



President's Message

Hello everyone,

I find this a relaxing time of the year with our Regional Annual Educational Conference and National Annual Course now both behind us. Summer will officially be here soon and we can begin planning for next year's conferences. We will let everyone know when we settle on a date for our next Regional Conference.

The 44th Annual Course was held in New Orleans, LA. I have to say this has been my favorite venue but I'm very partial to the New Orleans culture. The entire course was wonderful but the optional sessions were outstanding. The one that stood out to me was on abdominal pressure and looping. It was a hands-on session with strategic techniques to apply pressure to the patient to prevent the scope from looping. These strategies decreased pain and injury to the patient and the staff and increased the odds of a quick, full, successful colonoscopy. This technique was created by James A. Prechel and is called "Prechel Pressure". It is worth your time to investigate these techniques and share with your unit!

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Upcoming Dates

- June 10- Take Steps Walk. Summit Park in Cincinnati
- July 22: Get Your Rear in Gear 5K in Columbus, OH. This is a colon cancer coalition.
- August 26, 2017 – OSUMC Columbus Ohio Fee waived (planning stage, more info & OSU.edu website info forthcoming)
- September 16, 2017 - OSG – Ohio Gastroenterology Society Annual meeting – looks like 5.25 contact hours from 8am-3:45pm - Embassy Suites Columbus Airport – This is program has been endorsed by OSGNA, with meeting fee waived for members (more information forthcoming from OSG)
- October 20-25, 2017 - 25th Multi-Regional SGN Conference – Indianapolis, Indiana at Drury Plaza Hotel-Indianapolis Carmel



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The planning committee is already calling for anyone that might be interested in submitting 2018 Annual Course Abstracts. These must be submitted by June 16, 2017. Follow this link for more information and submission:
<http://annualcourse.sgna.org/Submit-an-Abstract>

Many of us have a new accreditation year ahead of us and need to be more aware than ever of what surveyors are going to be looking for in our units. The SGNA has provided up-to-date resources for us to provide safe patient care and make our surveyors happy when they visit us. Take advantage of these best practice tools and give your unit what it needs for success.
<https://www.sgna.org/Practice/Infection-Prevention/Infection-Prevention-Toolkit/Best-Practice-Tools>

I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the summer!

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OSGNA's annual conference was held this year in West Chester, outside of Cincinnati. Thanks to Education Committee and the support of the OSGNA Board for all of their hard work in making the conference a success. The conference participants received a total of 7.5 GI specific Nursing Education Contact hours upon completing the program. With favorable evaluations and comments, the choice of speakers and topics were on point. Thanks to all who made the OSGNA community service project such a big hit, with the proceeds going to the Cincinnati Crohns Colitis organization. I looked on wistfully at the lucky winner, who not only won a beautiful basket but two exciting game tickets as well!

Nurse's day at the statehouse March 22, 2017 with close to 400 Registered Nurses and Nursing students was once again a sold out event. Including OSGNA, NDASH had 32 co-sponsors for this year's event. The format began with a panel of legislators' and included ideas and discussions on a number of timely health care topics such as Nurse Fatigue, Mandatory Overtime, shortage of Mental Health practitioners, Safe Patient/Staff rations, as well as thought of Medicare overall.

The nurses panel was held in the afternoon, with each of the co-sponsoring organizations given an opportunity to speak to their organizations' topic.

This year's SGNA conference was held in the lovely city of New Orleans. The weather was very cooperative, giving lots of opportunities to keep up with those Fitness Bands steps as the convention center was either a brisk 7,000 stepper away or charter bus ride, for those of us who may have chosen a cushier way there (no names to mention). By Saturday the conference had over 1735 registered, growing by the Sunday opening to over 2,000 participants. The conference included 100 Education sessions along 12 different tracks – with 36.75 contact hours offered. Be sure and check out the SGNA Social Media site for plenty of photos. In addition viewing new and current products, education opportunities, the huge vendor venue also offered many opportunities to collect the infamous New Orleans style beads in the more genteel way, showing up at their booth, as opposed to showing out on Bourbon Street or in the French Quarter.

The House of Delegates met on Friday May 5th. It was a busy day's work of reviewing parliamentary procedures, hearing this year's submitted resolutions and electing a new Vice Speaker. After reviewing, discussing and revamping the House of Delegates approved 3 resolutions to be sent to SGNA for discussion/approval at their meeting later this summer.

Karin Cierzan from Minnesota transitioned to 2017-2018 Speaker of the House, with Judith Currier from New Jersey elected Vice-Speaker by the HOD at the Friday session.



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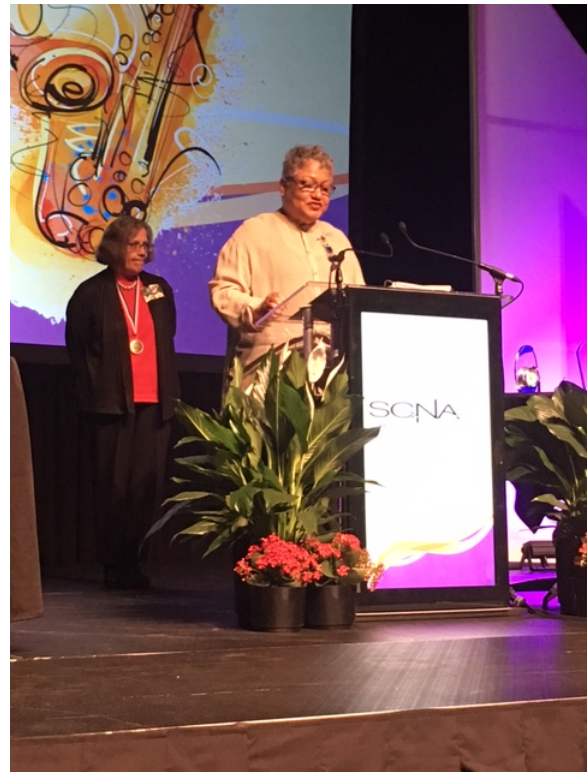
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Conference – New Orleans, Louisiana