



The NESGNA Scope

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New England Region 28

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President's Letter

Christopher S. Robbins BSN, RN, CGRN
NESGNA 2011 President

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. It is hard to believe, but this year is coming to a close very quickly. Traditionally, this is the time to reflect on the past years experiences, accomplishments and achievements.

Each year SGNA provides the regions a "*score card*" that highlights some important areas that I would like to share with you. The total membership in 2011 for NESGNA was 384 members. The region continues to grow, modestly, but still growing. I am very proud to say that because of this growth, our region is the 3rd largest in the nation. In addition, 41% of our members are certified. And we also had the largest number of votes cast as a region in the 2011-2012 national election. I applaud all of the members for their dedication to our region. In 2012, the board of directors is planning to apply for the Regional Society of the Year award. We hope to repeat our win of 2006. With your support, I know we can achieve this honor again.

2011 was also the year that the NESGNA website had a major overhaul. Among the changes was the ability for both nurses and vendors to access the registration process electronically. NESGNA continues to strive to leave a green footprint in the world by keeping the amount of paper usage to a minimum. The calendar section is a good place to check out from time to time for important deadlines and additional conferences around the region. I hope you will continue to use the website as a resource for your GI education.

In 2011 there were a total of 22 newly certified or recertified nurses. What an accomplishment! NESGNA awarded 3 scholarships to the annual SGNA meeting and will continue this tradition for 2012. And one of the crowned jewels for NESGNA was the awarding of one of our own members the Gabriel Schindler Award for Clinical Excellence.

I am so proud to have been able to serve you this year as NESGNA president. When I was first elected, I thought to myself, "What have I gotten myself into"? But pretty soon I realized that being president was going to be easier than I thought. It's because of members like you that this region has risen in the ranks, and has become a region to be looked up to for its excellence in GI Nursing.

Thank you so much for all of your support and camaraderie this past year. As I step down and the new leadership takes over, I challenge each and every one of you to join the ranks of the nurses that have gone before and "find the leader in you". Think about running for the NESGNA board for 2013. I think you will find it an enormously rewarding experience. Thank you to the 2011 board of directors. With your support and direction I learned so much about leadership that I will take with me throughout my GI career.

Christopher S. Robbins



PS: Don't forget to vote in SGNA's national election!!!

Congratulations to the NEW NESGNA BOARD 2012

President: Janet King BSN, CGRN

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Secretary: Linda Wiebold BSN, CGRN

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Immediate Past President: Christopher Robbins BSN, CGRN

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Board Member: Joanne Ames RN, CGRN

Board Member: June Guarente MSN, CGRN (newly elected)

Board Member: Carolyn Campbell RN (newly elected)

Leaving the board after years of service:

Mary Grealish MSN, RN, CGRN

During the next few months, please consider running for a board position.

Descriptions of the duties for each office are posted on the web-site.

www.nesgna.org.

If you are a member of SGNA, you have received an e-mail asking you to vote for our national leaders; it only takes a few minutes to look at their information and make a choice. **One candidate on the ballot is from the NESGNA.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

The newly certified CGRNs

May 2011

Massachusetts

Allen	Linda
Cody-Kenney	Mary
Donovan	Eileen
Furtado	Christina
McNally	Bernadette
Papaefthemiou	Patricia
Rideout	Patricia
Watson	Jeanne

New Hampshire

Collins	Amy
Consentino	Lynda
Dawe	Michele
Fontas	Gwendolyn Diane

Rhode Island

GEROSA	MICHELE
Lacroix	Deborah

October 2011

Massachusetts

Wilson	Denise
Doane	Barbara
Doucette	Patricia
FOLEY	DELPHIA
Jones	Ellen
Poirier	Patricia
Reppucci	Linda

New Hampshire

Kelloway	Ruth
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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

2012 NESGNA Seminar Schedule

January 28, 2012	Burlington Marriott
March 24, 2012	Burlington Marriott
September 22, 2012	Newton Marriott
November 17, 2012	Burlington Marriott

Certification Exam Information/ABCGN Website Computer Based Testing

**THE ABCGN FALL EXAM APPLICATION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN.
REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING EXAM WILL OPEN
DECEMBER 1, 2011 AND CLOSE FEBRUARY 29, 2012 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time**

NEW! Online Exam Registration

Click above



Making the choice to lead

**SGNA 39th Annual Course in Phoenix, AZ
May 18 - 23, 2012**

Visit www.sgna.org website for more information and to register

NESGNA SCHOLARSHIPS

Three (3) scholarships will be awarded at the January meeting. You do not have to be present to win. But you do need a commitment to attend the SGNA Annual Course in Phoenix, 2012. The scholarships are not transferable and must be used for the convention that year. Rules are posted on the web. Scholarship applications can be downloaded: www.nesgna.org



SPOT LIGHT ON



Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Ma.

Baystate Medical Center (BMC), in Springfield, Mass. is part of Baystate Health. BMC is an academic, research, and teaching hospital that serves as the western campus of Tufts University School of Medicine. Baystate Health is a 783-bed facility with 57 bassinets spread over four facilities. It is the only Level 1 trauma center in western Massachusetts, treating the most critical and urgent cases in the region. BMC is home to the second-busiest emergency department in Massachusetts.

Baystate Health is the parent corporation of an integrated health care system that includes:

- **Baystate Medical Center** in Springfield, MA - an academic medical center
- **Baystate Mary Lane Hospital** in Ware, MA
- **Baystate Franklin Medical Center** in Greenfield, MA

The Baystate Endoscopy Program is committed to providing endoscopic services in the safest manner possible and with results that provide patients and their physicians the most accurate care and information to support informed diagnoses and treatment decisions.

Endoscopic procedures are utilized by many medical specialties, but the most applications are in gastroenterology in the form of colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, gastroscopy, ERCP, endoscopic ultrasound (upper and rectal).

HOW TO DOWNLOAD SEMINAR SYLLABUS

- Log onto the website at www.nesgna.org
- Click on **Downloads**
- Click on topic of choice
- This will open a .PDF file. Please be patient with the download. Some files are larger than others.
- Save to your computer, or print as you normally would.

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.



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 would 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 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



As Requested

We have tried to make available fleece jackets, pullovers, and vests to order; these fleece are Charles River Apparel products. Hopefully we can arrange this online but keep posted. We will try to have a representative at the meeting to model the fleece with the NESGNA logo and to take your order. If interested bring your check books...not sure if debit/credit cards are accepted. There are a limited amount of denim shirts available for \$25.00.

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**To post announcements (no job listings, please) in the Newsletter contact Mary Grealish
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