NESGNA
40th Anniversary
1977-2017
In 1970, an assistant attended the ASGE meeting.

The next year she attended she received the names of other physicians and from them got the names or their assistants.

She corresponded with those assistants asking if they would be interested in exchanging ideas and knowledge. A steering committee was founded and in 1973 they attended the ASGE meeting with 90 members and formed the SGA
The origin of NESGNA:

NESGNA was chartered in 1977 after a group of nurses returned from the second national meeting of ASGE.

The New England region was one of the original nine regional societies to be established.

The goals were to provide educational seminars to our region and a forum for attendees to be able to network and share ideas with one another.
The Reasoning:

The nurses envisioned:

Collaboration with other assistants to collect information

Sharing Knowledge among each other

Creating GI Units on other’s ideas and practice

Establish guidelines for future GI professionals

Expand specialized educational opportunities
The founding members:

The founding nurse members are as follows:

Sybil Goulkin   BI
Susan Sweny Diguette   Mt Auburn
Linda Lauratano Davis   MGH
Marilyn Boyton   MGH
Marie Peters   Faulkner
Margaret Travalyn   Lahey
Margaret Faison   NEMC
## The hospitals:

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Name Changes:

The original name of the organization was the SGA  Society of Gastroenterology Assistants

In 1989 the name changed to the SGNA Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates

In 1989, the publication of the journal changed from the SGA Journal to the Journal of Gastroenterology Nursing
GI Certification was conceived in the early 1980’s

The first certification exam was held in 1986.

Over 600 nurses took the first exam

Our region held a certification prep course in 2005

Certification in one’s speciality has become a major focus of hospital staff.
Website:

Our website was developed in 2005

Has become a resource for our membership

Continues to improve and change with the times

Register for conferences on-line
Awards:

- Regional Society of the Year in 2006
- Regional Society of the Year in 2012
- Certified Region of the Year in 2015
National Award Winners

Gabriella Schindler Award Winner 2011  Jane Harker
Gabriella Schindler Award Winner 2016  Kim Foley
Distinguished Service Award Winner 2016  Lisa Heard
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Regional Members to National Members

Sandra Cialfi  Nat’l President 2007
Lisa Heard  Nat’l President 2008
Jane Harker  Nat’l Board Committee
Kim Foley  Speaker of the House

Christopher Robbins  Nat’l Committee
Janet King  Nat’l Committee
Mary Grealish  Nat’l Committee
Donna Girard  Nat’l Committee
Events in GI over the years

1969 first colonoscopy was performed “develop ways to probe full length of colon using a tube with electronic sensors”

1970’s development of GI rooms in OR’s then GI Units

1980’s Ronald Reagan has polyps in 1986

1990’s advancement in technologies

2000’s Katie Couric has colonoscopy on television
Thank you

New England Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates

Has significant achievements to be proud of

Has very professional and accomplished members

Has a legacy to look back on

And will continue forward to strive toward excellence...