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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone!

It is hard to believe that this year is at a close. The holidays and shopping will be in full swing by next week and at the turn of the New Year, your new President, Marion Smith will take office. Also, a big welcome back to the Board to Patti Yonkovit who is our new President Elect. I would like to thank everyone on the MSGNA Board of Directors for all their help and heartfelt thanks to our Immediate Past President Lorel Baatenburg's mentoring for what I feel was a very fruitful and progressive year for our organization. It was my honor to serve as President with such dynamic professional women.

We produced two successful conferences for our membership as mandated in our charter. We couldn't have done it without the participation of the hosting committees and Program Chair committee. Special thanks to Sandra Hansen-Belfit for the many years of service for the MSGNA. She has resigned her post as Vendor Coordinator this fall and a big welcome to Ruth Dobberfuhr who will be taking her place and to Pat Root as Ruth's assistant.

We will also have a new Secretary, Mary Catton who hails from Petosky. She will be replacing Marcia Pater, who has done an outstanding job for the past two years. We will miss her enthusiasm and unbridled sense of adventure for gondola rides and zip lining. If there was something exciting to do, Marcia was relentless to encourage us to participate.

Congratulations to Kathy Smith who was elected to another term as Treasurer. Kudos for a job well done in her previous term. As it stands, we have had quite a few changes on the Board since I first came on as Secretary. It isn't just the faces who have changed....we had our first electronic election this year and are working on registration on line through our revamped website. The policies and procedures have been formulated, reviewed and passed as these new changes come about. I feel it has been a great group effort to push the MSGNA into the future technologies.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE MSGNA BOARD. TRAVEL SAFELY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN ANN ARBOR IN FEBRUARY. HAVE A HOLY HOLIDAY.....REGARDS, MARIA

## **2012 Elections**

For the first time the MSGNA elections were done electronically. Thank you to those of you who ran for office and to those of you who took the time to vote. Your willingness to take part in the process shows your commitment to your profession. Congratulations to those who were elected. Patti Yonkovit is our President-Elect. Kathy Smith will return for a second term as Treasurer and Mary Catton was elected Secretary!

Lorel Baatenburg, MSGNA Immediate Past President

MSGNA Spring 2013 Conference speakers:

8-9am Dr. Michael Rice “Balloon Assisted Enteroscopy and Video capsule endoscopy: Shining a Light on the Small Bowel”

9-10am Dr. Richard Simon “Cystic Fibrosis”

10:45-11:45am Dr. William Chey “Diagnosis and Treatment of the Patient with Chronic Constipation in 2013”

1-2pm Dr. John Kao “Intestinal Microbiota Transplantation via Colonoscopy Delivery for the Treatment of Recurrent Clostridium difficile Colitis”

2-3pm Dr. Maclavio Lopez “Pediatric Liver Transplantation-the Short and Long Term View”

3:15-4:15 Dr. Michelle Anderson “Endoscopy and the Pancreas: What’s Current and What’s Ahead”

ABCGN has a new toll free phone number: 1-855-252-2246 or 1-855-25-ABCGN.

Have questions about recertification or the exam; give us a call on our new toll free number.

## Why Certify?

**. . . Because the rules are changing.**

In these days of health care reform and cost containment, cross-training, consumer education and self-determination, and managed care, it isn't enough just to be a good nurse. To be competitive, you've got to keep up - and keeping up with modern nursing means getting certified.

**Certification can help you:**

- expand your role in providing patient services;
- earn more money;
- advance in your career;
- improve patient care; and
- find greater satisfaction with your job.

All indications are that health care reform and cost containment will mandate more direct patient care by nurse specialists. In the near future, nurse specialists may qualify to perform diagnostic procedures, practice independently, provide care reimbursed by third party payers and manage and follow up on patients. Hospitals and clinics will seek out certified candidates to hire.

**Check out the Advance  
Program for the Annual  
Course being held in Austin  
Texas May 2013 on  
SGNA.org**

## **Calendar of events**

### **MSGNA Spring 2013**

March 9, 2013  
Marriott Eagle Crest  
Resort, Ypsilanti  
Hosted by Fran Schultz  
and the staff at  
University of Michigan  
Medical Procedure Unit

### **SGNA 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Course**

"Aim Higher"  
Austin, TX  
May 17-22, 2013

### **MSGNA Fall 2013**

Lexington Hotel  
Lansing, MI  
September 20-22, 2013  
Hosted by Jenneva  
Kremke and the  
endoscopy staff at  
McLaren Greater Lansing  
Hospital

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual SGNA Multi-Regional Conference**

Galt House Hotel  
Louisville, KY  
Date TBD  
A true taste of National  
Course at a price you can  
afford!

### **Spring 2014**

Presented by Henry Ford  
Macomb Hospital  
Endoscopy Department  
Date to be determined

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We are working  
toward helping you  
stay on top of the  
best GI education  
available. The  
more we know, the  
stronger we are.

## **What is Considered GI Specific?**

As you ready yourself to recertify in 2011 or begin collecting contact hours, you want to make sure you have enough GI Specific hours (80 of the 100 total needed). ABCGN defines a GI Specific contact hour as providing a knowledge or skill that is essential to providing care to a patient with a gastrointestinal disease or problem. The information imparted should enable the Gastroenterology nurse to anticipate the care and interventions needed to treat the patient; provide the necessary care and interventions and supply follow-up care and teaching.

- GI specific courses identify the knowledge that the certified gastroenterology nurse is required to know to stay current in the field of gastroenterology.
- Non-GI specific courses may relate to gastroenterology, but do not address the science of nursing or medicine as it relates to the field of gastroenterology and digestive disease.

### **GI Specific Criteria identifies:**

Aspects of the science of gastroenterology/hepatology include:

- ◇ Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology
- ◇ Diagnostic and therapeutic gastroenterology/hepatology procedures
- ◇ Diagnostic tests which relate to gastroenterology/hepatology  
Example: pathology specimen collection specific to endoscopy procedures or to GI diagnosis
- ◇ Research and technology in gastroenterology/hepatology
- ◇ Infection control as it relates to gastroenterology/hepatology
- ◇ Environmental safety as it relates to gastroenterology/hepatology
- ◇ Standards of practice as it relates to gastroenterology/hepatology  
Example: Standards as they relate to SGNA Standards and Guidelines, SGNA Position Statements
- ◇ Disease Processes that effect or are affected by the GI systems
- ◇ GI related radiological procedures  
Example: ERCP, TIPS
- ◇ Radiology use and safety in the GI Lab
- ◇ Patient teaching related to gastroenterology/hepatology
- ◇ Sedation and monitoring including Capnography
- ◇ Cleaning, Disinfection and Reprocessing of equipment and supplies
- ◇ Universal Precautions  
Example: Use of PPE during procedures and reprocessing, care of infectious disease patients, handling of body fluid/tissue samples.
- ◇ Standards of Nursing Practice: OSHA, Joint Commission, AAAHC  
Example: Reducing Infection Risks Associated with Medical Equipment in the GI setting, Devices, and Supplies
- ◇ Electro surgery/cautery usage and safety
- ◇ Laser training and safety as related to GI/endoscopy
- ◇ Pharmacology as it pertains to digestive disease
- ◇ Nutritional therapy and enteral therapy as it pertains to digestive disease
- ◇ Eating disorders and their effects
- ◇ Surgical Procedures related to gastroenterology  
Example: Surgery, post-operative complications, ulcers/strictures, issues with absorption/malabsorption, endoscopic issues post surgery as in change of anatomy.  
Bariatric surgery, Gastric Bypass, Gastrectomy would be types of surgeries.
- NOTES: (Natural Orifice Trans Endoscopic Surgery if specific to GI
- ◇ Performance Improvement related to the GI Lab  
Example: scope culturing, scope reconciliation
- ◇ Holistic Care as it relates to the GI patient

- ◇ Legal Issues as they relate to the GI/Endoscopy setting
- ◇ Competencies as they relate to the GI nurse/staff
- ◇ AIDS/HIV as it relates to GI/Endoscopy

On the other hand, the following topics, while they may be important in the GI practice, do not count as GI-specific since they cover material not included on the examination:

- IV Therapy
- CQI/QA unless directed specifically to GI
- Bronchoscopy
- TEE
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Basic or Advanced Cardiac Life Support (if audited, copies of cards are not acceptable documentation, copies of certificates of attendance must be provided)

Such contact hours may be included among the 20 non-GI contact hours permitted. You may use the same course more than once on your application, provided you took the two offerings at least one year apart.

- Obesity as a general topic is not GI specific. Complications of Obesity such as diabetes and hypertension are not GI specific.
- Benchmarking: most of this falls under management which is not GI specific.

All of this information and more can be found in the Recertification Handbook, located on [www.abcgcn.org](http://www.abcgcn.org).

### **Board Approves Changes in Recertification Categories**

In November 2010, the ABCGN Board approved the following changes in recertification:

#### **Category 3 - Authoring Articles**

Category 3 has been amended to award contact hours to all authors listed on an article or chapter in a textbook. Ten (10) contact hours will be awarded for each article or chapter. You may submit a maximum of 50 contact hours in this category.

#### **Category 11 - Volunteer Involvement**

Category 11 has been amended to award contact hours for serving as a publication editor/reviewer for ABCGN, SGNA or SIGNEA. Three (3) contact hours per year will be awarded for involvement in these GI focused professional organizations as an officer, committee/task force member at the regional or national level or as an appointed publication editor/reviewer.

Minimum GI specific hours granted will be three (3), maximum 15.

ABCGN is continuously reviewing the recertification categories to improve and provide superior services to our membership and to encourage you to recertify.

**Certification will help you gain recognition for both your competence and your professionalism. Don't get left behind. Get certified.**

**MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2012**

- Address and President's Report Maria Edwards, RN  
Welcoming comments  
Many changes this year- on-line voting, website updated.
- Past President Report Lorel Baatenburg, RN CGRN  
Electronic results from voting, 57 votes cast  
President elect: Pat Yonkovit  
Secretary: Mary Patton  
Treasurer: Kathy Smith  
Winner of the drawing for Spring Conference tuition: Susan Hoffman
- Secretary's Report Marcia Pater, BSN  
MSA to approve minutes from Summer Pathfinder
- Treasurer's Report Kathy Smith, BSN CGRN  
Checking balance: \$66,422.78  
Savings balance: \$24,506.90
- President Elect Report Marion Smith, RN CGRN  
Scholarship winners: Kathy Verbrugge and Lori Eichholt  
No Poster submissions
- Membership Report Christine Pilcher, RN CGRN  
261 members  
Pins sent out for members who joined 2009- present
- COMON Bylaws, Policy & Procedures Jenneva Kremke, RN BS  
Lorel Baatenburg working on Election Process Policy with Jenneva.  
Coalition of Michigan: 50 members. Important voting on how new CNO will be chosen.
- Vendor Coordinator Sandy Hansen-Belfit, LPN CGN  
Sandra Hansen-Belfit submitted her resignation  
34 vendors for this conference. Please make sure you thank the vendors for their support.  
Ruth Dobberfuhl will be the new vendor coordinator with Pat Root as assistant.
- Newsletter & Website Report Sherri King, RN CGRN  
47 copies of August Pathfinder were mailed. Request to update profiles for email so  
MSGNA can "go green."  
November 1 Deadline to submit articles for Pathfinder.
- Program Chair Report Diane Thompson, BA LPN CGN  
Thank you to Kim Smith and her group and to Ruth McClure for great conference  
Feb 2013: MSGNA Spring Conference: Ypsilanti  
May 2013; SGNA National Conference in Austin TX  
Fall 2013; MSGNA Fall Conference in Lansing MI  
Reminder: SGNA will refund \$100 for CGRN certification.
- Comments and Adjourn Maria Edwards, RN
- Thank you and plaque given to Lorel Baatenburg for serving on the BOD for the past 9 years most in the president role. Also to Marcia Pater for serving the past 2 years as secretary.
- MSA to adjourn the General Business Meeting.

**Coming Soon!**

**Online Course  
Registration and  
Payment for Vendors  
and Attendees**

**Please watch the  
Pathfinder and website  
for more information**

## Celebrate the SGNA Community with *SGNA News*!

As an SGNA member, you receive an exclusive, complimentary subscription to *SGNA News*, SGNA's quarterly newsletter. Featuring industry updates and special highlights from our GI/endoscopy nursing community, *SGNA News* is a great way to stay current and connected to SGNA and the GI profession. The next issue of *SGNA News* is on its way to your mailbox soon and is now [available online](#). (Note: You must log in on SGNA's Web site to view the issue.)

### **Stay Informed, Stay Connected: Update Your Member Profile**

**Make sure your information is accurate – visit the “[My SGNA Profile](#)” page to review and update your profile. Keeping your member profile current will:**

**Allow you to reset your membership's user name and password**

- Guarantee timely arrival of your *Gastroenterology Nursing Journal* and *SGNA News* to your preferred address
- Ensure you receive all electronic communications from SGNA Headquarters
- Manage access to your preferred eSIGS, update your regional affiliation and select volunteer preferences

Updating your records has never been easier! Be sure to update your [SGNA Profile](#) today.

### **SedationFacts: Get the Latest on Your State's Sedation Regulations and Earn Free Contact Hours**

Have you visited [SGNA's SedationFacts](#) lately? This comprehensive portion of SGNA's Web site serves as a central repository for endoscopic sedation news, reference materials and guidelines, and a range of information designed to address all aspects of this topic.

Two important reasons to visit [SedationFacts](#) include:

1. Check out the **enhanced section on state sedation administration regulations and standards**. Make sure you are up to date on the regulations and standards for your state. This section includes information from the State Nursing Board, State Medical Board and legislative bodies on each state page, and you'll also find reliable links for additional state-specific resources.
2. **Earn 2.25 free contact hours!** Further your knowledge in sedation by reviewing the [SedationFacts page](#) and complete a short online quiz to earn your free contact hours.

To learn more, visit [www.sgna.org/sedationfacts](http://www.sgna.org/sedationfacts).

The **SGNA Career Center** provides added usability for our job seekers and employers, making it even easier to connect people together. To continue your job search through SGNA, you will need to re-post your resume to the new SGNA Career Center. You can take advantage of functionality including:

- **FREE and confidential resume posting** – Make your resume available to employers in the industry, confidentially if you choose.
- **Access to the National Healthcare Career Network (NHCN)** – NHCN is a growing network of more than 250 healthcare associations and professional organizations.
- **Job search control** – Quickly and easily find relevant industry job listings and sign up for automatic e-mail notification of new jobs that match your criteria.
- **Easy job application** – Apply online and create a password-protected account for managing your job search.
- **Saved jobs capability** – Save up to 100 jobs to a folder in your account so you come back to apply when you are ready.

Contact SGNA Headquarters at [sgna@smithbucklin.com](mailto:sgna@smithbucklin.com) with any questions.

### SGNA Is Moving!

Update your address book! SGNA Headquarters is moving to a new location during the Thanksgiving holiday.

**As of November 26, 2012, SGNA's new address will be:**  
330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60611

*All phone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same.*

### Free Contact Hour! Take Advantage of an Online Continuing Nursing Education Opportunity from Medivators

SGNA members have the opportunity to earn a free contact hour through a new online course from Medivators. The course, [Endoscope Cleaning: Importance of Biofilm Removal](#), was presented at SGNA's 39th Annual Course in Phoenix this year as a Vendor Program. Now, Medivators has made this course available online to all SGNA members – at no cost.

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