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President's Letter

Mary Grealish, MSN, RN, CGRN
NESGNA President 2010

Our final 2010 conference is Saturday, November 20th and I hope many of you plan to attend. I trust you will find this conference informative, enlightening and from the heart. This year NESGNA provided its membership with 13.5 contact hours at these Saturday seminars. I am very proud of the caliber of these presentations. I am also grateful for your many improvement suggestions and look forward to incorporating them into our 2011 programs. NESGNA membership is currently 389 counting the 54 new members who joined this year. This is quite impressive! I would like to remind everyone to renew his or her SGNA membership in January. Our professional organization offers a myriad of opportunities, including regional and national scholarships, discounts on SGNA merchandise, regional and educational programs and the prospect to network and become involved.

NESGNA awarded three \$400.00 scholarships for our members to attend the Annual Course in Orlando. I am proud of the New England region's representation at the national level. Region 28 provided \$100.00 bonuses to members who successfully certified or re-certified in gastroenterology nursing. Congratulations!

I encourage you to think about becoming involved in your professional organization both at the regional or national level. Joining a committee opens up the door for you to meet others who share your passion and experiences as a GI nurse or technician. I challenge you to write an article for the newsletter, present at a conference or run for a position on the NESGNA board. We are always looking for new ideas and people to keep our region motivated and academic.

As I conclude my year as your president, I would like to thank every member of the NESGNA board who I have been blessed to work with since 2007. I have learned so much from you. Your hard work and dedication made this region top notch. Some of you have embraced roles at the national level and I wish you the best. All of you are a credit to the GI community. I extend a special thank you to Arlene Myers McKim, who will be leaving us after serving 14 years on the board. Her guidance, expertise and gentle nature were invaluable to me. I also want to thank all the members of the NESGNA. It was an honor to serve you as president this year. It is you, the members who make our region so dynamic.

Mary Grealish



CONGRATULATIONS!

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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

2011 NESGNA Seminar Schedule

January 22, 2011	Burlington Marriott
March 26, 2011	Burlington Marriott
September 17, 2011	Newton Marriott
November 19, 2011	Newton Marriott

Certification Exam Information/ABCGN Website

Computer Based Testing

May 1-31, 2011

October 1-31, 2011

Paper/Pencil Exam Site:

May 7, 2011 Indianapolis, IN

Application Deadline: February 28, 2011

SGNA Annual Course

The Link Between Practice and Care

May 6-11, 2011

Indianapolis, Indiana





Saint Joseph Hospital Nashua New Hampshire

By Amy Collins

St Joseph Hospital is a regional, full-service healthcare system located in Nashua, New Hampshire. The hospital is fully accredited by JCAHO and we are extremely proud of our re-designation as a Magnet hospital in 2009.

The Endoscopy Suite opened in 2006. The unit has 5 procedure rooms and 11 prep/recovery bays and performs approximately 4500 Endoscopic procedures annually. The majority of our patients undergo screening and/or diagnosis of gastrointestinal problems, and a smaller percentage are treated for pulmonary problems. On call coverage is provided 24/7 by an RN and GI tech, in addition to our M-F 7-5 regular hours. Our services include diagnostic and therapeutic colonoscopy, EGD's, ERCP's, PEG insertion and bronchoscopy. We recently partnered with the Cardiovascular Center to assist them with providing conscious sedation and monitoring for their patients undergoing TEE's and cardioversions.

Our Endoscopy team consists of a nurse manager, 10 RN's, 3 Instrument/Environmental aides and 2 administrative personnel. 4 of our nurses are CGRN certified and 4 are preparing to take the spring certification examination. We are fortunate to share a collaborative and congenial relationship with our physicians. Our cohesive team, with 107 collective years of GI nursing experience, provides care with an emphasis on patient education, discharge planning and patient safety. We are known for our very personalized care, which begins with a nursing assessment and ends with our famous warmed blueberry muffin, juice and coffee.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD SEMINAR SYLLABUS

- Log onto the website at www.NESGNA.org
- Click on “meeting syllabus downloads
- Double click on topic
- Save to your computer in a specific file location
- Click “open”
- The file should open in a Word document
- Print in your usual manner

SGNA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Thinking of going to nursing school or advancing your nursing degree? SGNA offers scholarships to Registered Nurses working in Gastroenterology who are continuing their education by pursuing a BSN, MSN, PhD.

Visit: www.SGNA.org for complete details.

WHAT IS A SIG MEETING?

A Special Interest Group (SIG) is a short meeting to discuss an interesting GI topic. Attendance is FREE! Contact a Board member if you are interested in hosting a meeting at your facility, or if you want information on vendor sponsored programs. The vendors often have lectures “in the can” such as, Hemostasis, ERCP equipment, Scope Cleaning and Infection Control. These lectures are usually 1 hour in length and CEU’s are provided. Already have a SIG planned? Please notify us so we can post it in the Newsletter.

EDUCATIONAL CEU

GI specific CEU offered by Educational Dimensions

Pathogens of Concern: Keeping our patients safe in Endoscopy
Details available on NESGNA website



NURSE SPEAKERS WANTED

NESGNA is always looking for nurses to speak at upcoming seminars. Perhaps there are QI nurses who are proud of a change they have implemented in their units. Why not share this information with your peers? Is anyone doing research in his or her unit or thinking of starting a project? We'd love to hear about it. Who knows you may encourage others to duplicate your research. We understand public speaking can be intimidating but we encourage you to undertake the challenge.

GOING GREEN

NESGNA remains committed to our "GOING GREEN" initiative as doing so lessens the impact on the environment and helps reduce our overall expenditures. Therefore, the syllabus will continue to only be available on-line. We understand some members prefer a printed syllabus, however, due to rising printing, venue and food costs, coupled with declining vendor support, the online syllabus remains the most cost effective option. We appreciate your cooperation.

FEEDBACK FROM THE BOARD

The Board reviews the Evaluation Forms after each seminar and takes your comments seriously. We appreciate your feedback and use your suggestions to identify topics for future seminars. As always, we remain committed to presenting high quality educational programs for our membership.

On the Lighter Side



Back by Popular Demand

NESGNA logo denim shirts are available for purchase at all NESGNA seminars for \$25.00 each.

Cash or personal check made out to "NESGNA"



To post announcements (no job listings, please) in the Newsletter contact Lynette Brigham at lbrigham@bidmc.harvard.edu