



The NESGNA Scope

A Letter From The President February 2015

2014: NESGNA Year in Review

NESGNA experienced another eventful year in 2014 highlighted by our designation as Certified Region of the Year by ABCGN. This prestigious award was bestowed at the national conference in Nashville, which was attended by many of our regional colleagues and members of NESGNA. The Music City rolled out the red carpet for the multitude of GI nurses who enjoyed the vast opportunity for learning and sharing provided by the course.

NESGNA kept this spirit alive in 2014 through regional course offerings, starting with our successful January meeting collaboration with CCFA. New research into inflammatory bowel disease and its treatment options dictate that we remain up to date as we strive to provide exemplary care to our patients. As nurses we appreciate what CCFA offers to those afflicted by Crohns and colitis and what our collaboration offers to members. NESGNA participated in the annual Take Steps walk in June and raised over \$3000 for CCFA through the walk and the basket raffle held at the January meeting. Thanks to all who donated baskets, bought raffle tickets, and walked on a beautiful June morning!

The March, September and November meetings continued to set the standard for regional societies as topics from Barrett's to Infection Control to Legislative Advocacy were offered. NESGNA's presence in the national arena with member Kim Foley serving as Legislative Advocate and Chris Robbins representing our region in the House of Delegates provides currency and insight, which has been shared with our members.

This year's NESGNA elections saw a higher percentage of members voting and the addition of new voices to the board. Gratitude and appreciation are extended to 2014 President Susan Douglass for her vision and leadership. Sue guided NESGNA to Certified Region of the Year, clarified roles of board members, organized meetings, and kept abreast of the myriad details involved in running 4 meetings a year! Hearing the voices of members who come from afar to attend meetings, in 2015 NESGNA will trial 2 full day meetings annually instead of 4 half day meetings. This shift is intended to maximize the number of CE credits earned at each meeting and encourage attendance of members

from all over New England. Once again, NESGNA awarded three \$400 tuition scholarships for the national course and will continue to do so in 2015. As we look forward to 2015, the Board would like to extend our thanks to the members for keeping us on our toes with your excellent commentary following conferences, and your suggestions for future meetings. We hope more members will be inspired to become active and offer their talent and experience to the NESGNA board. We would like to extend our gratitude to the vendors whose attendance at NESGNA meetings provided us with a first look at emerging technology and endotherapy designed to benefit our patients. We hope you will join us at our first full day conference on March 14, 2015 and we look forward to seeing you there!

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Upcoming Educational Conferences.

March 14, 2015 Marriott Burlington 1 Burlington Mall Rd Burlington, MA

November 14, 2015 Marriott Burlington 1 Burlington Mall Rd Burlington, MA

Please see NESGNA.org for details.



The 42nd SGNA Annual Course

May 15-19, 2015

Baltimore, MD

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Log onto the website at www.nesgna.org

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Click on topic of choice

This will open a .PDF file. Please be patient with the download. Some files are

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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 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 contact us at WWW.NESGNA.ORG 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
