (MA)	2 RN's or 1 RN & 1 tech, same hours
Southern New Hampshire (NH)	2 staff: 1 RN + RN or LPN or LNA, same hours
Cheshire Medical Center (NH)	1 RN, 1 tech, same hours
Elliott (NH)	2 RN's, same hours
Kent Hospital (RI)	2 staff: 1 RN + RN or tech, same hours
Roger Williams (RI)	1 RN
Winchester (MA)	1 RN, 2 <sup>nd</sup> RN 8a-5p Sat & Sun. Tech's come in PRN on week- ends

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I have saved Question # 6 for the end...it asks how much per hour we are paid to be on call in our respective institutions. Rather than list the amount for each individual hospital I am reporting a range. This is to ensure you don't run off from your present position to go and work for the hospital that pays the highest amount for being on call. Are you ready? The range of pay for being on call at the above institutions is from \$1.50 to \$ 8.00 per hour. Other amounts reported were: \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.90, \$4.10, \$4.50, \$5.00, and \$5.15.

Please keep in mind that this is an unofficial survey. The information reported above comes from our fellow NESGNA members, not the Human Resources departments of the listed hospitals. The accuracy of the data is only as valid as the person reporting the information; if there are blanks or missing data it is because the information was not reported. I wish to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the questions and welcome suggestions for any further surveys.

## New England Region

### Nominations and Elections 2006

The Annual New England Regional Election is fast approaching. All NESGNA members will be receiving a mailed ballot with names of candidates and associated open board positions. Please take a minute to vote for your regional board. They are the hard working leaders that have made our region # 1 this year.

Open NESGNA Board Positions:

President Elect

Secretary

Director (2)

\* If an open position is uncontested, the candidate will be accepted to the board by a show of hands at the November evening business meeting.

