Greetings CTSGNA members!!

Well I don’t know about all of you, but it’s incredible to me that summer is coming to a close (and what a beautiful New England summer it’s been!) and that fall is right upon us.

I hope everyone is well, preparing for back to school and work and for a healthy and productive fall.

The SGNA board and Beyond the Scope committee have been busily preparing for a very exciting 16th annual Beyond the Scope conference with even more interesting courses and speakers. This year the course is being held at a new, much more central and very convenient venue for our membership, the East Hartford Sheraton.

There will also be opportunity for members to sit for the CGRN exam during the conference and details and the application for certification are available at www.sgna.org

In September, we will begin our 2008-2009 year, starting at Bridgeport Hospital as our host. Please see our website, http://www.sgna.org/Resources/regions.cfm for more details about this and other upcoming meetings.

We have ample opportunities for free-standing and facility-based endoscopy suites to host monthly meetings with speakers and topics of interest to the membership. Please contact Kathy Vinci at kvinci@comcast.net if you are interested.

We also continue to actively elicit ideas and suggestions regarding how CTSGNA can meet the needs of our members and the community we serve, including innovations around early detection and screening as part of Colon Cancer Awareness during March, 2009. Please contact me or any board member if you have suggestions.

We all hope that you have a wonderful fall and look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting in Bridgeport and at Beyond the Scope in October.

Best regards,

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COMPLICATIONS OF GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY

SPEAKER: GEORGE G. ABDELSAYED, MD, FACP, FACG  
Section Chief – Gastroenterology  
Bridgeport Hospital  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
Yale University School of Medicine

DATE: September 18, 2008

REGISTRATION: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

SGNA MEETING WITH DINNER: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Bridgeport Hospital  
267 Grant Street  
Bridgeport, Ct. 06610  
Hollander Auditorium (4TH Floor)

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REGISTER NOW for the ABCGN Teleconference

Hepatitis C, Treatment and Challenges, and Risk for Liver Cancer
Presented by Marian Kerbleski, RN BSN CGRN,
San Francisco, VA Medical Center

Wednesday, September 17th
12:00 pm Central
(1:00 pm Eastern, 11:00 am Mountain, 10:00 am Pacific)

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Scholarship for BTS

Applications for scholarships for BTS 2008 are now being accepted. Please download the forms and forward to Michelle Day. The deadline for application is September 30, 2008.

CT GI Nurse of the Year

Nominations for CT GI Nurse of the Year are now being accepted. Please download the application and submit to Michelle Day by September 30, 2008. Every department must have someone that can be nominated for this award.

ABCGN

Certification exam is October 19, 2008. CTSGNA will be hosting an exam site at the Hartford Sheraton. Hotel rooms are available. Phone# 1-860-528-9703...

You can register now for the upcoming ABCGN Teleconference the conference will be September 17th @ 1:00pm est. Topic of this conference is Hepatitis C, Treatment and Challenges, and Risk of Liver Cancer. For more info visit www.abcgtn.org this conference is sponsored by Olympus America

BTS 2008

Just a reminder that registration for this year’s conference is due by September 20, 2008. After September 25, 2008 there will be a late fee. The registration form can be downloaded if you have misplaced your copy.

SGNA DEADLINES

October 1, 2008
• Membership Dues Scholarship deadline

October 15, 2008
• Research Grant deadline

November 30, 2008
• Regional Society Member of the Year Nomination deadline
• Gabriele Schindler Award Nomination deadline
• Distinguished Service Award Nomination deadline

December 1, 2008
• ABCGN Recertification deadline
Optional Hands-On ERCP Workshop

Location: The Sheraton Harford– Grand Ballroom  
October 17, 2008  12:00 pm to 5:15 pm 

The “Hands-On” ERCP Workshop will be held on Friday, October 17, 2008 from 12noon – 5:15pm. The session will consist of introductory case studies followed by 6 “hands-on” stations. Each participant will be rotated through the 45 minute “hands-on” stations. Vendors will be present during the break to demonstrate their latest product systems.

Coordinators: Christine Sarisley, MS, RN, CGRN & Michelle Day, BSN, RN, CGRN  
Case Studies: Michelle Day, BSN, RN, CGRN

The Stations: Each 45 minutes

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This educational activity has been approved for 5 contact hours (5 GI specific) by the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. The Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Limited to first 40 registrants. Lunch on your own. Refreshment break provided.
Optional ERCP Workshop Registration Form  
Friday, October 17, 2008  
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Rita Botelho  
168 Huckeberry Lane  
Southington, CT 06489  
E-mail: ritamay15@yahoo.com for confirmation of registration.

Beyond The Scope Registration Form  
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Make check or money order payable to CTSGNA. Registration must be postmarked by September 20, 2008.  
On-site registration is offered if space is available. On-site payments must be in cash only. Cost: members $140, nonmember $165. Cancellation subject to a $25 processing fee. $30 fee for returned checks. If you have further questions about either program, please contact Rita Botelho at: (W) 860-358-6610, (h) 860-621-5109.