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President's Letter Linda Corey MSN, APRN-BC, NESGA President 2008

Welcome to the NESGNA website. We are very proud of it and continue to add information to keep all informed. Previous newsletters were mailed to members only. Now it is available to all.

Another summer, if we can call it summer, has come to an end. The weather was unpredictable and wet but at least it wasn't snow. Hope you were able to enjoy the few sunny days we did have.

NESGNA is preparing for what we hope will be a year of titillating educational seminars as we continue to strive to be one of the best regions in SGNA. To start the season, our September 13th ½ day seminar has a potpourri of topics including: sedation, Crohn's disease, evaluating the small bowel and pediatric constipation. As always, we appreciate your suggestions for future topics. Better yet, we would love to have you present a research project you may be working on or have completed. We do have a log of topics and speakers and try not to repeat topics within a 2 year period.

Speaking of ½ day seminars, we are planning to eliminate the evening dinner meeting next year in order to offer more contact hours with a fourth ½ day seminar. We will do our best to schedule them, but with religious holidays, legal holidays and seminars offered nearby it can be difficult to find a weekend that fits not only the members but the Marriott as well.

Continuing with the theme of creating the best region, we are looking for a few good nurses (4 to be exact), who would like to contribute to the leadership of NESGNA. I'm sure some of you are wondering: Do I have the time?, Can I make a difference?, Do I have anything to offer? If you love your job as a GI nurse and want to improve your skills and help others, you will enjoy being part of the board. The time demands come in spurts and the perks are forever. Come join us!

SGNA membership Dues Scholarship, to financially assist SGNA members with annual membership dues, deadline is Oct.1st. These grants of \$85-95 are awarded each year to members who meet the established criteria. Log onto SGNA website /education/scholarships.cfm .

ABCGN is very pleased to announce that computer based testing (CBT) is now available. This means you no longer need to travel to nationals early to take the exam. The exam will be offered on computers at specified testing sites including 4 in Massachusetts, 3 in Maine, and 2 in New Hampshire. Visit the SGNA site and click on the ABCGN link for more information. Good luck to all who plan to take the upcoming exam in Hartford 10/18/08 and to those who will use the CBT option. Not sure certification is right for you? Talk to members at the registration desk before meetings or pick up a pamphlet. See you in September.

Spotlight on...
Newton-Wellesley Hospital

The Maureen Egan Gastroenterology Unit is located at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. It was opened between 2001-2002. It has eight procedure rooms, one in which we can do Endoscopic Ultrasound, nine recovery bays and four prep areas. We do our radiology procedures off site in the radiology department, also in two designated rooms. We usually staff between 15-18 RN's per day. Our nurses are responsible for administering moderate sedation and rarely utilize the Anesthesia Department.

We have started a new patient care delivery system that employs a team approach. It has gained positive feedback from staff as well as patients. Our procedure room side is broken into 2-3 teams, with 3-7 nurses per team. An assignment is posted, one team member is responsible for interviewing the patient and is responsible for completing the procedure with the physician. The other members on the team, if not in another room, will help place and IV, obtain procedural medications, and places the patient on the monitor, as the procedural nurse enters the patient's history and medications into the computer. We utilize team cards, which we send home with the patient, that lists all of the nurses that were involved with the procedure. This has proved helpful for feedback to the Nurse Manager. So far, our patient satisfaction scores have been the best. We are always working toward improvement.

Mary Grealish, BSN, RN, CGRN

**Would you like to see your Unit / Practice "in the Spotlight"?
It's as easy as sending a paragraph or two to the
Editor.....an attachment in Word document form works best.
We'd all love to hear about your practice!!**

Express your voice with 2009 House of Delegates Resolutions

The House of Delegates (HOD) consists of a Delegate and Alternate Delegate, usually the President and President-Elect, from each of the regional societies that comprise SGNA. The purpose is to present ideas and to advise the SGNA Board of Directors. It is the means by which SGNA hears from the members, and empowers the members to make a difference in the organization. Do you have an idea for change, or some aspect of practice you'd like SGNA to address? If so, think about submitting a resolution to the HOD. A resolution is defined as a formal expression of an idea or opinion. We are fortunate to have one of our members as the Vice Speaker of the HOD, Kim Foley. If you would like to submit a resolution, please contact Kim at kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com. Or you can speak with any member of the NESGNA Board. Several members will be attending the SGNA Leadership conference in Oct., and will bring your resolutions forward.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

SAVE THESE 2008 NESGNA MEETING DATES

**September 13, 2008-Saturday-7:00am-12:30pm-1/2 day breakfast
meeting-Newton Marriott**

**November 20, 2008-Thursday 6:00pm -9:00pm dinner/business
meeting-Burlington Marriott**

Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings

Please join us for the NESGNA Special interest group meetings!

Hampshire to host a meeting. How about Western MA, Or Rhode Island, would you like to host a SIG meeting? Contact Joyce Aspell at joyceaspell@hotmail.com or Carol McAlvin at mcalvin22@aol.com

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

September 25-27, 2008: Boston International Live Endoscopy Course
Set. 27th: Nurses Hands on Endoscopy Workshop
The Westin Boston Waterfront, Boston, MA.
Contact: Sara O'Connor @ 617-632-9178
www.bilec.com.

October 18, 2008: "Beyond the Scope 2008" CTSGCNA
Optional ERCP Workshop Oct 17, 2008
Sheraton Hartford, East Hartford, CT
Contact: Rita Botelho: ritamay15@yahoo.com

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

NESGNA logo denim shirts will be available for purchase at the September 13th meeting.
\$25.00: Cash or check made out to "NESGNA" only.

CERTIFICATION EXAM UPDATE

Planning to take the exam in October?

When? Sunday, October, 19, 2008

Where? Sheraton Hartford, East Hartford, CT, and other locations

All NESGNA members: When you receive notification of passing the certification exam, remember to send a copy of the certificate to Christopher Robbins, NESGNA Treasurer, at 21 School St., Reading, MA, 01867, to receive your bonus!! He must receive the copy before Dec. 31, 2008 for you to be eligible for this bonus.

WE STILL WANT YOU

The NESGNA is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions: 2 Board of Directors (2 years), Secretary (2 years), and President Elect (3 years). Nomination forms are available on our web site, and will also be available at our Fall conference on Sept.13th. They must be received by Jane Harker no later than September 15, 2008. If there are contested positions, ballots will be mailed to members by September 27, 2008, and the results will be announced November 20, 2008 at our annual dinner/business meeting. Please contact Jane at jdharker@comcast.net , or any Board member with any questions.

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 Christopher Robbins at csrobbins@comcast.net

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To post announcements (no job listings, please) in the newsletter contact Jane Harker at jdharker@comcast.net