

Message from the President-

I am honored and privileged to serve as your 2015 president! I want to thank our immediate past president- Patti Sunleaf for all the hard work she did in 2014. One of the most visible and important things we updated was our website. I hope you are all enjoying it as much as we are!! I would love to point out a few wins that Chicago SGNA had in 2014-

- The updated website
- Our 'Spring and Fall into GI' educational conferences- we were able to offer 12 CE in 2014.
- 5 of us from the Chicago Region were able to participate in the SGNA mentorship program. This was a 9 month program in which we were able to network with other GI nurse managers and experts on a variety of issues in GI.
- 5 of us from the BOD as well as other region members were able to attend the National conference in Nashville.
- We were able to donate 1500\$ to Get Your Rear in Gear, colon cancer prevention.

In 2015, we will continue to provide the quality education you receive in our 'Spring and Fall into GI' conferences.

We will continue to offer scholarships to our regional and National conferences, for certification and recertification.

We will continue to support those who have decided to join the SGNA mentor program.

One thing we will focus on this year is to reach out to those of you who might be interested in learning about what our BOD does, and how we bring these conferences to you all each year. It is vitally important that we bring new BOD members in to keep things fresh and energized. It takes a tremendous amount of work, but as the saying goes, "many hands make the work light"! – Cindy Shong, 2015 Chicago SGNA president

Please consider joining as a volunteer this year to be eligible for a director position next year!!



Email interest to- cindyshong61@gmail.com

Volunteer Nurse Speakers wanted!!

CSGNA is always looking for nurses to speak at upcoming seminars. Email interest to- debgirn@comcast.net



UPCOMING EVENTS-

Don't miss our Spring into GI Conference!! April 11, 2015- see www.chicagosgna.org for details!!!!!!



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SGNA EVENTS-



May 15-19, 2015! Baltimore

Are you planning on attending Nationals? It is something you can't miss- plan on going at least once! You'll get hooked!!

See www.sgna.org for details!

ABCGN Corner

Why certify?

- Certification validates your qualifications and your advanced competence.
- It demonstrates your professional aspirations and your desire to improve the quality of patient care and delivery of services.
- Certification rewards your continuing efforts to improve your knowledge and skills in your profession. Certification reflects

your commitment in time, effort and expense to gastroenterology nursing.

- Certification assures professional recognition from your peers and colleagues.

Planning to take the Fall 2015 Certification Exam? 1st time or recert by exam??

Registration Window is from June 1- July 31. (Registration will close at 5p on 7/31.)

The exam will be offered in a computer-based format. This convenient test option provides hundreds of locations for testers and a 30 day window in which to take the exam. The ONLY paper and pencil format for the exam will be offered May 18, 2013 at the SGNA annual course in Austin, TX. Visit www.abcgcn.org for more info.

The 2015 Recertification deadline will be 12/31/2015, for recert by CE.

See www.abcgcn.org for details.



Scholarship Corner

Chicago SGNA is pleased to offer many scholarships to our members! We offer the following:

NATIONAL SGNA COURSE

2 scholarships – \$1500 each
Application deadline: January 31

CHICAGO REGIONAL CONFERENCES

4 Spring and 4 Fall Regional Conference scholarships
\$60 is awarded for 6 credit conferences and \$40 for 4 credit conferences.

Application deadline: January 31 for Spring and August 31 for Fall.

ABCGN CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIPS

8 scholarships – \$300 each
4 for certifying and 4 for recertifying.

Application deadline for ABCGN certification: February 28 for May sitting and April 30 for October sitting.

Application deadline for ABCGN Recertification: September 30.

SGNA NURSE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

7-\$500 scholarships to those in the Nurse Leadership Program who attend National.

For questions on scholarships,

please contact [Kate Healy](mailto:Kate.Healy@sgna.org)

kilbreen7@yahoo.com

CHICAGO SGNA RULES FOR RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP

- The applicant must be a CURRENT SGNA member during the year in which they applied. This must be verified at the time of application with SGNA records which may be found on their website.
- No applicant shall receive a scholarship award from us of any type more than one time in 3 years. (National Scholarship winners are limited to once every 5 years)
- Scholarship winners must pay first, and then be reimbursed after all conditions have been met. No monies will be distributed until they have either attended the conference, passed the test, etc.
- Any falsifications on the application will be an immediate disqualifying factor for this year, e.g. applying as an SGNA member if not a member.
- Applicant must be a member of the Chicago Region 20.
- No one may receive more than 1 type of

scholarship in 3 years. In other words, if someone gets a certification award one year, they cannot have a national award the next year.

- Scholarships will be based on a point system to ensure fairness to all

Please see

www.chicagosgna.org for details and to apply!



SGNA also gives scholarships!!

Please see www.sgna.org for the details on the following:

SGNA Scholarships

[Medical Aid Scholarship](#)

[Advanced Associates Program Scholarship](#)

[Associates Program Scholarship](#)

[SGNA Membership Dues](#)

[Scholarship](#)

[SGNA Annual Course](#)

[Scholarships](#)

[SGNA Annual Course First Time](#)

[Attendee Scholarship](#)

[SGNA RN Advancing Education](#)

[Scholarship](#)

ABCGN gives scholarships!!

The ABCGN

Certification/Recertification Scholarships have been

established to assist candidates with financial assistance for certification/recertification.

Grants for certification by examination and for

recertification will be awarded equally each year in spring and

fall. If there are no applications in one category, grants will be

awarded in the other category.

The deadline for the application is December 15th for the May

exam and recertification, and

June 1st for the October exam

and recertification. The number

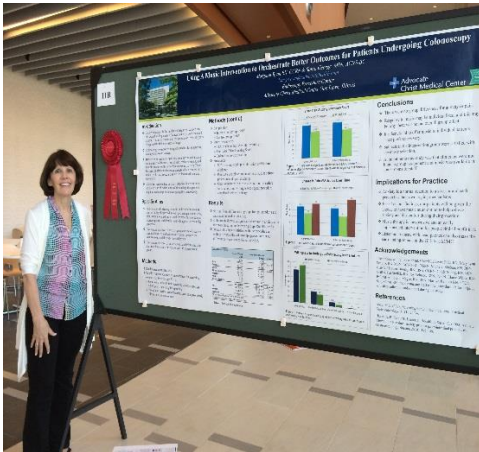
of grants awarded will depend

upon funds available.

Please see www.abcgcn.org for more details.

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Member Spotlight!!



Poster Title- "Using a music intervention to orchestrate better outcomes for patients undergoing colonoscopy"

Marge Ryan, from Advocate Christ Medical Center is a dedicated expert GI nurse. She has been certified in GI since 2010. She was the lead research RN on the project. She was able to present her poster at Nationals 2014 in Nashville. She won 3rd place!! 40 posters were presented in total. **Congratulations Marge!!**

We would love to put you in the spotlight!! Please email your accomplishments to any board member!



Welcome to our newest SGNA members!!!

We welcome all our new members! Selena Kuch, Joanna Michniak, Tiffany Robinson, Gretchen Johnson, and Claudia Miller-Rehanek. Chicago SGNA now has 336 members!!

What's new for Chicago SGNA in 2015????

You may have noticed the many changes in our www.chicagosgna.org website!! Please browse all the tabs to see all of the information we have to offer!

All of our conferences will be registered online from now on

We are excited to move forward with our going green efforts by moving to online evaluations. We will be giving instructions on how to use it at the Spring into GI conference!!



Past events-

Nationals 2014 in Nashville!

We had strong representation from the Chicago SGNA BOD with 5 of the 8 board members attending! There were several Chicago region members in attendance also.

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More Pics from National 2014 at Nashville—



SGNA selfie time!! – Mary (treasurer), Cindy (president), and Sally (from Advocate Christ)



Marge Ryan (Advocate Christ) 3rd place poster winner!!

Spring Into GI 2014



Patti, Cindy, and Amanda (BOD)

A little sight-seeing!!



Patti Sunleaf during the Chicago SGNA rechartering ceremony



All the regions rechartered!!



A great speaker At Lutheran General

SGNA Membership benefits-

- Opportunities for education, networking, and viewing new product developments through national and regional education courses.
- Publications and communications include six annual issues of Gastroenterology Nursing, the SGNA's journal, and a subscription to SGNA newsletter.
- Discounts on certification through the American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses (ABCGN).
- Comprehensive online membership directory.
- SGNA's employment network to connect nursing professionals to new positions and careers.
- Opportunities for volunteer participation on national committees and task forces, ranging from awards to research.
- Opportunities to influence policy and legislation at the national level.
- Award and scholarship opportunities through the SGNA Education

and Research initiatives.

- Contact hours available through SGNA Education materials and Annual Course attendance.
- Access to a Speaker Resource Database to locate expert speakers on various GI/ Endoscopy related topics.
- Reduced fees for attendance at national education courses, independent study module hours, purchase of SGNA publications and SGNA Marketplace Merchandise.

Professional Development tools are at your fingertips with SGNA. As a GI nurse or associate- you are investing in yourself. Chicago SGNA does everything it can to make your time more valuable by providing our full day educational conferences. Our heavy work schedules and busy lifestyles make it tough to keep up with the best practices. Professional development enhances your knowledge, but also this has a direct effect on everyone around you!!

Learning everything we can about procedures, diseases, treatments, infection control, medications and interventions is vital to your patient interactions. Being knowledgeable about a

condition, infection control or current research can provide a vast amount of reassurance to our patients.

Invest in the time for yourself and your continuing education, and your peers will be gaining both from your example and your education.

Having a knowledgeable and well-trained staff benefits everyone. Chicago SGNA conferences allow you to stay current in your field, by teaching your patients and peers, you are ensuring an excellent patient experience. Whether you are new to GI or have years of experience, there is always something to learn. Your commitment to professional development has an effect on the community as well, as each person who gains something from your education passes that knowledge on!

*wise people
never stop
learning*

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Cost Analysis of SGNA membership

<u>Non- Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
Local conference \$95 (X2)	\$65
National Early bird \$585	\$435
Single Day National \$280	\$195
ABCGN Certification \$505	\$420
Recertification by CE \$435	\$350
Gastroenterology Nursing Core Curriculum \$160	\$80
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Non-member total	\$1625
Member total	\$ 1000

As you can see- it saves A LOT of \$\$\$\$ to be a member, plus the valuable resources you receive.

FYI-

at our Spring Into GI 2015 conference, we will be having our annual business meeting. We will vote on the proposed SGNA house of delegates resolutions and bring the results back to National in May!! Please plan on being there- let your voice be heard. The link is here-

<http://www.sgna.org/HouseofDelegates.aspx>.

Here are the issues: **#1-**
Proposed by: Patricia Tiseo, Maura Kayal and Anne Gilmour
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Regional Society Name/#: Northern NJ (#36)
Background Information: WHEREAS, SGNA carries out its mission by advancing the science and practice of gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing through education 2) Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s): RESOLVED, That... SGNA develop an audio version of the Certification Review Course. 3) Rationale: Nurses can listen to the review material while on the go. More opportunity to share this education since the live course is offered limited times throughout the year. 4) Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact: The cost to record the material into an audio format and production of the audio files/CDs. This could positively impact the budget as the materials would be for sale in the Marketplace. This would be a compelling value proposition for our members. 5) Check the goal(s) most closely related to your resolution: [X] Goal 1: Membership SGNA will develop a compelling value proposition for gastroenterology technicians, ambulatory surgical center professionals, gastroenterology hepatology

nurses in all practice settings and purposefully market to these audiences. [] Goal 2: Quality Care SGNA will drive the quality of care in the areas of infection prevention, sedation and changes to the healthcare system related to quality issues and reimbursement. [X] Goal 3: Future of Nursing #1 SGNA will support the education and implementation of the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing recommendations applicable to the gastroenterology practice.

#2-Proposed by: Judy Currier and AnnMarie Quimbo
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Regional Society Name/#: Northern NJ (#36)
1) Background Information: WHEREAS, Doris Barnie was a pioneer in Gastroenterology Nursing and a leader in gastroenterology education, networking, professionalism and certification development 2) Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s): RESOLVED, That... SGNA rename the Annual Course scholarship in recognition of Doris' contribution to GI nursing. 3) Rationale: Doris Barnie shaped the future of GI nursing, certification and countless hundreds of GI nurses not only in NJ but across the country. 4) Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact: None. The scholarship

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and Awards Committee is already in existence. 5) Check the goal(s) most closely related to your resolution: [X] Goal 1: Membership SGNA will develop a compelling value proposition for gastroenterology technicians, ambulatory surgical center professionals, gastroenterology hepatology nurses in all practice settings and purposefully market to these audiences. [] Goal 2: Quality Care SGNA will drive the quality of care in the areas of infection prevention, sedation and changes to the healthcare system related to quality issues and reimbursement. [X] Goal 3: Future of Nursing #2 SGNA will support the education and implementation of the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing recommendations applicable to the gastroenterology practice.

#3 Proposed by: Katherine Vinci
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Regional Society Name/#: Connecticut (#09)
1) Background Information: WHEREAS, Some regions have difficulty setting up websites and/or newsletters
2) Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s): RESOLVED, That... SGNA provide resources to regional societies on website management.
3) Rationale: SGNA provide assistance to regions enabling the region to provide current information to

their members in an effective, productive manner.
4) Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact: Cost of developing webinar and instructional guides could be done by a current SGNA committee.
5) Check the goal(s) most closely related to your resolution: [X] Goal 1: Membership SGNA will develop a compelling value proposition for gastroenterology technicians, ambulatory surgical center professionals, gastroenterology hepatology nurses in all practice settings and purposefully market to these audiences. [] Goal 2: Quality Care SGNA will drive the quality of care in the areas of infection prevention, sedation and changes to the healthcare system related to quality issues and reimbursement. [] Goal 3: Future of Nursing #3 SGNA will support the education and implementation of the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing recommendations applicable to the gastroenterology practice.

