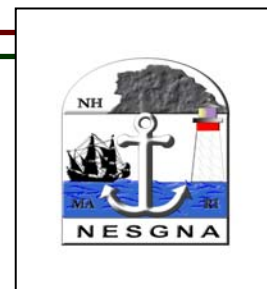




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President's Letter

Jane Harker, MS, BSN, RN, CGRN

I hope everyone is having a wonderful New England summer! As the season winds down (I do hate to say that!), it's time to look ahead to the fall and at the many educational offerings that are taking place in our area. There are many to choose from, and you will find them all listed elsewhere in the newsletter. We are particularly pleased to again be able to host the Fall Certification exam at Winchester Hospital on October 21, 2007. Remember that August 15th is the early registration deadline.

This is also the time to take stock of your professional life. Do you wonder how all of NESGNA's fantastic programs are put together? How we find the caliber of the speakers that we offer? How we are able to obtain the CEU's that are offered? What goes on at our Board meetings? Do you want to take the step to become involved in our professional organization? NESGNA elections are just around the corner. This fall we are looking for a President Elect, Treasurer and 2 Directors at large. You can nominate yourself or if you know of a colleague who is interested, you can nominate them. Nomination forms are on our web site at www.nesgna.org and they will also be available at the Sept. 15th conference. If there are contested positions, ballots will go out in October. The results will be announced at our Nov. 15th dinner/business meeting.

Speaking of the web site, Chris Robbins has been working with our web master to update and reorganize the site. Check it frequently to see the fantastic changes that are being made.

Fall is also the time of the year that the New England Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America holds their "Guts and Glory" fundraiser walks. Last year there was a friendly competition between Winchester Hospital and MGH. We collectively raised more than \$2200.00 for this most worthwhile cause, and had a great time doing it. There are several walks taking place in the region. Please think about putting a team together from your unit, and possibly issuing a challenge to a neighboring unit.

And, lastly, there will be a limited number of NESGNA logo Denim Shirts available for sale at the Sept. conference. The price is \$25.00 (cash or check made out to NESGNA). Order forms will be available at that time, and will also soon be available on the web site.

I hope the remainder of the summer is good to all of you, and I look forward to seeing you in Sept.

CALL for NOMINATIONS

Nominations are still open for the positions of director, president, and treasurer. 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. Information is also available on the website at www.nesgna.org. Ballots will be mailed in October. Winners will be announced at the November business/dinner meeting

The DAVE Project

Have you heard about it?

The Digital Atlas of Video Education. Go to 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...

Cape Cod Hospital - The Endoscopy Center

The Endoscopy Center at Cape Cod Hospital has a team of experienced physicians and staff that performs GI procedures in the safest environment using the most advanced technology. Procedures performed include gastroscopy, colonoscopy, ERCP, Video Capsule Endoscopy and MRCP. The staff includes a mix of RNs, LPNs and techs. All procedures have two RNs or one RN and a tech in the procedure room. Procedural sedation by an RN is the most common sedation used although anesthesia by an anesthesiologist is available. The center is open Monday to Friday 7am to 4:30pm and on call Saturday 8am to 12 noon for in patient emergencies. Cape Cod Hospital is a 238 bed acute care hospital, cited five times in nine years as one of America's Top 100 Hospitals. Our Emergency Department is one of the busiest in Massachusetts, providing emergency services to 84,000 patients on an annual basis. We are a not-for-profit regional medical center with more than 1,700 employees and over 300 physicians on staff.

Educational Offerings

SAVE THESE 2007 NESGNA MEETING DATES

September 15, 2007- Saturday 7am-12pm – NESGNA Fall ½ day breakfast meeting

November 15, 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.

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 September 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 or jharker@partners.org.

Next SIG Meeting

Monday, September 17, 2007, at Rhode Island Hospital in the Gerry House
The address for the Gerry House is the hospital address. *Park in Public Lot B.*

RSVP by September 12, 2007

Topic- New Modalities for treating GI Strictures

Sponsor- Jim Petrous- Boston Scientific

Time- Dinner followed by talk 6pm to 8:30pm

2 CEU's

RSVP before September 12 to acuculo@lifespan.org or petroud@bsci.com

Other Educational Offerings

October 13, 2007: **CTSGNA Fall Conference**, "Beyond the Scope" in Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Conn. Optional Hands-On ERCP Workshop on October 12, 2007. Contact: Gail Steele at gstele170@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.

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 or register online at www.cme.hms.harvard.edu/courses/endoscopic2007. CEU's will be awarded.

May 16 – 21, 2008: **SGNA's 35th Annual Course**, Salt Lake City, Utah. Contact SGNA at www.sgna.org.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

A limited amount of NESGNA logo denim shirts will be available for purchase at the September 15th 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

October certification exam to be held at Winchester Hospital on October 21, 2007.
Early registration deadline is August 15th with the final deadline August 22nd.
Go to www.ABCGN.org for more information and to register for the exam.

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

**SAVE THE DATES
2008 NESGNA MEETINGS**

January 26, 2008 at the Newton Marriott
April 12, 2008 at the Burlington Marriott
September 13, 2008 at the Newton Marriott
November 20, 2008 at the Burlington Marriott

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To post announcements (no job listings, please) in the newsletter contact Kim Foley at kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com

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