

Fellow Chicago SGNA Members,

I am honored to serve as President of the Chicago Region of SGNA for the 2018 term. I want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Cindy Shong, past CSGNA president, for all of the work she has put into our region over the years. She has been, and will continue to be, a valuable resource to our BOD as she serves in the role of past president.

We have had our first Board of Director meeting and established two exciting goals for our region for 2018; to offer online CE's, and to increase our social media presence. Hopefully you are all following Chicago SGNA on Facebook!

I can hardly believe we are already at the end of February, enduring the Midwest winter weather with its daily variations in temperature. Planning is underway for the Spring into GI Conference on April 14th, and that gives me hope that warmer weather is just around the corner.

We are a volunteer BOD and are always looking for members wishing to donate their time to help grow our membership and increase participation within the region. If you are interested in helping to plan a conference, organize a run / walk, or to help put together a team for a charity event please contact us. If you have a passion or talent that could benefit our region please share that with us. As a BOD we are always looking for volunteers to mentor for future board positions; we are able to plan two amazing educational opportunities a year because of our volunteers.

Through SGNA I have met many new friends and have been given the opportunity to network with others, learn from others, and to be a part of the change and growth in gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing that we are seeing today. This field is fast paced and new innovations are being introduced almost daily and it is imperative that we as GI nurses stay current in these advancements. I feel so fortunate that we have SGNA to help guide us along the way!

I look forward to serving as your President for 2018 and am excited for the year ahead of us!

Sincerely,

Amy Granato

Chicago SGNA President 2018

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CHICAGO SGNA

Spring Into GI

Moraine Valley Community College
9000 College Pkwy, Palos Hills, IL 60465
7:00am – 4:00pm

Learn from well-respected, knowledgeable experts in the field who will share the latest in the world of GI.

- 7:00-7:45 Registration/Continental Breakfast/Vendors
- 7:45-8:00 Business/Announcements
- 8:00-9:00 Alexis Rodriguez, MD
Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- 9:00-10:00 Theodore Saclarides, MD
What the GI Nurse Should Know about Colorectal Surgery
- 10:00-10:45 Break/Vendors
- 10:45-11:45 Gonzalo Pandolfi, MD
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease: Shaping the Future of GERD Management
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-12:45 Raffles
- 12:45-1:45 Amanda Kay Krueger, MSN, CRNA
Scoping and Sedating Safely
- 1:45-2:45 Edwin Kenneth McDonald IV, MD
The Medical and Endoscopic Management of Obesity
- 2:45-3:45 Ajaypal Singh, MD
Endoscopic Ultrasound and Tissue Acquisition
- 3:45-4:00 Closing Remarks/Evaluations

You must attend the entire seminar in order to receive a certificate of completion. Chicago SGNA will not grant partial credit for this event.



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REGISTRATION @

www.chicagosgna.org > Upcoming Events > Spring Into GI

Registration must be completed online prior to conference date. Registration will close on Monday, April 9, 2018.

ONSITE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

All fees included:

Current SGNA member	\$64.50
Non-member	\$89.50
Tech/Student	\$25.00

"This educational activity has been submitted to the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. for approval. The Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation."

This educational activity has been submitted for 6.25 CE of which 6.25 CE have been submitted for GI specific.

**Program and speakers are subject to change

In addition to GI Experts, *SPRING Into GI* is a great way to engage with our GI vendors. Take time to visit their booths and get to know your local resources, have hands-on practice with equipment or inquire about the latest technology.



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Did you know Chicago SGNA contributes to charities that support GI related cancers? For 2017, we donated \$750 each to both the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and The Colorectal Cancer Alliance. You help support these donations by participating in our raffles. Thank you for your support!



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