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CNY SGNA Newsletter

Central New York Society of
Gastroenterology Nurses and
Associates.
Region 37.

Past President's Message:

Happy New Year, Central New
York SGNA!

I hope everyone had a wonderful
holiday season, and will enjoy a
safe and prosperous New Year.

Our Fall conference was a big
success. I would like to again
thank the other members of the
planning committee for jumping in
(or being pushed in!) at short
notice – Juanita Aikens-English,
Winnie Akangbou, and Barbara
Schwant. Did anyone notice that
all our speakers were of the female
persuasion? Thanks also go to our
vendors – we literally could not
put on a high quality, reasonably
priced program without their
support.

I have had a very satisfying year as
President of CNYSGNA. Thank
you to all our members who have
made me feel welcome. As of
January 1, we have a new
President – Gail Woodruff from
Adirondack Medical Center in

Saranac Lake. Please join me in
wishing Gail luck in her new role.

Now that my presidential term is
done, I am Nominations and
Elections Chairperson. This is a
dangerous position for all of YOU
– I may be calling you later in the
year to run for an office! Please
contact me if you have any interest
in becoming more involved in
Central New York SGNA. There
are all kinds of things you can do,
and I can honestly tell you that the
time commitment is much less than
you may think.

Remember that the SGNA Annual
Course is coming up quickly. This
year it is May 18 – 23 in Phoenix.
AZ. Details can be found on the
SGNA website, www.sgna.org.

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Past President, CNYSGNA

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Sprigong Meeting:

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March 30, 2012

Topics:

Friday night: 7-8PM

RISK MANAGEMENT IN
ENDOSCOPY

DR. VIVEK KAUL

8-9PM *ELECTROSURGICAL*

SAFETY FOR

NURSES

March 31, 2012

7:45 SMALL BOWEL
ENTEROSCOPY FOR THE
ENDOSCOPY PATIENT

DR. ASAD ULLAH

8:45-9:45 CURING BARRETT'S
ESOPHAGUS

DR. RONALD SZYJKOWSKI

9:45-10:15 BREAK/VENDOR
EXHIBITS

10:15-11:15 BARIATRICS:
WHAT A GI NURSE NEEDS
TO KNOW

DR. KENNETH COOPER

11:15-12:15 COLON CANCER
AWARENESS AND
PREVENTION

DR. EUNYOUNG CHO

12:15-1PM LUNCH/VENDOR
EXHIBITS

1:00-2:00 CAPNOGRAPHY IN
THE ENDOSCOPY
SUITE

LUKE GASOWSKI RT

2:00-3:00 SPYGLASS
TECHNOLOGY FOR THE
GI PATIENT

3:00-3:15 BREAK

3:15-4:15 PROPOFOL AND
SEDATION FOR THE

ENDOSCOPY PATIENT

DR. MICHAEL DUFFY

Total contact hours: 9

Accommodation

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Editor's Note:

Hoping that you had a great
Holiday season and that you are
ready for some education and

networking. Spring meeting is fast approaching and Coleen and MaryEllen have some super speakers to get you up to speed.

I am hoping that you will bring some pictures from your GI Nurses and Associates Day to share with everyone. It is March 28th.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the National this year. The group usually tries to all connect at least once during the conference.

Looking to certify this year? We can connect you to others that plan on taking the exam. Perhaps you could form a study group. Note that SGNA now has a GI/Endoscopy Nursing Review Certification Study Manual. You can order it online, or buy it at the Marketplace at the Spring meeting.

Region 37's Score Card from national. 34% of our members are certified, 14.6% of our members voted. Hopefully, we can increase both of these numbers in 2012.

Still looking for a group to sponsor the Spring 2013 meeting. Won't you consider doing it? You can showcase your department. Share the new and exciting things you have been doing in your area. Contact Janet Shope, if interested.

I am returning from three weeks in Wisconsin caring for my sister. I had 8 trips to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. I can tell you that they are very much into good customer skills, everyone gets a printout of their medications, that they verify are the same. Check name and date of birth. I had forgotten how overwhelming our GI departments can be to someone

who is having a problem, may have never been in the hospital before, or may be getting bad news.

We all need to introduce ourselves, explain the procedure, ask if there are any questions. Remember, it could be your family going through that process.

Did you know: The Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates recognizes that **few things are more important to GI/endoscopy nursing professionals than infection prevention**. SGNA is excited to present the *GI/endoscopy Infection Prevention Resource Center*. This Web site provides a central location for SGNA infection prevention resources and other pertinent information, in order to help GI units and facilities determine processes and answer questions. Check it out.

www.sgna.org

See you in Syracuse. 9 contact hours. It will be a busy weekend.

Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN, CGRN

NOLF Report

February meeting was cancelled for last of attendees.

Barb Schwant, RN, CGRN

DATES:

GI Nurses and Associates Day, March 28, 2012

SGNA Annual Course: May 18-23, 2012 Phoenix, AZ

Fall CNYSGNA meeting in Glens Falls.

Certification Exam

2012 Certification Examination

Spring Computer Based Testing (CBT) Window: May 1-May 31, 2012

Paper exam, May 19, 2012
Phoenix, AZ

Registration window December 1, 2011-February 29, 2012. No late deals.

Fall Testing Window: October 1-31, 2012. Registration ends: August 31, 2012.

Free contact hours: Quarter 1 webinar place Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p of the webinar will be CE Approver Unit and will be presented by SGNA's Director and Practice, Cindy Friis, MEd BSN RN quarterly webinars, generously sponsor Medivators, are an exciting way to earn contact hours. Although the topics are a leaders, the webinars are for everyone a you to invite your regional members to a link with more information about the how to sign up. If you have any questions know! Kind regards, Mollie

CE Approver Unit Review Join us for a February 15 Space is limited.
Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register>
webinar will be a review of the CE Approver Unit Review Date: Wednesday 2012 Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CST After you will receive a confirmation email c information about joining the Webinar.
Requirements
PC-based attendees
Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2 Server Macintosh®-based attendees
Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer

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