



# The NESGNA Scope

The New England Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates

## New England Region 28

### In This Issue

#### President's Letter

##### Features:

- Meet the new NESGNA Board
- New CGRNs in NESGNA
- Upcoming Educational Seminars
- Spotlight on Southern NH Medical Center
- How to Print the Syllabus
- SGNA Scholarships
- SIG Meetings

Please post a copy at work

### 2012 NESGNA Board of Directors

#### President

Janet King  
BSN, CGRN

#### President-Elect

Brenda Walsh  
BSN, CGRN

#### Secretary

Linda Wiebold  
BSN, CGRN

#### Treasurer

Susan Curran  
BSN, CGRN

#### Immediate Past

##### President

Christopher S. Robbins  
BSN, CGRN

##### Board of Directors

Carolyn Campbell  
RN

June Guarente  
MSN, CGRN

Judy Oakes  
BSN

Joanne Ames  
RN, CGRN

Christopher S. Robbins BSN, RN, CGRN

Editor

Snowman4usa@gmail.com

## President's Letter

Janet R. King BSN.RN.CGRN.

NESGNA 2012 President

Hello to All my GI Colleagues!

I want to thank all of you who attended the January NESGNA Conference. It is never easy to get up early on your day off. I found it a pleasure to stand in front of all the dedicated NESGNA nurses and associates who continuously show their commitment to education.

The January Conference was our first joint venture with The New England Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. It was a huge success. Our plan is to continue this collaboration next January, as well. Please join your NESGNA colleagues and show your support of CCFA by participating in the "Take Steps Be Heard Walk" or by supporting a colleague. The walk will take place on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00PM on Boston Common. If you are interested in joining the NESGNA SUPERSTARS team please sign up in the vendor hall at our March meeting. The NESGNA SUPERSTARS will have a table with a sign-up sheet. Please consider participating in this worthwhile event with your fellow GI friends and donate a little bit of your day by walking with us.

Congratulations to ALL. In January, NESGNA celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> year as a charter region. We need to take a minute to thank all of our members, including our past board members and presidents for their commitment throughout these many years. We are always looking for members to join the board. Please consider running for a position on the NESGNA board so you can contribute to the further success of our chapter. The election process will begin next fall.

I hope you all plan to celebrate, March 28<sup>th</sup>, which is GI Nurses and Associates Day. There is still time to download a template on the SGNA website for a special GI Party cake. Please be sure to find a moment to thank a colleague at work whose GI nursing practice you most respect. Don't forget to send your celebration pictures and stories to SGNA at [sgna@smithbucklin.com](mailto:sgna@smithbucklin.com).

I am pleased that at the January meeting, NESGNA awarded three \$400.00 scholarships to attend this year's SGNA 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Course. The names of the winners are listed in this newsletter. Be sure to congratulate the winners at the March meeting. As you are all well aware as the cost of living rises, so does the cost to host our quarterly meetings. NESGNA has found it necessary to make a minimal fee increase beginning in March.

Will you be joining us at the SGNA 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Course in Phoenix this year? There is still time to register. The conference, "Finding the Leader in You-Making the Choice to lead," is being held in Phoenix, Arizona on May 18 – 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event provides an opportunity for attendees to earn up to 42.5 contact hours of quality education. Attending the conference provides the opportunity to network with your fellow GI endoscopy professionals from around the nation. To register for the course, go to [SGNA.ORG](http://SGNA.ORG) and follow the link.

I hope to see many of you the annual conference in Phoenix!

# Congratulations to the NEW NESGNA BOARD 2012

**President:** Janet King BSN, CGRN

**President-elect:** Brenda Walsh BSN, CGRN

**Secretary:** Linda Wiebold BSN, CGRN

**Treasurer:** Susan Curran BSN, CGRN

**Immediate Past President:** Christopher Robbins BSN, CGRN

**Board Member:** Judy Oakes BSN

**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](http://www.nesgna.org).

## 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<br>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 |
|----------|------|

# UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

### **2012 NESGNA Seminar Schedule**

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



*Making the choice to lead*

**SGNA 39th Annual Course in Phoenix, AZ**

**May 18 - 23, 2012**

Visit [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org) website for more information and to register

### **NESGNA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Three (3) scholarships were awarded at the January meeting. The winners are: Eileen F. Ardagna from Boston Medical Center, Suzanne Meyer from Concord Endoscopy Center, and Darlene Reagan from Concord Hospital. Please congratulate the winners the next time you see them at the meeting.



**Southern New Hampshire Medical Center.**

Spotlight on SNHMC

Who we are:

Southern New Hampshire Health System is home to Southern New Hampshire Medical Center (SNHMC), a 188-bed acute care facility, and Foundation Medical Partners, including 200 primary care and specialty providers within 57 multi-specialty practices.

Where we are:

Located in the heart of downtown Nashua, Southern New Hampshire Health System is the hub for world-class health care in southern New Hampshire. The Health System is committed to improve, maintain and preserve the health of people in the greater Nashua area.

We are known for staying a step ahead and through relationships with renowned leaders in health care, our patients have access to collaborative programs in pediatric specialties, cancer care, trauma, and the management of stroke. In addition, partnerships and affiliations with Dartmouth Medical School, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lahey Clinic, Joslin Diabetes Center and Children's Hospital in

Boston, allow Southern New Hampshire Health System to provide its patients with seamless access to these centers of excellence, and deliver a full complement of adult and maternal child health care.

What we are:

The Endoscopy Unit, located within the Department of Surgical Services, is located on the second floor of the medical center. The Endoscopy Unit provides care for inpatients and outpatients requiring colonoscopy, Flexible sigmoidoscopy, upper endoscopy, PEG placement, ERCP, Bronchoscopy and select minor surgery procedures, including Bone Marrow biopsy, ESI, Phlebotomy, and Stimulation testing. Our patient population includes adolescents, adults, and geriatric patients, performing approximately 5,200 procedures annually.

The Endoscopy Unit is comprised of 5 Endoscopy rooms; one of which has a fluoroscopy table to accommodate ERCP and Bronchoscopy procedures. Those patients having procedures performed in the Endoscopy Unit are prepared in a 7-bay Endoscopy Admissions area and are recovered in a separate 8-bay area called Endoscopy Recovery. Endoscopy Admissions and Endoscopy Recovery areas provide patient preparation, observation and monitoring for patients both pre- and post procedure.

The Endoscopy Unit is jointly managed by Nursing and the departments of Anesthesia and Perioperative Medicine. The Associate Vice-President of Surgical Services and the Endoscopy Unit Nursing Director has 24-hour accountability and ultimate responsibility for overseeing the unit and supervising patient care. The Endoscopy Director in collaboration with Clinical Managers is responsible for the daily operations of the Endoscopy Unit, including scheduling of staff, patient assignments, clinical supervision, education and coordination of activities. The Endoscopy Unit Director and Clinical Managers also oversee the daily flow of patient care, data charge entry and support staff supervision. The Anesthesia leadership works collaboratively with the Endoscopy Unit Director, Clinical managers, and Resource nurses in all patient care areas to prioritize and deliver quality patient care while considering standards of care, clinical efficacy, and customer satisfaction.

Endoscopy Unit management team includes a Nurse Director, two Clinical Managers, and a Clinical Teacher, all of whom are certified in Gastroenterology nursing. The staff consists of 14 registered nurses (of which three are certified in Gastroenterology nursing), two Endoscopy Technicians (both have attained Associates Recognition from the SGNA), and a Charge Unit coordinator/Receptionist. Thirty-five percent of the nursing staff are certified in Gastroenterology nursing.

Staffing is based on the American Nurses Association (ANA) Principles for Nurse Staffing, as well as specialty practice staffing guidelines, such as the Society of

Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (SGNA), the American Society of Perianesthesia Nursing (ASPN), & the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN). Staffing is determined by the number, intensity level, and location of patients as well as the competency of the care-delivery staff. The staff is assigned to varied shifts to cover the units operating hours of 6 am to 3:30pm, Monday Through Friday. On-call coverage is provided after regular operational hours and on weekends and holidays by scheduled personnel on a 24/7 basis.

## **HOW TO DOWNLOAD SEMINAR SYLLABUS**

- Log onto the website at [www.nesgna.org](http://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](http://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 at WWW.NESGNA.ORG so that 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.

## **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.

.....

**To post announcements (no job listings, please) in the Newsletter contact  
Christopher S. Robbins via email at *snowman4usa@gmail.com***