

New England Region 28

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NESGNA President's Letter



Dear New England Members,

2004 is upon us! I hope you all are finding ways to keep warm this winter. I'm drinking a lot of decaf tea. Holding the cup keeps my nail beds from turning blue!

We all had a great time at our first meeting of the year on January 21st. Our guest speaker Dr Martin Hahn spoke about obscure GI bleeding. Interesting videos! Our board this year remains dedicated to continuing the quality of educational offerings as in years past. The surveys completed by you this past spring will be utilized to bring topics in the field of gastroenterology that are of interest to you.

I am pleased to write that our membership numbers have grown this year. I believe it is due in large part, to the hard work of our 2002/2003 board members. Their enthusiasm and hard work are to be admired. We had some of the best national speakers with us! Terry Vos, David Hambrick, Dr Carr Locke, not to mention our own Lisa Heard and Donna Girard.

I am interested in exploring the educational interest of our regional endoscopy technicians. Are your Endoscopy Technicians interested in learning more? Invite them to a meeting. We will be having one speaker at each ½ day session that will provide a basic topic interesting to both nurses and techs. Our techs perform at varied levels within our departments. Some are performing advanced tasks such as polypectomies in our units. Let's see how it goes.

We will continue to increase the utilization of the technology that has been implemented by the NESGNA this past year. Check it out at www.nesgna.org. The site is being finely tuned this year by Lisa Heard. It just keeps getting better.

I look forward to getting to know so many of you who share in the excitement of GI Nursing. Here's to a great 2004!
Linda Allen CGRN President NESGNA



EUS Course/ Sponsored by Mass General Hospital



A live Endoscopic Ultrasound course was held in Nov 2003 sponsored by Mass General Hospital. The 2-day course was well attended by physicians and GI nurses. Christopher Robbins CGRN-staff nurse and Debra Christofi Advanced Nurse Clinician from Mass General, provided some hands-on with equipment and discussion regarding patient care guidelines.

Whole lot a learnin goin on!

November 2003 Meeting Results: Dr Fredric Gordon

"Liver Transplantation" Greater than 90% of responses indicated that Dr Gordon excelled at completing objectives for the course .

2004 Meeting Dates at the Burlington Marriott

Tuesday March 2- Management of acute and Chronic Diarrhea

Saturday April 3- ½ day Program. Fundamentals of GERD, Portal Hypertension and Polypectomy Techniques

Saturday September 25- TBA

Wednesday November 10- TBA

Check out www.nesgna.org for more regional offerings



NESGNA Sponsors attendance at Leadership Conference !!

The NESGNA offered Pauline Kajiwara from Hawaii, the opportunity to attend the leadership conference in Chicago Oct 2003. Pauline is President of the Hawaii SGNA 2004. She is one of only 35 members in her region. She sends her thanks to us for sponsoring her and is looking forward to using the invaluable skills she learned, to lead her region in the coming year.

Scholarships

Certification Scholarship will be awarded March 1st. Deadline for application is Feb 20th

The scholarship may be used for certification or recertification during 2004. Scholarship will be awarded for payment of registration, unrelated to pass/fail results.

National Scholarship will be awarded March 1st. Deadline for application is Feb 20th.

The scholarship will cover the cost of registration at the national course. Dallas 2004.

Take advantage of this **GREAT** opportunity. For more information please contact:

lisa.heard@tch.harvard.edu or see our website www.nesgna.org

Look for your post Card in the mail

Spring into Endoscopy

Date: Saturday April 24th

Time: 7am-4:30pm

Location: Radisson Hotel Hyannis Mass.

This is an all day conference with 7 guest speakers. Topics include :

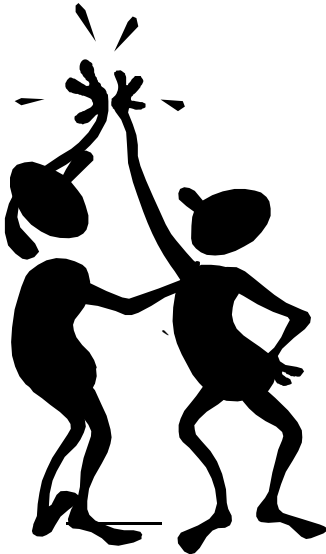
Safety in the GI Lab, Hereditary Testing for Colon Cancer, Choledochoscopy and much more! Go to

www.nesgna.org to register.

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*Congratulations and High Five to the
following NESGNA members on their
recent Certification!!!*



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NESGNA 2004 Board of Directors would like to thank our outgoing Past President Donna Girard and Board Member Kathy Bielawa. Both Donna and Kathy have given years of service to our region. They both have paved the way for our future. Our heart felt thanks to you both.

Education: Go to www.shea-online.org . A multi-society Guideline for Reprocessing Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopes.

