

# NESGNA "SCOPE"

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## **President's Letter**     *Jane Harker, MS, BSN, RN, CGRN, NESGNA President*

Winter is my personal favorite time of the year. Cold, fresh air, blue sky and fresh snow!!! Granted, there's no snow around here, but it finally did turn cold, so that I feel that I live in New England in winter. And the mountains in our region are blanketed in the white stuff. At least we don't live in Oswego, NY!!

This is the time of year when the regional societies plan their educational programs for the year, and we are no exception. One of the goals of our Outstanding Regional Society (I never get tired of saying that!) is to provide educational opportunities for all of our members. As I write this, we are hard at work planning and procuring speakers for our Fall conference as well as our Nov. dinner / business meeting. If any of you have an interest in speaking, or know of a dynamic speaker and topic, please contact Linda Corey, our Education Coordinator, or any of the Board members. This is an excellent way to become involved with regional activities, and to see how the regional society works. Also, check out the SGNA website ([www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org)) frequently to find out what other educational opportunities are being offered by other regional societies in our area. The site is also an excellent source of information about SGNA. I find the discussion forum quite interesting, with GI nurses from around the country posing questions or offering advice. You can also find information about proposed bylaws changes, order SGNA materials, and learn about guidelines, procedures and policies. It's an awesome reference, one that I urge everyone to utilize.

At our January meeting, we awarded several scholarships for our members to attend the 2007 SGNA Annual Conference. Congratulations to those three lucky people. I look forward to presenting them with the checks at our regional get-together in Baltimore. I urge all of you who are able, to plan to attend the Annual course. It is an excellent way to network with GI nurses from around the country, and to learn that, as different that we all are, we really have similar issues and concerns. It was at my first annual course that I had the opportunity to become involved with teaching and presenting at the national and regional level. Additionally, our own Sandy Cialfi from Brigham and Women's Hospital will take over the leadership of SGNA at this meeting. Congratulations, Sandy. We're extremely proud of all that you've accomplished.

We are excited to be able to bring the new "Doris Bernie Certification Review Course" to the region in April. This course has proven to be extremely useful to those planning to take the certification exam in May or in October. And Boston has been chosen as a site for the October exam. How cool is that? More information will be available in the near future on the SGNA and CBGNA websites, as well as our own website, [www.nesgna.com](http://www.nesgna.com).

Speaking of our website, it is in the process of being upgraded and updated, so go to it frequently for the latest information about our region.

It's time for me to close and head to the slopes. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Spring meeting at The Newton Marriott on March 24, 2007. Take care and stay warm!

# ***Certification***

**The following NESGNA members were newly certified in October 2006:**

Brian Dooley	Mary Kilmartin	Laurie Rivet
Marie Flood	June Guarente	Michele Harrington
Kathleen Holt	June Kasper	Ruth Keogh
Michelle Dearborn	Janet King	Rebecca Mangus
Breida McGlame	Eileen Murphy	Carol Shuman
Patricia Tammaro	Karen Toland	Brenda Walsh
Susan Welna	Linda Wiebold	Jacqueline Downing

**The following NESGNA members were recertified in October 2006:**

Patricia Vanaria	Rosemary Holland	Carla Birarelli
Deborah Veilleux	Barbara Cahill	Suzanne Ross
Doreen Donovan	Patricia Kelly	Susan Maguire
Lucinda Rennie	Anna London	Cynthia Prince
Susan Smith	Karen Raposa	

**Congratulations to you all! Each of these nurses will be receiving \$100.00 from the NESGNA for their successful certification or recertification. If your name is not listed, and you passed the exam in 2006, please let us know by contacting Kim Foley at [kimfoley\\_nesgna@yahoo.com](mailto:kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com).**

# ***Scholarships***

Three \$400.00 scholarships were awarded at the January 24th meeting. The recipients were chosen from a drawing at the Saturday meeting, which was attended by over 180 nurses. The intent of these scholarships is to help defray the cost of attending the National SGNA conference in May. The scholarships will be presented to the three winners during a reception that is traditionally held for all New England members who attend the national conference. The date and time of the reception in Baltimore will be announced at a later date.

## **Recipients**

**Phyllis Hurkell  
Patricia Rumson Cooper  
Cleotta McBride Erskine**

***Attending the SGNA National Conference is a great opportunity.***

It is a great place for learning the latest in GI nursing, networking with your peers, and having a lot of fun!

To find out more about the 2007 conference in Baltimore visit the SGNA website at [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org).

New England Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates  
***Annual Spring Meeting: Celebrating GI Nurses***



**March 24, 2007**  
**Boston Marriott Newton**  
 2345 Commonwealth Avenue (RT.30)  
 Newton, MA 02466 (781-969-1000)

<b>7:00am – 7:45am</b>	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
7:45am -- 8:00am	Welcome and Regional News
8:00am -- 9:00am	<b>Topic:</b> Diagnosing Small Bowel Pathology with Video Capsule Endoscopy <b>Speaker:</b> Mary Grealish, BSN, RN, CGRN <b>Affiliation:</b> Newton Wellesley Hospital
9:00am – 9:30am	<b>Topic:</b> Discussion of Hot GI Nursing Topics <b>Speaker:</b> Linda Corey, MS, RN, APRN, BC <b>Affiliation:</b> Winchester Hospital
9:30am -- 10:15am	<i>Break, Exhibits and Drawing for GI Nurses Day Breakfast</i>
10:15am -- 11:15am	<b>Topic:</b> Colonic and Antroduodenal Motility: The Roles and Responsibilities of the Clinical Nurse <b>Speaker:</b> Sandra Hession, BSN, RN, CGRN and Janet King, RN, CGRN <b>Affiliation:</b> Massachusetts General Hospital
11:15am -- 12:15pm	<b>Topic:</b> Surgery for Colorectal Cancer <b>Speaker:</b> Paul Shellito, MD <b>Affiliation:</b> Massachusetts General Hospital

**No Registration Accepted After March 15, 2007 - No Walk-In's**  
 3.5 CEU's Pending Approval

NESGNA RN Member \$35.00 <input type="checkbox"/> ( ID # _____ )	RN Non-Member \$55.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
NESGNA Tech Member \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> ( ID # _____ )	Tech Non-Member \$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

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Please note: No confirmation notice will be sent. We will only contact you if your registration cannot be accepted.  
 No telephone registrations accepted. Full refund granted for cancellations prior to March 15, 2007.

Make checks payable to **NESGNA** and mail to: Debbie Gates, 15 Marion Ave, Norwood, MA. 02062

## Spotlight on Massachusetts General Hospital Digestive Health Care Center

The Gastrointestinal Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital is a multifaceted department which includes a large clinical healthcare center, many research laboratories and various training programs for clinicians. Located at two sites in Boston, the Massachusetts General Hospital Health Care Center consists of 37 faculty physicians, 15 fellow physicians, 3 advanced fellow physicians, and 85 nurses, patient care associates, and scope technicians.

Included in the Center are various programs such as a pancreas and biliary program, a crohn's and colitis center, a liver program, a colorectal program, a swallowing/heartburn program, and a weight center.

The center performs an average of over 100 procedures a day specializing in screening exams, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, endoscopic ultrasound, motility, and video capsule endoscopy.

The Gastrointestinal Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital has partnered with the Pediatric Gastroenterology Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital for Children and provides facilities for multidisciplinary care of children with gastrointestinal, liver, pancreatic, and nutritional disorders.

## Educational Offerings

### SAVE THESE 2007 NESGNA MEETING DATES

March 24, 2007- Saturday 7am-12pm - Spring ½ day breakfast meeting  
September 16, 2007- Saturday 7am-12pm - Fall ½ day breakfast meeting  
November 16, 2007- Thursday 6pm - 9pm - Business/ Educational dinner meeting

Don't forget our new meeting place for the March meeting is **Boston Marriott Newton**, 2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA. We will be back at the Boston Marriott Burlington for the September and November meetings. And feel free to let us know which venue you prefer!

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### Other Educational Offerings

April 28, 2007: **Spring into Endoscopy**, Cape Cod Health Care, Hyannis, MA  
Contact Arlene Myers-McKim at [arldicmcki@aol.com](mailto:arldicmcki@aol.com) or call 508-862-5148

May 18 – 23, 2007: **SGNA's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Course**, Charting a Course for Professional Growth, Baltimore, Maryland. 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 9-10, 2007: **EUS Live 2007**, presented by Massachusetts General Hospital at the Boston Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. Contact: Chris Robbins at [csrobbins@partners.org](mailto:csrobbins@partners.org).

## 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

CGRN and Chris Robbins CGRN, both of whom work at Massachusetts General Hospital and are members of the 2007 NESGNA Board. Anyone can contribute. Check out the site and find out how.

## SGNA Doris Barnie Prep Course is coming to New England in April !

Certification is necessary in order to remain competitive in GI nursing today. SGNA has teamed up with Doris Barnie, MSN, RN, CGRN, to present her legendary certification review course to SGNA membership. New Course content, written and perfected over the years by Ms. Barnie, can now be presented by faculty trained by Ms. Barnie. NESGNA is proud to be hosting this course the week- end of April 14-15, 2007 in Cambridge, Massachusetts at the Cambridge Health Alliance. For more information and registration visit the SGNA website at [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org).

### **NESGNA**

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**MARCH MEETING REGISTRATION INFORMATION ENCLOSED**