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President's Message:

It is hard to believe fall is upon us already. This fall's conference is different than conferences in years past. About a year ago Marc Yankowski from Boston Scientific contacted me to let me know there was a new gastroenterologist practicing in Albany. The MD had previously practiced in Boston and had been involved in putting on nursing conference and wanted to know how to go about it here. A few months later I was able to meet Dr. Bhavesh Shah and the rest as they say is history. Dr. Shah is a member of the Albany GI consultants and practices interventional gastroenterology out of St. Peter's Hospital, part of St. Peter's Health Partners. He talked with leadership at St. Peter's and area gastroenterologists and put this conference together. He was able to get St. Peter's Hospital to sponsor the entire program, that is why this year's conference does not have a charge. He reached out to all of the SGNA regions throughout NYS and New England; CNY, Western NY and

Vermont all agreed to be affiliated with the conference. I have been in constant contact with Dr. Shah and I am looking forward to this conference. The venue can hold around 170 participants and when I spoke to him recently there were over 70 respondents; that was before the brochures even made it out in the mail. I anticipate a tremendous turnout for this conference. When you see Dr. Shah at the conference please take the time to thank him for all he has done to put this conference on for us. He is an energetic go-getter and I look forward to partnering with him over the coming years. While I am on the topic of conferences; we need a group to take on the Spring 2015 conference. Please contact Terry Markowicz if you are interested. You can reach her at feedkramer@aol.com. Although taking on this project does take time and energy it is very rewarding. If you want twice a year programs to continue we need more members to volunteer. Finally, as the year ends I want to thank all the members of the board for their hard work. Please consider running for a board position next year; time commitments are minimal yet rewarding.

Have a great fall and I hope to see you at the conference,
Kathy Dorsey

Editor's Note:

Hello members. Hoping you are the Fall mind set, and thinking of education, promoting colon cancer screening, and looking for some education contact hours.

Congratulations to Juanita Aikens English from Ellis Medicine on placing 5th in

EndoNurse MVP. "Juanita is the "SuperUser for navigational bronchoscopy, endobronchial ultrasound and broncho-thermoplasty. Per Winnie Akangbou's nomination: She is a resource to new nurses, students and also to the experienced nurse," "She is the go-to person for all the procedures and is always ready to give a helping hand to anyone. She finds time to be involved in the community activities such as Blue Star Mothers of America, Marine Corp League and Ladies Auxiliary of the Guilderland Fire Department."
KUDOS to Juanita.

We had a very nice Spring meeting. Thank you to Ellis for the excellent speakers and information. And as you have read, CNY is looking for some energetic group, (it could be two hospitals working together) to offer the Spring 2015 meeting, or the Fall 2015. Terry Markiewicz is waiting to hear from you.

See next page for 2015 Slate of officers.

I hope you have looked at the latest SGNA eScope. They list multiple free or minimal cost contact hour information. A sampling of suggestions:

Newly Updated Sedation for Gastroenterology Nurses Website Coming Soon

Coming this month, visit SGNA's new Sedation website and explore key information dedicated to help improve the success of endoscopic procedures with safe and effective administration of sedatives and analgesics. Visit this one-stop sedation reference site and earn contact hours for education on sustaining sedation levels, matching proper agents to patients and procedures, as well as ensuring overall excellence in nurse-administered anesthesia care. More information coming soon!

2. Register for **Standards of Clinical Nursing Practice and Role Delineations Webinar**
Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00 pm CT

SGNA is offering a webinar on Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00 pm Central Time to present valuable information on the SGNA Standards of Clinical Nursing Practice and Role Delineations (2014).

[Register today](#) and earn 1.00 contact hour (GI-specific) for your participation! The registration fee is \$10 for SGNA members/\$15 for non-members.

3.

Register for Free Emerging Technologies in Sedation: Computer Assisted Personalized Sedation Webinar November 12 at 6:00 pm CT

SGNA is offering a webinar on Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00 pm Central Time on *Emerging Technologies in Sedation: Computer Assisted Personalized Sedation*.

[Register today](#) and earn 1.00 contact hour (0.83 GI-specific) for your participation! **The registration fee is waived for both members and non-members due to the generous support of Ethicon.**

4.

Take Advantage of Free CEs From SGNA!

Did you know SGNA offers free online contact hours to members? You can find free CE offerings in the "[Learner-Driven Education](#)" section of the [SGNAMarketplace](#).

Current Free Online Contact Hours:

1. IBD Module I - 0.8 Contact Hours (GI-specific) *Sponsored by Prometheus Laboratories, Inc.*
2. IBD Module II - 0.8 Contact Hours (GI-specific) *Sponsored by Prometheus Laboratories, Inc.*
3. IBD Module III - 0.8 Contact Hours (GI-specific) *Sponsored by AbbVie, Inc.*
4. IBD Module IV - 0.8 Contact Hours (GI-specific) *Sponsored by AbbVie, Inc.*
5. Taking a Mechanistic and Evidence-based Approach Towards Reducing Risk Associated with Endoscopic Reprocessing - 1.25 Contact

Hours (GI-specific) *Sponsored by STERIS.*

6. Fecal Microbiota Transplantation: The Real Poop Scoop - 1 Contact Hour (GI-specific) *Sponsored by PENTAX Medical Company.*

5.

FDA's Guidance for Industry on Fecal Microbiota Transplantation

SGNA is committed to ensuring members are aware of the latest developments and advancements in the GI industry. SGNA understands that there are still misconceptions that the FDA does not allow transplants, so we encourage members to review the FDA's Guidance for Industry Related to Fecal Microbiota Transplantation. To read the full guidance, [click here](#).

ASGE Document on Technologies that Monitor the Quality of Scope Reprocessing

ASGE has issued a new document on technologies that monitor the quality of scope reprocessing. The report indicates that further studies are necessary to determine whether surveillance can effectively identify failures. Click [here](#) for the document.

While doing the above, it should stimulate one to think about getting certified. There are scholarships available. (Due Dec. 15, 2014.) Set up a group of friends, and meet once a week. Each can take a chapter of the Core Curriculum. Discuss what each unit is doing, new procedures or ways of taking care of your patients. Read the magazine. Attend seminars, or conferences. Talk to your vendors. They have a lot of great information. Consider attending a National convention. The networking is phenomenal. Remember it is your responsibility to stay updated in the latest technology and information. You are the patient advocate.

Sign up for the **Be Seen Get Screened** newsletter. It has great information for sharing with staff

and patients. And for getting ready for Colon Cancer Awareness month. www.info@beseengetscreened.com

Think I have run out of room, but looking forward to seeing you at St. Peter's seminar, October 25, 2014 at Century House, Latham, NY.

I believe there is a wait list, but the number to call is: 518.785.0931, 24 hours a day.

Please check CNY website for time of General business meeting in October. www.cnysgna.org

Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN, CGRN

2015 slate of officers: Election bios:

Laura Pfeifer, BSN, RN, CGRN For President-elect.

I graduated with my BSN from Southern Connecticut State University in 1989. I worked in ICU from 1989-2006 in Connecticut until I moved to the area in 2006. I joined the staff of the GI Center at Glens Falls Hospital in 2006 as a staff nurse. I have been a member of CNYSGNA and received my CGRN in May of 2012. I have been the Nurse Manager of the GI Center at Glens Falls Hospital since August 2013. I am currently pursuing my Masters in Clinical Systems Leadership at Excelsior College in Albany, NY. I live in Saratoga Springs, NY with my husband and 3 sons.

Emily Jadick, BSN, RN Treasurer

I graduated with my BSN from Binghamton University in 2005. I

worked on a Telemetry units from 2005-2008 at Wilson Memorial Medical Center in Johnson City, NY and at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center. While in Oklahoma, I was the co-author of *Nursing Implications for Atrial Fibrillation Patients*, which was published in the American Journal of Nursing. From 2008-2010, I worked in ICU at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. I joined the staff of the GI Center at Glens Falls Hospital in 2011. I am currently the chair of the GI Center's Unit Based Council. I am a member of CNYSGNA and currently studying for the CGRN certification. I am enthusiastic and compassionate about gastroenterology nursing and I am very eager to increase my involvement in SGNA. I currently live in Glens Falls, NY.

**Kathy Dorsey, BSN, RN,
CGRN, WCC:**

Bylaws:

Kathy Dorsey, BSN, RN, CGRN, WCC, Assistant Nurse Manager Ambulatory Surgery Unit, Endoscopy, Vascular Interventional Radiology Stratton VAMC
President CNYSGNA

I have been in the nursing profession for 33 years, all except for the last year at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy, NY. In August 2013 I moved to the Stratton VAMC.

I am certified in both gastroenterology nursing and wound care. I have been involved in multiple patient safety and quality, hospital acquired condition, initiatives at the facility

level (St. Mary's Hospital), organizational level (St. Peter's Health Partners), system level (Catholic Health East) and state level (NYSPFP and Gold Stamp) including: fall and injury prevention, pressure ulcer prevention, CAUTI and CLABSI.

I have been very involved in CNYSGNA over the last few years. I coordinated the 2013 fall conference with my previous co-workers. I am currently the President of CNYSGNA, and will be immediate past president next year. I am currently pursuing my Master's Degree in Nursing Leadership which I will complete in March 2015.

**Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN,
CGRN:**

Membership:

I have been a GI nurse since 1979, with 30 years at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady. I certified in GI in 1989.

Worked in Ellis GI Dept. 2007-2012. Was staff RN, Associate Manager and Clinical Nursing Leader. Retired 2012.

I have been a member of CNYSGNA since 1982.

I have had multiple positions. President, secretary. Currently Treasurer. NOLF is on hold at NYSNA. Had been NOLF (nursing specialties) rep since 1993.

Editor of newsletter for CNY since 47 editions ago. ☺

President of the American Board of Certified Gastroenterology Nurses, 2013.
ABCGN Board of Directors 2005-13.

I have a passion for GI Nursing, and hope to bring that passion to the endoscopy staff in the Central NY area. Would love to hear from members and interested members in how we can make this organization better for them.

October 25, 2014 Updates in Gastroenterology- A Nurse's Course. St. Peter's hospital. Century House, Latham, NY 6 contact hours. Registration 8 am.

**SGNA 42nd Annual Course:
May Baltimore, Maryland
May 15-19, 2015**

Visit www.SGNA.org to learn more. New agenda. Course is Sunday thru Tues in 2014.

Certification Exam:

Exam window: Oct. 1-31, 2014.
2015 Registration window: Jan. 1 thru Feb. 27, 2015
Exam window: May 1 to May 31, 2015
Recertification deadline for 2014 is Dec. 31, 2014.

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