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NESGNA Fall Conference 2019



Our fall conference will be held on Saturday September 28, 2019 at the Conference Center at Waltham Woods in Waltham, Massachusetts.

This new venue offers the opportunity to accommodate more of our members with auditorium style seating. Full breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be included.

Topics for the conference include Endo Stitch, residual soil testing, EndoFLIP, caring for special needs patients in the GI setting, liver transplant coordination, and Hemostasis. We will be applying for GI specific contact hours for all presentations.

Call for Board Members



The NESGNA Board of Directors is excited to announce we will have 3 Director-at-Large positions available for the 2020 board. More information can be found at <http://www.nesgna.org/membership.html>

Joining the board is a chance to become involved, develop leadership skills, and support the region by continuing to offer quality programming to our members. We welcome you to join us!

Take Steps Walk 2019



Members of NESGNA were proud to walk June 8 in support of patients at the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation's Take Steps Walk in Boston. The walk raised over \$350,000 for research, patient services, advocacy, and professional education. We are proud of our ongoing partnership with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation and the chance to support their mission.

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Certification Corner

Congratulations to all those who achieved certification and recertification in 2018!

We would like to recognize the following who achieved certification in 2018:

Michele Bettinelli
Jennifer Billington
Aimee Goddeau
Gracelyn Ischia
Michelle Kurilov
Theresa Nunes
Gayle Pamplona
Bonnie Slayter
Bethany St. Onge



Our region also had 20 nurses who recertified in 2018!

Guides to certification and recertification can be found at <https://www.abcgcn.org/>

Annual Course 2019



NESGNA members had a great time attending the 2019 SGNA Annual Course in Portland, Oregon. Over the course of the conference, attendees were able to network with other regions, attend fantastic presentations, and share their knowledge with other members!

Our region was proudly represented with numerous poster presentations.

We congratulate the following for their accomplishment:

- 45 is the new 50! Advocating for Change
Linda Curtin, Sharon Iden, Conrad Worrell, Phyllis Malpas, Kim Harris, and Afton Becker
- Endoscope Reprocessing: A Failure Modes & Effects Analysis and Improvement Collaborative
Cheryl Thomas-Shackleton, Jeanetta Kumar, and Linda Allen
- Tips for a Successful Magnet Journey: Learn from our Endoscopy Unit's Experience
Ellen Goepel, June Guarente, Janet King, Deborah Meade, Elizabeth Rockett, Kimberly Seibert, Bonnie Slayter, and Heather Szymczak
- Journey to Excellence: Inspiring, Educating and Mentoring Staff on the Pathway to CGRN Certification
Michele Bettinelli and Maria Scholz

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Professional Achievements

- Kimberly Foley, BSN, RN, CGRN (Winchester Hospital) was awarded with a Lifetime Service Achievement Award at this year's Digestive Disease National Coalition in March 2019
- Conrad Worrell, RN, CGRN, CSN (Brigham and Women's Hospital) was awarded the 2019 Distinguished Service Award at the SGNA 46th Annual Course in April 2019
- Janet King, BSN, RN, CGRN (Massachusetts General Hospital) was elected to the position of President-Elect on the 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Have an achievement to share?

Email us at info@NESGNA.org to be included in the next newsletter!