



Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc.

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May 7-9, 2017

SGNA 44th Annual Course
Pre-meeting events: **May 5-6**
New Orleans, Louisiana



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Why Attend?

The SGNA 44th Annual Course combines renowned industry leaders, focused educational sessions, hands-on training, insights from colleagues, and product and service highlights. SGNA gives you the tools and knowledge-base you need to bring value to your job and patients every day.

The SGNA 44th Annual Course is the best educational investment your company will make all year. Take advantage of the opportunities available including:

- Networking with like-minded professionals
- Education focused on relevant topics like infection prevention, sedation and endoscopic reprocessing
- Opportunity to earn up to **36.75 contact hours**
- Viewing the latest products and services in the Exhibit Hall

Need help communicating the value of the SGNA 44th Annual Course to your manager or supervisor? Download the [justification worksheet](#) to identify the benefits of your attendance for your unit, calculate expenses and provide a justification letter to your supervisor.

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Annual Course Registration

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Login to www.sgna.org if you are a member or have an existing account with SGNA. Logging in ensures that you receive any discounts you are entitled to and avoids confusion over multiple accounts.

To register for the SGNA 44th Annual Course, visit the [2017 Annual Course](#) webpage, proceed to “Registration” and follow the steps below:

- Once you have completed the information on each page, click “NEXT” to proceed. Select your registration type, add Optional Sessions to your schedule and proceed to the final payment step.
- For your convenience, the online registration system accepts payment by credit card, or you can select “Send Me an Invoice” to receive an emailed order confirmation showing your balance due which can be mailed in with check payment. **Please read and follow the instructions in the registration system.**
- Once you complete your registration, you will be directed to an agenda builder to select the specific concurrent sessions and other events you plan to attend while at the Annual Course. **Please note, concurrent session selections are used for planning purposes only. Seating at concurrent sessions is on a first-come, first-served basis until room capacity is reached.** Selecting a concurrent session does not reserve or guarantee you a seat. It is not necessary to contact SGNA if you decide to attend a different concurrent session — you can update it directly through your agenda builder.
- If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact registration@sgna.org.
- You will be given the option to print the confirmation page for your records. A confirmation will be sent to you at the email address we have on file.

Special Registration Rates

Join SGNA and save! To receive discounted SGNA member rates, join today at www.sgna.org. When you join online, your membership will go into effect immediately.

Your SGNA membership dues must be paid or renewed for 2017 (January 1 – December 31, 2017) to receive member rates.

The discounted early-bird registration rate will apply for all registrations received on or **before March 31, 2017**.

Onsite Registration

We strongly encourage you to pre-register and to do so early. If you plan to register when you arrive in New Orleans, please allow up to 45 minutes for this process. The Registration Desk will be located in the Hall J Lobby, Level 1 of the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Guest Registration

Guests may purchase a guest pass to attend Annual Course social events. See the [registration page](#) for prices. For safety reasons, guests under the age of 16 are not allowed in the Exhibit Hall at any time.

Order Confirmation

You will receive an order confirmation by email when you register online. Check this order confirmation carefully to see whether your registration fee is paid or has a balance due. If you select the “Send Me an Invoice” option when registering online and mail in a check, you can see whether check payment has been processed by logging into your “[SGNA Portal](#)” and looking at the “My Account” section.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellation requests must be sent to SGNA in writing and will be processed after the Annual Course. Cancellations must be received prior to **April 21, 2017**. All refunds are subject to a \$100 processing fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after **April 21, 2017**. No refunds will be issued for missed sessions, including sessions missed due to travel delays.

Questions?

Call SGNA Registration at 800.245.SGNA (7462) or 312.321.5165 or email registration@sgna.org.

Annual Course Registration

Optional Sessions

If you registered and paid for a Friday or Saturday Optional Session, these sessions will be listed on the back of your registration badge. Registration for these sessions will be on a first-come, first-served basis. You will print your badge at the Registration Desk when you arrive in New Orleans.

Tax Note

Fees paid to SGNA for products, services and dues are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Please consult your tax advisor.

Optional Session Policies

Optional Session Access to Online Evaluations

Contact hours are awarded by participating in the entire length of the educational session and completing an evaluation for each session you attended. In order to obtain access to the online evaluation for an Optional Session, attendees must scan their badge in the session classroom within 15 minutes of the Optional Session start time, as well as have paid for the Optional Session in its entirety. Access to Optional Session evaluations will not be granted unless both of these criteria are met. Attendees who meet these criteria can expect to access the online evaluation for an Optional Session within 24-hours of session completion.

Optional Session Waiting Lists

Registered attendees must arrive and check-in with the SGNA staff member at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the session. Latecomers will run the risk of forfeiting their seat in the class to someone on the waiting list. If you register and pay for an Optional Session that is full, you will be placed on the waiting list. If you do not get a seat in the session, a refund will be issued.

SGNA will not accept responsibility for any misunderstanding about your Optional Session selection(s) if you did not receive a confirmation. No refunds will be issued for missed Optional Sessions, including sessions missed due to travel delays.

Please arrive
at least 15
minutes prior
to the start of
each session.



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Earn up to 36.75 Contact Hours

SGNA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

As currently planned, participants in the course may report up to a maximum of **36.75 contact hours** of continuing education.



Annual Course sessions marked with this symbol (left) contain gastroenterology-specific content for recertification as defined by the American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses (ABCGN).



Sessions marked with this symbol (left) have been approved by The Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. (CBSPD) for contact hour credit. The approval code for each qualifying session will be listed on your certificate of completion.

An entire session must be attended to receive contact hours. The total number of contact hours awarded is determined by the number of sessions an individual attends, pays for and evaluates. *Please note that one contact hour is equal to 60 minutes of educational content.*

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The Learning Outcomes of the SGNA 44th Annual Course are to:

- Gather information about current and emerging diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in gastroenterology and their application to the art and science of nursing.
- Network and exchange ideas among fellow participants for the purpose of improving nursing practice and healthcare.
- Attend education in a range of clinical and professional topics at levels from novice to expert in order to expand knowledge.

Poster Oral Presentations

The SGNA 44th Annual Course will feature oral presentations from the top scoring poster abstracts. Poster authors will have the opportunity to share their expertise or research findings with attendees during this interactive offering.

- Oral presentations will take place on Monday, May 8, 2017 from 7:00 am – 8:00 am
- Four topics of oral presentations will run concurrently
- Each topic will consist of four oral presentations
- Each oral presentation will be 12 minutes in length
- Poster topics will be made available on the SGNA website this winter

Don't miss out. Include this on your schedule!

Networking and Special Events

At the Annual Course, networking happens everywhere. Collaborate with your fellow gastroenterology professionals in classrooms, in the Exhibit Hall and by walking around the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The majority of the Annual Course events will take place at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center unless otherwise notified.

First-time Attendee Orientations

Friday, May 5, 2017

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Saturday, May 6, 2017

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

If this is your first time attending the SGNA Annual Course, attend one of these informal welcome sessions to learn tips and tricks to help you get the most out of the Course. This interactive session will offer first-timers a chance to meet fellow first-timers and network with veterans. Members of the SGNA Board of Directors, Program Committee and SGNA headquarters staff will be present to answer questions and provide information about Annual Course activities in addition to SGNA and the services it provides.

Welcome Reception

Saturday, May 6, 2017

7:30 pm – 10:30 pm

St. Charles Ballroom, Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel

Welcome to the Big Easy! Before experiencing the history of the French Quarter, the excitement of Bourbon Street, the beauty of Jackson Square, the live music of Frenchmen Street or the many restaurants, shops and museums all within walking distance of our headquarters hotel, kick off your week by reconnecting with old friends and celebrating the Annual Course. Enjoy a dessert reception and dance to musical entertainment. Attire is casual. All registered attendees are invited to attend.

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Exhibit Hall Opening with Lunch

Sunday, May 7, 2017

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Exhibit Hall J, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

Nearly 100 exhibiting companies are eager to introduce you to their products and services. Experience the latest in gastroenterology and endoscopy techniques and instruments through hands-on demonstration, video procedures and conversation with knowledgeable representatives. Lunch will be served. All registered attendees are invited to attend.

SGNA Celebration and Networking Event

Monday, May 8, 2017

6:45 pm – 8:45 pm

The Chicory (offsite)

Come one, come all! To close out our week of learning and networking, attendees are invited to explore New Orleans. Experience live music, dancing, food and fun at this neighborhood themed celebration that is not to be missed! Attire is casual. All registered attendees are invited to attend.

Important Session Information

Syllabus Flash Drives

In order to provide attendees with the most up-to-date syllabus materials in a more efficient, accessible and environmentally-friendly format, syllabus flash drives will be available for purchase during the registration process. Receive your syllabus flash drive with session presentation materials and slides onsite to follow along with speakers and take it home after the Annual Course to revisit the information you learned and share with your entire unit! Syllabus materials will only be accessible by purchasing a syllabus flash drive or in the online syllabus. Please note, syllabus materials will be made available at the speaker's discretion.

Electronic Evaluations

All session, poster and overall evaluations for the SGNA 44th Annual Course will only be available online and will be completed electronically. Complimentary Evaluation Stations will offer computer kiosks to submit your evaluations. SGNA invites attendees to bring their smartphones, laptops or tablets to complete evaluations onsite. The Ernest N. Morial Convention Center has free Wi-Fi in the common areas and in the classrooms. Access to online evaluations will remain available after the Annual Course through June 16, 2017. Information on how to complete the evaluations will be available onsite and provided to attendees in their registration bag in New Orleans.

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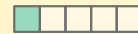


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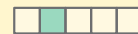
Content Level Definitions

The experience level, which is designated under each session title in the descriptions section, is based on Benner's Stages of Clinical Competence. These levels are meant to help you choose your classes based on your own experience level in the various topics offered at the Annual Course.

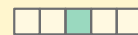
Novice: Beginners have had no experience of the situations in which they are expected to perform. Novices are taught rules to help them perform.



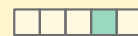
Advanced Beginner: Advanced beginners are those who can demonstrate marginally acceptable performance and have had some prior experience.



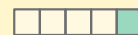
Competent: Competence, typified by the nurse who has been on the job in the same or similar situations two or three years, develops when the nurse begins to see his or her actions in terms of long-range goals or plans. The conscious, deliberate planning characteristic of this level helps achieve efficiency and organization. The competent nurse lacks the speed and flexibility of the proficient nurse. The associate or technician can be found competent when he/she performs assigned tasks with this same longer range planning and more efficiency.



Proficient: The proficient performer perceives situations as wholes, has improved decision-making and takes into account the nuances of a situation.



Expert: The expert performer has an enormous background of experience and has an intuitive grasp of each situation. The expert operates from a deep understanding of the total situation. His/her performance is highly proficient.




Reference: Benner, P. (1984). From Novice to Expert: Excellence and Power in Clinical Nursing Practice. Menlo Park: Addison-Wesley, pp. 13-34.

General Session Highlights

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

9:00 am – 10:30 am

GS-01 Contact Hours 1.50 

Conquering Raiders of the Lost Spark: Your Spark Determines Your Success

Connie Merritt, PHN BSN RN

Is multi-tasking and busyness scrambling your priorities and causing you to feel off balance? You may be burning out your special fire—your spark—to advance you and your team towards greatness. We need to make mid-course corrections to manage the multiple demands being placed in all areas of life. This program offers essential skills to maintain your balance in life and steps to take to re-ignite your focus, courage, goals, passion and purpose. You'll gain insight how to maintain balance for greater devotion to the people and activities that matter most.

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

GS-02 Contact Hours 1.50 |  1.50


GI Endoscope Reprocessing: A Need for a Shift from Disinfection to Sterilization

William Rutala, PhD MPH MS

This session will review the CRE/MDR outbreaks associated with ERCP procedures and evaluate the cause of endoscope-related outbreaks. The presentation will also discuss the alternatives that exist today that may improve the safety margin associated with duodenoscope reprocessing, and how to prevent future outbreaks associated with duodenoscopes and other GI endoscopes.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

8:15 am – 9:45 am

GS-03 Contact Hours 1.50 


80% by 2018: What You Can Do as a GI Nurse or Technician

Richard Wender, MD

In this presentation, Richard C. Wender, MD, Chief Cancer Control Officer of the American Cancer Society and Chair of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, will provide an overview of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's 80% by 2018 campaign. This initiative is one of 13 key initiatives in the Cancer Moonshot initiative led by Vice President Biden. This presentation will review the currently recommended screening options for patients and will reiterate that the best test is the one that gets done. It will identify barriers to screening, explain the importance of stool-based testing options, and discuss how providers can improve colonoscopy quality. Finally, the presentation will identify the 10 components of the strategic plan to achieve 80 percent by 2018, with an emphasis on the role of certified gastroenterology nurses and gastroenterology technicians.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

8:15 am – 9:00 am


GS-04 Contact Hours 0.75 

Stronger Team, Better Care: Building the Big Picture in GI

Michelle Day, MSN RN CGRN

As gastroenterology nurses and associates we are dedicated to the safe and effective practice of gastroenterology nursing. This session will explore how together we can build a stronger team and advance the science and practice of gastroenterology, enabling us to give better care to our patients. Together as a team, we can build the bigger GI picture.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

GS-05 Contact Hours 1.00 

Transformational Leadership: Wisdom and Passion

Kari Schmidt, MS RN-BC ACC

This dynamic session includes perspectives from national leaders on the essential elements of transformational leadership. The model "Five Attributes of Transformational Leadership" is explored in detail. Audiences across the country have found this presentation insightful and inspiring. This thought-provoking session offers practical wisdom to enhancing the impact of leadership and transforming organizations.

Schedule-at-a-Glance/Do-it-Yourself Calendar

KEY

- Ambulatory
- ▲ Associate/Technician
- ✦ Disease
- Emerging Technology
- ✚ Evidence-based Practice and Research
- ✖ Infection Prevention
- ◆ Office
- Operational Management
- ★ Pediatric
- Procedure Skills
- ♥ Pulmonary
- Other

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

Check the sessions you wish to attend. ✓	KEY	
7:30 am – 5:00 pm		SGNA Board of Directors Meeting <i>(invitation only)</i>
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm		Registration Open

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

Check the sessions you wish to attend. ✓	KEY	
6:30 am – 5:00 pm		Registration Open
7:00 am – 4:00 pm		SGNA Zone, Evaluation Stations and Regional Hospitality Desks Open
7:30 am – 8:00 am		Moderator Orientation
7:30 am – 5:00 pm		OS-ASGE Improving Quality and Safety in Your Endoscopy Unit
8:00 am – 12:30 pm	○	LS-01 Regional Leadership Session <i>(pre-registration recommended)</i>
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	OPTIONAL SESSIONS Fee required; pre-registration recommended	
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	○	OS-01 GI/Endoscopy Nursing Review Course
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	✦	OS-02 Everything You Need to Know About Hepatitis C: A Step-by-Step Guide for the GI Nurse
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	● ✚ ➤	OS-03 Endoscopic Bariatric Therapies
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	○	OS-04 Engaging Your Patients: Surefire Strategies to Raise Satisfaction Scores, Decrease Miscommunication and Dramatically Enhance Compliance
8:30 am – 10:30 am	➤	OS-05 EUS — The Basics

11:30 am – 2:30 pm	➤	OS-06 Advanced EUS — Hands-on Learning
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm		First-time Attendee Orientation
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	➤	OS-07 Competency Workshop
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm	✖	OS-08 Train the Trainer: The Reprocessing Competency Defined
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	○	LS-02 House of Delegates Workshop
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	✖	OS-09 Understanding the Risk Assessment Process — Taking the Plunge!
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	✦ ● ➤	OS-10 Treating Dysplastic Barrett's Esophagus
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm		House of Delegates First Meeting and Vice-Speaker Election
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm		House of Delegates Reference Hearing and Voting
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm		Regional Rechartering Ceremony
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm		Vendor Programs Available <i>(see page 33-34)</i> <i>Program Selected:</i>

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

Check the sessions you wish to attend. ✓	KEY	
6:30 am – 5:00 pm		Registration Open
7:00 am – 4:00 pm		SGNA Zone, Evaluation Stations and Regional Hospitality Desks Open
7:00 am – 7:30 am		Moderator Orientation
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	OPTIONAL SESSIONS Fee required; pre-registration recommended	
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	○	OS-01 GI/Endoscopy Nursing Review Course <i>(continued from Friday)</i>

Schedule-at-a-Glance

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017 (continued)

8:00 am – 12:00 pm		ABCGN Board of Directors Meeting (<i>invitation only</i>) <i>Hilton New Orleans Riverside</i>
8:00 am – 12:30 pm	✱	OS-11 Train the Trainer: The Reprocessing Competency Defined
8:00 am – 10:30 am	➤	OS-12 Basic Hands-on ERCP
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	▲	OS-13 Looping and Abdominal Pressure: A Visual Guide to a Successful Colonoscopy
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	● +	OS-14 What You Need to Know About: FODMAPs, Gluten-free and Irritable Bowel Syndrome
8:30 am – 12:30 pm	■ ➤	OS-15 Nuts and Bolts for Hospital and Ambulatory Managers
8:30 am – 11:30 am	○	LS-03 Moving from Conflict to Collaboration
11:00 am – 1:30 pm	➤	OS-16 Intermediate Hands-on ERCP
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm		First-time Attendee Orientation
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	○	OS-17 Item Writers Workshop
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	■ ◆ ▲	OS-18 What a Gastro Nurse Wants: Managing the Challenging Patient, Challenging Day, Challenging Life
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	▲	OS-19 Endoscopy Technician Toolbox
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	➤ ■ ●	OS-20 Invest in Your Knowledge: Learn About Esophageal Motility and pH Procedures
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	○	LS-04 Creating a Culture of Accountability

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	✱	OS-21 Specialty Endoscopes: Reprocessing Best Practices
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	➤	OS-22 Advanced Hands-on ERCP
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm		First-time Attendee Orientation
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm		Moderator Orientation
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm		Vendor Programs Available (see page 33-34) Program Selected:
7:30 pm – 10:30 pm		Welcome Reception <i>St. Charles Ballroom, Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel</i>

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

Check the sessions you wish to attend.	✓	KEY	
7:00 am – 7:00 pm			Registration Open
7:00 am – 4:00 pm			SGNA Zone, Evaluation Stations and Regional Hospitality Desks Open
7:00 am – 7:30 am			Moderator Orientation
8:00 am – 9:00 am			Opening Ceremonies and Special Announcements
9:00 am – 10:30 am		○	KEYNOTE SESSION GS-01 Conquering Raiders of the Lost Spark: Your Spark Determines Your Success
10:45 am – 12:15 pm		✱	GENERAL SESSION GS-02 GI Endoscope Reprocessing: A Need for a Shift from Disinfection to Sterilization
			<i>Immediately Following session GS-02:</i> SGNA Annual Business Meeting ABCGN Annual Business Meeting
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm			Exhibits Opening Reception; Lunch is provided
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm			Poster Center Open

Schedule-at-a-Glance

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 (continued)		
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-01 – CS-08	
	●	CS-01 TransPOOatation: The Use of FMT Beyond C. Difficile Colitis
	■ ✕ >	CS-02 Implementing a GI Nurse-Friendly Endoscopy Unit Reprocessing Risk Analysis
	+ ✕	CS-03 An Assessment of Test Methods for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Manual Cleaning of Flexible Endoscopes in a Multi-site Healthcare System
	■ ✕ >	CS-04 Setting up a Successful Integrated Advanced Endoscopy Program
	▲ >	CS-05 Gastrointestinal Anatomy and Physiology: Know Where You're Going Before You Start the Journey
	●	CS-06 Endoscopic Ultrasound Therapy With Lumen-apposing Metal Stents
	✕ ● >	CS-07 They Swallowed What? Food Bolus and Other Foreign Body Impactions
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	○	CS-08 Applying for Nursing Contact Hours
	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-09 – CS-16	
	+	CS-09 Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) Evaluation of Manual Cleaning for Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography Scopes
	■	CS-10 What's Up Down There? Pelvic Floor Disorders
	✕	CS-11 Operationalizing a Standard to Direct the Surveillance of Duodenoscopes for Bacterial Contamination
	▲ >	CS-12 ERCP 101

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm		✦ ● CS-13 Total Pancreatectomy-islet Autotransplantation for Chronic and Acute Recurrent Pancreatitis
		● CS-14 Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) as a Treatment for Achalasia
		■ ▲ ➤ ◆ CS-15 Personal Protective Equipment: Dressing for Your Journey
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm		○ CS-16 Writing for Publication
6:15 pm – 7:45 pm		Vendor Programs Available (see page 33-34) <i>Program Selected:</i>
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017		
Check the sessions you wish to attend. ✓	KEY	
6:30 am – 4:00 pm		Registration Open
7:00 am – 4:00 pm		SGNA Zone, Evaluation Stations, Poster Center and Regional Hospitality Desks Open
7:00 am – 8:00 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-17 – CS-20	
		○ CS-17 Poster Oral Presentations – Option 1
		○ CS-18 Poster Oral Presentations – Option 2
		○ CS-19 Poster Oral Presentations – Option 3
		○ CS-20 Poster Oral Presentations – Option 4
8:15 am – 9:45 am		✦ GENERAL SESSION GS-03 80% by 2018: What You Can Do as a GI Nurse or Technician
10:00 am – 11:00 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-21 – CS-28	
		○ CS-21 Inspire GI Nurses and Associates to Use Their Legislative Powers
		✦ CS-22 Infection Prevention Champions: A Program Overview
		✦ CS-23 Eosinophilic Esophagitis: An Emerging Entity

Schedule-at-a-Glance

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (continued)		
10:00 am – 11:00 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-21 – CS-28	
	○	CS-24 Who Cares, (for me)? Dealing with the Emotional Distress Interventional Nurses Experience Caring for Patients with Pancreatic Cancer
	■ + >	CS-25 Implementation of a Nursing Care Delivery Model: Registered Nurses Providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Education for Patients Diagnosed with Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
	✦ ●	CS-26 Cryotherapy: A Palliative Treatment Option for Esophageal Cancer; Our Cancer Center Experience with 15 Patients
	+	CS-27 Procedural Safety, Do You Need a "Time Out?" Standardization of Universal Protocol and Safety Checklist in the Procedural Area
	○	CS-28 Understanding the Value and Opportunities of a Professional Nursing Certification
11:15 am – 2:15 pm		Exhibit Hall Open – Lunch available for purchase
11:30 am – 1:30 pm		SGNA Committee Meetings (invitation only)

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-29 – CS-36	
	>	CS-29 Legal Risks and Prevention Strategies in GI Practice
	■ >	CS-30 Maintaining Endoscopy Center Survey Readiness
	+ ✕	CS-31 Microbiological Surveillance: A Relevant Quality Assurance Measure to Determine Whether There are Breaches in Reprocessing of Flexible Endoscopes
	■ + > ◇	CS-32 Quality Indicators for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Units — ASGE Endoscopy Unit Quality Indicator Taskforce
	■ + ✦	CS-33 What Makes a Liver Transplant Candidate and How Do We Prioritize?
	✦	CS-34 A to Z of GI Case Studies
	✦ ● +	CS-35 Scoping Out DNA: The Genetics of Inherited GI Cancers
	■ >	CS-36 What Would You Do? Quality-focused Management Scenarios to Think About
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-37 – CS-44	
	○	CS-37 Start with Small and End with Great
	✦ ➤	CS-38 Barrett's Esophagus and Radiofrequency Ablation
	✦	CS-39 Medication Adherence Overview: Hepatitis C, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, and Inflammatory Bowel Disease — PART 1
	◇ +	CS-40 Reducing Readmissions for Cirrhosis Through Nursing Outreach and Early Follow Up
	+	CS-41 Changing Patient Lives, Decreasing Hospital Admissions, and Treating C. diff

Schedule-at-a-Glance

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (continued)		
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-37 – CS-44	
	○	CS-42 Can We Talk? Investing in Best Communication Practices to Improve Care in Gastroenterology
	■ ● >◇	CS-43 How to Optimize Your EMR to Improve Patient Care in Gastroenterology
	▲	CS-44 Technician Training: An Open Dialogue
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-45 – CS-53	
	■ >	CS-45 Algorithms for Monitoring Complications During and After Endoscopic Procedures
	■ ▲ ✦ ● >	CS-46 Dysplastic Barrett's Esophagus: Treatments and Patient Education
	○	CS-47 Update on the SGNA Fellows and Scholars Program: Stories of Success
	■ >	CS-48 Using LEAN Techniques to Drive Process Change
	▲ >	CS-49 ERCP in Altered Anatomy
	✦	CS-50 Hepatocellular Carcinoma — Treatable or Sure Demise?
	■ ▲ >◇	CS-51 Workplace Violence, Not Something to Sing About
	+	CS-52 Patient Positioning for Endoscopic Procedures
	✦	CS-53 Medication Adherence Overview: Hepatitis C, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, and Inflammatory Bowel Disease — PART 2
		SGNA Celebration and Networking Event <i>The Chicory (offsite)</i>
6:45 pm – 8:45 pm		

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017		
Check the sessions you wish to attend. ✓	KEY	
6:30 am – 4:00 pm		Registration Open
7:00 am – 4:00 pm		SGNA Zone, Evaluation Stations, Poster Center and Regional Hospitality Desks Open
7:00 am – 8:00 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-54 – CS-57	
	■ ✦ ✦	CS-54 Ashkenazi Jews and Gastrointestinal Diseases: An Ongoing Journey to Cultural Competence
	>	CS-55 Shared Governance in the Endoscopy Suite: Shifting the Power to the Clinical Staff
	✦	CS-56 What is MTS (Muir-Torre Syndrome)
	+	CS-57 Achalasia: What to do When Everything You Eat Stays in the Esophagus
8:15 am – 9:00 am	○	GENERAL SESSION GS-04 Stronger Team, Better Care: Building the Big Picture in GI
9:15 am – 10:15 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-58 – CS-65	
	■ ▲ ✦ >◇	CS-58 No More On-call Requirements: A Novel Staffing Model that Eliminates Call, Reduces Turnover, Improves Satisfaction and Saves Money
	○	CS-59 Inspire Hope and Healing Through Integrative Care
	■ ● >◇	CS-60 Exploring Video Capsule Endoscopy Technology and the Future of the Practice
	✦	CS-61 Gastroparesis: When the Stomach Just Will Not Empty
	●	CS-62 Cholestasis and Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiography Interventions in Post Liver Transplant Complications

Schedule-at-a-Glance

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 (continued)		
9:15 am – 10:15 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-58 – CS-65	
	● ➤	CS-63 Maintaining Staff Competency in a Complex Practice Environment: The Formation of a Nurse Product/Procedure Group in Endoscopy (NPPG)
	✦	CS-64 Practical Clinical Tools for the Successful Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome
	■ ● ✦ ➤ ✦	CS-65 Anticoagulation Around Endoscopy
10:30 am – 11:30 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-66 – CS-73	
	➤	CS-66 Nursing Competency: More Than Just a Checklist
	▲ ✦ ● ✦ ➤	CS-67 Obscure GI Bleeding
	✦	CS-68 Endoscopic Suturing Therapy for Obesity Treatment
	■ ➤	CS-69 Two Teams, One Goal: Comprehensive Enteral Tube Patient Care
	✦	CS-70 Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Clinical Challenges
	✦	CS-71 Gastric Cancer: The Sleeping Giant
	➤	CS-72 Transformational Leadership: From Bedside to Influential Leader
	♥	CS-73 Pulmonary EBUS: Scopes and Needles – From the Package to the Sharps Container – a Comprehensive Review

11:30 am – 2:30 pm		Exhibit Hall Open — Lunch available for purchase
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm		Passport to Prizes Giveaway
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CS-74 – CS-80	
	➤ ■ ✦	CS-74 Building A GI Service Line
	✦	CS-75 A Comprehensive Review of Esophageal Cancer and Management Post Esophagectomy
	✦	CS-76 Gastric Carcinoids
	●	CS-77 Underwater Endoscopic Mucosal Resection
	✦	CS-78 Celiac Disease or Something Else?
	▲ ➤ ➤	CS-79 Pairing Nurses with Endoscopy Technicians for Orientation to and Refreshment of Hands-on Technical Skills in the Endoscopy Lab
	♥	CS-80 Electromagnetic Navigational Bronchoscopy: A Questionable Past, an Emerging Present and a Promising Future
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	○	GENERAL SESSION GS-05 Wisdom, Passion and Transformational Leadership
5:00 pm – 5:05 pm		Closing Comments and Adjournment

Optional Sessions

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

OS-ASGE

Contact Hours
8.00

Improving Quality and Safety in Your Endoscopy Unit

Lukejohn Day, MD

Raman Muthusamy, MD FASGE

Nancy Schlossberg, BA BSN RN CGRN

David Hambrick, RN CGRN

\$450 Member/\$550 Non-member

Please visit asge.org to find out more information about registering for this session.

ASGE has developed this course to educate physician and non-physician unit staff on how to translate quality concepts into practice at their endoscopy unit. The content of the course is dynamic, addressing the fundamentals of quality and safe practice, as well as emerging trends and evidence. Topics include: defining and measuring quality in endoscopy, recommendations for improving the quality in endoscopy units, a review of ASGE and CDC quality-related guidelines, and reprocessing. In addition to advancing their knowledge in endoscopy unit quality and safety, participants in this course will be prepared to apply for the ASGE Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program or renew their current participation.

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

LS-01

Contact Hours
3.75



Regional Leadership Session

This condensed version of the SGNA Regional Leadership Conference summarizes expectations, responsibilities and resources available to local leaders. The meeting will provide abundant opportunities to network, learn and exchange information and ideas with local leaders. Anyone who is currently a SGNA Regional Leader or considering becoming a Regional Leader should attend.

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

OS-01

Contact Hours
11.25 | 10.00



GI/Endoscopy Nursing Review Course

Lisa Heard, MSN RN CGRN CPHQ

Chris Sarisley, MS APRN CGRN

This 1.5-day course continues on Saturday morning.

\$225 Member/\$325 Non-member

The GI/Endoscopy Nursing Review Course will provide an overview of key areas related gastroenterology nursing practice. Additionally, tips on how to prepare for the CGRN Certification exam will be presented.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

OS-02

Contact Hours
3.75



Everything You Need to Know About Hepatitis C: A Step-by-Step Guide for the GI Nurse

Rhoda R. Redulla, DNP RN

\$80 Member/\$115 Non-member

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection is the most common chronic blood-borne infection in the United States, with 3.2 million infected. This presentation will cover all aspects of Hepatitis C management and discuss nursing responsibilities during all phases of treatment. Common concerns of the GI nurse pertaining to treatment diagnostics, patient education and on-treatment medication monitoring will be covered. This session will be a blended format of lecture and workshop-style delivery.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

OS-03

Contact Hours
3.75



Endoscopic Bariatric Therapies

Vivek Kumbhari, MD

MaryRose Hess, BSN RN

Angela Chang, RN BSN MS CHES

Margo Dunlap

Libbie Monroe, BSN CGRN

\$80 Member/\$115 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 40 registrants.

This session will outline the currently available and future endoscopic bariatric therapies. The session will have a combination of a didactic segment and several hands-on stations so that the attendees are able to feel and understand the technologies. The session will also illustrate the pre and post-procedure management of patients undergoing endoscopic bariatric therapies. Furthermore, we will discuss strategies to develop an endoscopic weight loss center.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

OS-04

Contact Hours
3.75



Engaging Your Patients: Surefire Strategies to Raise Satisfaction Scores, Decrease Miscommunication and Dramatically Enhance Compliance

Edward Leigh, MA

\$80 Member/\$115 Non-member


Participation is limited to the first 48 registrants.

This high-energy interactive program will empower you with the skills to improve the quality of interactions with patients. You will learn strategies to raise your patient satisfaction scores through the roof! The session covers the following topics: opening and closing patient interviews with impact, listening skills to gain patient trust, empathic responding to establish immediate rapport, questioning techniques to quickly and efficiently get the information you need, handling sensitive issues, dealing with angry patients and top tips to educate your patients.

Optional Sessions

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017 (continued)

8:30 am – 10:30 am

OS-05 Contact Hours 2.00  ➤


EUS – The Basics

Jeanine Penberthy, MSN RN CGRN

\$40 Member/\$60 Non-member

This course will cover the EUS imaging of the digestive tract. The physics of ultrasound will be reviewed. The anatomy will be described in the context of a live image. There will also be an interactive review of the anatomy. Additional resources specific to endoscopic ultrasound will be reviewed.

11:30 am – 2:30 pm

OS-06 Contact Hours 2.75  ➤

Advanced EUS – Hands-on Learning

Jay Lardizabal, MAN BSN RN CGRN

Meghan Straznick, BSN RN CGRN

Jeri Gomez, RN CGRN


Marilyn Johnston, RN CGRN

\$60 Member/\$90 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 30 registrants.

This course will have three rotating stations that will review mini probes, injection/fine needle aspiration and room setup as well as troubleshooting and scope reprocessing.

12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

OS-07 Contact Hours 3.75  ➤

Competency Assessment Workshop

Donna Wright, MS RN

\$80 Member/\$115 Non-member

Participants will discover a new way to think about competency assessment – a way that is outcomes-focused and accountability-based. This session will teach attendees how to create a dynamic competency system that is neither cumbersome nor labor intensive. The workshop will identify core competencies for each job class and ongoing competencies reflective of your organization's quality improvement needs. The presentation will also cover the overlap between competency assessment and your performance review process.

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm

OS-08 Contact Hours 3.50 | 3.50 | 3.50  ✕

Train the Trainer: The Reprocessing Competency Defined

Jim Collins, BS RN CNOR

Alana Hernandez, BSN RN CGRN

Joan Metze, BSN RN CGRN

Ann M. Herrin, BSN RN CGRN CFER

Laura Habighorst, BSN RN CGRN

Mark Bruns, RN MHA CGRN

John Whelan, BSN RN


Linda Curtin, MSN RN CGRN

\$175 Member/\$225 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 40 registrants.

This course is for the nurse or technician in the GI setting who is responsible for ensuring that the cleaning and disinfection of endoscopes is done safely and effectively. The session will offer a hands-on opportunity to practice the reprocessing steps. Registrants must indicate which vendor station they plan to work at, and register for the correct station: Endoscopy Division of FUJIFILM Medical Systems, U.S.A.; Olympus America Inc; PENTAX Medical.


1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

LS-02 Contact Hours 2.00  ○

House of Delegates Workshop

This workshop is designed to introduce Delegates and Alternates to the workings of a House of Delegates and its role in a professional society. Basics of parliamentary procedure will be reviewed and attendees will participate in mock sessions of both a House of Delegates and a Reference Hearing. Find out what happens and how you can participate.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

OS-09 Contact Hours 2.75  ✕

Understanding the Risk Assessment Process — Taking the Plunge!

Darlene Carey, MSN RN CIC

Sandy DiCicco, BSN RN

\$60 Member/\$90 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 40 registrants.

This workshop will provide an in-depth review of all components of the Infection Control Risk Assessment for the GI lab. Taking a step-by-step approach to understand the probability of the event, the impact to the patient and facility as well as the internal and external preparedness. This workshop will help participants develop a greater understanding of how unmitigated risks can affect clinical and operational practice. Learning is enhanced through examples and exercises utilizing an excel-based risk assessment tool and group discussions. Participants are encouraged to bring personal laptops for real-time application.

Optional Sessions

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017 (continued)

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

OS-10 Contact Hours 2.75  ➤ ● ❖

Treating Dysplastic Barrett's Esophagus

Hilary Cosby, BSN BA RN CGRN
Nichole Carr

\$60 Member/\$90 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 40 registrants.

Lecture and hands-on session including pathophysiology and progression of dysplastic Barrett's esophagus, patient education for ablation therapies and instructions for optimal healing of esophagus, possible complications of Barrett's ablation, troubleshooting tips for some technical problem and hands-on practice with ablative devices.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

OS-11 Contact Hours 3.50 | ♦ 3.50 | 🌐 3.50  ✕

Train the Trainer: The Reprocessing Competency Defined

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Laura Habighorst, BSN RN CGRN
Mark Bruns, RN MHA CGRN
John Whelan, BSN RN
Linda Curtin, MSN RN CGRN

\$175 Member/\$220 Non-Member

Participation is limited to the first 40 registrants.

This course is for the nurse or technician in the GI setting who is responsible for ensuring that the cleaning and disinfection of endoscopes is done safely and effectively. The session will offer a hands-on opportunity to practice the reprocessing steps. Registrants must indicate which vendor station they plan to work at and register for the correct station: Endoscopy Division of FUJIFILM Medical Systems, U.S.A.; Olympus America Inc; PENTAX Medical.

8:00 am – 10:30 am

OS-12 Contact Hours 2.50  ➤

Basic Hands-on ERCP

Jay Lardizabal, MAN BSN RN CGRN
Michele Tying, BSN RN CGRN
Jane S. Magtoto, BSN RN CGRN
Barbara A. Zuccala, MSN RN CGRN
Jeri Gomez, RN CGRN

\$50 Member/\$75 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 48 registrants.

This session will feature a hands-on equipment demonstration focusing on basic ERCP and its accessories. The diagnostic and therapeutic components, anatomy and physiology associated with ERCP will be broken down using a step-by-step approach. Through return demonstration, attendees will develop an understanding of the equipment used and its effects. Demonstrations will include initial cannulation, catheter and guidewire exchanges, guidewire manipulations and plastic stent placement. This session is geared towards those newer to ERCPs looking to expand their knowledge.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

OS-13 Contact Hours 3.75 | ♦ 3.75 | 🌐 3.75  ▲

Looping and Abdominal Pressure: A Visual Guide to a Successful Colonoscopy


Jamie Brown, AGTS
Craig Gillett, MSN RN-BC
Raymond Huckle, MPH OT
James A. Prechel, AA GTS

\$110 Member/\$145 Non-member

Registration fee includes an "Applying Abdominal Pressure during Colonoscopy" DVD for each attendee.

This session will include a 90-minute lecture with a two-hour "Hands-On" demonstration practicing on each other. 19 techniques will be taught. Proper ergonomics will be stressed. Comfortable clothing is suggested.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

OS-14 Contact Hours 3.75  + ●

What You Need to Know About: FODMAPs, Gluten-free and Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Marlisa Brown, MS RD CDE CDN

\$80 Member/\$115 Non-member

Irritable Bowel Syndrome is a chronic condition that leads to many symptoms ranging from gas, bloating, constipation and diarrhea. It can be a diagnoses in of itself, or it can be related to a food intolerance such as "Gluten Intolerance" or "Fermentable, Oligo-saccharide's, Di-saccharides, and Polyols (low FODMAPs)". There is growing evidence pointing toward these food sensitivities as something that exacerbates other gastrointestinal diseases. In this program, we will identify those who will benefit from these treatments, provide strategies for intervention, cover elimination diets and food introduction, as well as lifestyle management, including: dining out skills, recipe modification and more.

Optional Sessions

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017 (continued)

8:30 am – 12:30 am

OS-15 Contact Hours 3.75

Nuts and Bolts for Hospital and Ambulatory Managers

Betty L. McGinty, MS HSA BSN RN CGRN
Michele A. Bachman, MSN RN CGRN
Sandy DiCicco, BSN RN
Darlene Carey, MSN RN CIC

\$80 Member/\$115 Non-member

Endoscopy is a constantly changing field and many opportunities lie in the ability to budget and present needs to administrative personnel. This session will focus on budgeting, change theories and best practices of a high functioning endoscopy unit.

8:30 am – 11:30 am

LS-03 Contact Hours 2.75

Moving from Conflict to Collaboration

Greg Bowers, Esq

\$60 Member/\$75 Non-member

This program teaches you to manage disagreements effectively and confidently. You'll learn powerful tactics to transform workplace conflicts into productive resolutions — the best, most effective strategies for turning conflict into collaboration.



11:00 am – 1:30 pm

OS-16 Contact Hours 2.50

Intermediate Hands-on ERCP

Jay Lardizabal, MAN BSN RN CGRN
Michele Tying, BSN RN CGRN
Jane S. Magtoto, BSN RN CGRN
Barbara A. Zuccala, MSN RN CGRN
Jeri Gomez, RN CGRN

\$50 Member/\$75 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 48 registrants.

This session will feature a hands-on equipment demonstration, focusing on intermediate ERCP and its accessories, using a step-by-step approach discussing equipment use and potential complications. This session is helpful for those with a basic understanding of ERCPs but looking to expand their knowledge. Hands-on demonstrations will include tissue sampling, sphincterotomy, occlusion balloons, retrieval and dilation.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

OS-17 Contact Hours 2.75

Item Writers Workshop

Heather Rich, MPA

\$60 Member/ \$90 Non-member

Learn how to write and critique items for the certification examination. Participants will be guided through a step-by-step process to develop quality items. Participants must hold an active CGRN certification designation to participate in this writing session. The course is an ABCGN requirement for serving on an item development committee and Board eligibility.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

OS-18 Contact Hours 2.75

What a Gastro Nurse Wants: Managing the Challenging Patient, Challenging Day, Challenging Life

Patricia L. Raymond, MD FACC


\$60 Member/ \$90 Non-member

Take control and create your own joy in the medical workplace. Join us for this fun filled interactive session where we'll explore changing our own mindset and altering those of our colleagues to find satisfaction and laughter in even the most difficult days. We'll share laughter and strategies to forge connections with our patients, our team and our docs.

Optional Sessions

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017 (continued)

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

OS-19 Contact Hours 3.75  ▲

Endoscopy Technician Tool-box

Clarke Brizendine, GTS

Cheryllane Colangan, MSN RN

\$80 Member/\$115 Non-Member

Participation is limited to the first 30 registrants.

This activity focuses on the endoscopy associate/technician's role on the healthcare team caring for patients undergoing endoscopic procedures in the GI Lab of an ambulatory acute care setting. The learning activity is for individuals who may or may not have frequent experience with leading, emerging technology in gastroenterology. The audience will identify current practices and roles for each therapy with presentations, Q&A, and equipment explanations. Participants will be able to identify current practices, leading roles, the use of up-to-date equipment and the value of teamwork in endoscopy. Future roles of the endoscopy technicians will increase as technology and equipment advance. Leading the presentations and equipment explanations are one endoscopy technician and one registered nurse who have experience in advanced procedures in endoscopy.

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

OS-20 Contact Hours 3.75  ► ●

Invest in Your Knowledge: Learn About Esophageal Motility and pH Procedures

Rebecca Chandler, BSN RN CGRN

Ellen Fern, BSN RN CGRN


Janet King, BSN RN CGRN

\$80 Member/ \$115 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 30 registrants.

An overview of the anatomy and physiology of the swallowing tract will be presented. Both Esophageal Motility disorders and Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) will be discussed. The pathophysiology related to esophageal disorders using the Chicago Classification will be reviewed, including Achalasia. New research will be discussed regarding recommended treatments of Motility disorders. Hands-on opportunities with both demonstration and breakout tables will be offered using the latest technology available for both esophageal motility and pH testing.

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

LS-04 Contact Hours 1.50  ●


Create a Culture of Accountability

Greg Bower, Esq

\$90 Member/ \$115 Non-member

This session will help participants develop a culture of accountability, convert a poor attitude into a winning attitude, lead by example in all they do, give and receive honest feedback, demonstrate courage in challenging situations, hold themselves accountable for results, and eliminate behaviors that can destroy relationships and reputations.

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

OS-21 Contact Hours 2.00 | ♦ 2.00  ✕

Reprocessing Specialty Endoscopes: Where Are We Now?

Ann M. Herrin, BSN RN CGRN CFER


Jim Collins, BS RN CNOR

\$40 Member/\$60 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 50 registrants.

There is continued concern for the potential for transmission of infections via flexible gastrointestinal endoscopes, especially those equipped with an elevator channel. These instruments may be challenging and difficult to reprocess. This course explores current regulatory standards, professional society guidelines and validated processes for specialty endoscope reprocessing through a vibrant and collaborative didactic course. Please note that there will be NO hands-on portion to this course. Equipment demonstrations will not occur.

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

OS-22 Contact Hours 2.50  ►

Advanced Hands-on ERCP

Jay Lardizabal, MAN BSN RN CGRN

Michele Tying, BSN RN CGRN

Jane S. Magtoto, BSN RN CGRN

Barbara A. Zuccala, MSN RN CGRN

Jeri Gomez, RN CGRN

\$50 Member/\$75 Non-member

Participation is limited to the first 48 registrants.

This session will feature a hands-on equipment demonstration, focusing on advanced ERCP and its accessories, using a step-by-step approach discussing equipment use and potential complications. The therapeutic components associated with ERCP can be both complex and challenging. Return demonstration and discussion will center on mechanical lithotripsy for entrapped/large stones, Choledochoscopy and self-expanding metal stents will also be discussed.

Concurrent Sessions

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

CS-01 Contact Hours
1.00



TransPOOtation: The Use of FMT beyond C. Difficile Colitis

Patricia L. Raymond, MD FACC

'Transplant' seems a very lofty term for what our patients call a 'stool swap'! However, Fecal Microbiome Transplant (FMT) may play a role in conditions other than persistent C difficile. Let's look at studies and case reports of FMT use in Parkinson's disease, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple sclerosis, obesity, insulin resistance, autism, microscopic colitis, polycystic ovary, ulcerative colitis and others. What concerns exist of unintended consequences and pitfalls of FMT? We will also address current commercially available sources of biomatter verses self-harvested poo.

CS-02 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00



Implementing a GI Nurse-friendly Endoscopy Unit Reprocessing Risk Analysis

Nancy Schlossberg, BA BSN RN CGRN

Reducing the risk of human error and minimizing the number of infection transmissions require facilities to repeatedly evaluate endoscope reprocessing methods, identify problems, and implement appropriate improvements. A proactive PLAN-DO-CHECK-ACT (P-D-C-A) approach may help hospital and ambulatory surgery center endoscopy units proactively identify and prevent potential reprocessing-related issues.



CS-03 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00



An Assessment of Test Methods for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Manual Cleaning of Flexible Endoscopes in a Multi-Site Health Care System

Rebecca Washburn, RN

Jennifer Pietsch, RN

The purpose of this study was to evaluate multiple point-of-care reprocessing verification tests. The goal was to identify a cost-effective, time efficient, reliable test method that would identify potential reprocessing failures and allow for rapid response by the front line staff performing the reprocessing, particularly following the manual cleaning step. Microbiological culturing was also performed. Contamination rates of the various verification methods following the manual cleaning and high level disinfection steps would be compared. The team would assess its use of the verification tests which could be incorporated into a quality assurance process.

CS-04 Contact Hours
1.00



Setting up a Successful Integrated Advanced Endoscopy Program

Michelle Dellorso, MSN FNP-C

Setting up an advanced endoscopy program can be an arduous task. We will discuss one facility's approach on integrating the program not only within the institution, but also within the community. We will discuss streamlining the process for maximum efficiency and higher patient satisfaction. The team approach is used by maximizing each person to the highest of their capabilities within their scope of practice. Adversities encountered along the way will be shared. We will look at where we see the future of this program going.

CS-05 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00



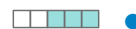
Gastrointestinal Anatomy and Physiology: Know Where You're Going Before You Start the Journey

Craig Gillett, MSN RN-BC

Samantha Stevens, RN

GI anatomy physiology for GI disease and surgical alterations, such as gastric bypass, will be covered.

CS-06 Contact Hours
1.00



Endoscopic Ultrasound Therapy With Lumen-apposing Metal Stents

Jim W. Collins, BS RN CNOR

The utilization of Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) in the diagnosis and intervention of patients presenting with pancreatic disorders has been steadily increasing throughout the years. Additional endoscopic techniques and therapies have been incorporated into the care of our patients, which have conventionally been treated with surgery, percutaneous drainage, or EUS guided intervention. A newer intervention gaining acceptance is guided transmural drainage and necrosectomy through use of a metallic stent. This maneuver has become the standard treatment for patients with pancreatic walled-off necrosis. This presentation will discuss in detail the aforementioned maneuver.

Concurrent Sessions

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 (continued)

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

CS-07 Contact Hours 1.00 | 1.00  

"They Swallowed What?" Food Bolus and Other Foreign Body Ingestion

Patrice M. Sadler, DIPL RN CGRN
Nancy L. Yeastadt, RN CGRN

This session aims to provide attendees with necessary information needed to perform endoscopic foreign body removal as efficiently as possible without complications. Normal anatomy and physiology of the esophagus will be reviewed. Epidemiology, pathophysiology, complications and diagnosis will be discussed. Actual radiological findings will be presented. Treatment and intervention will be thoroughly described and various retrieval instruments will be shown and demonstrated.

CS-08 Contact Hours 1.00  

Applying for Nursing Contact Hours

Cynthia M. Friis, MEd BSN RN-BC

This session will focus on the process for applying for nursing contact hours through the SGNA Approver Unit. Key elements of the application will be discussed as well as helpful hints to successfully complete the process.



5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

CS-09 Contact Hours 1.00 | 1.00  

Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) Evaluation of Manual Cleaning for Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography Scopes

Katherine Lucht, BSN RN
Bill Oliver
Elizabeth Przybylski

SGNA and AORN guidelines suggest the use of a rapid audit tool to test for residual organic soil after manual cleaning. One tool is adenosine triphosphate (ATP) testing. A one month trial using ATP testing on all endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) scopes was conducted. This session will discuss the study itself and failures in the manual cleaning process despite following the manufacturer's guidelines for cleaning.

CS-10 Contact Hours 1.00  

What's Up Down There? Pelvic Floor Disorders

Patricia L. Raymond, MD FACC



The patient can't go and describes rocking, straining, and the feeling that "it just won't get out." Laxatives just provide watery stools and they still don't exit smoothly. Huh? This isn't simple constipation; it's a defecation disorder — an issue with dyskinesia of the pelvic floor or an anatomic issue with the rectum such as prolapse or rectocele — and it's surprisingly common, at 13 to 18 percent of folks who claim "constipation." Let's discuss the etiologies of disease, evaluation options and the best management of constipation and defecation disorders.

CS-11 Contact Hours 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00  

Operationalizing a Standard to Direct the Surveillance of Duodenoscopes for Bacterial Contamination

Tracy E. Hoerschgen, BSN CGRN
Toni D. Brousse, BSN CGRN
Lawrence J. Vallon III, RN CGRN

This presentation will detail a large healthcare system's journey to develop and implement an operational standard directing the surveillance of duodenoscopes for bacterial contamination. More than 700 endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography procedures are completed at this site each year. A risk assessment was conducted to determine vulnerability in high-level disinfection, due to the lack of a method to validate the elimination of bacterial contamination by manufacturer recommended disinfection practices. Despite staff time and resources required to operationalize surveillance of duodenoscopes for bacterial contamination, the processes and outcomes discussed in this presentation can be easily facilitated in any size facility.

CS-12 Contact Hours 1.00 | 1.00  

ERCP 101

Kimberly F. Venturella, BSN RN CGRN

Are you new to gastroenterology practice or considering finally stepping up and investing in your future by training in this therapeutic procedure? This is the course for you if Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio pancreatography is new to you! We will cover what this procedure is, how it is performed and why we perform it. Have you noticed all the equipment we use? I will go over what equipment is used, why, and how we use each piece. We will cover risk vs. benefit, as well as personal safety.

Concurrent Sessions

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 (continued)

CS-13 Contact Hours 1.00 | 1.00

Total Pancreatectomy-islet Autotransplantation for Chronic and Acute Recurrent Pancreatitis

Sarah Jane Schwarzenberg, MD

Chronic and acute recurrent pancreatitis result in severe pain that is difficult to control and reduces quality of life. Total pancreatectomy relieves this pain and, when accompanied by salvage of islets and transplantation of islets in the liver, holds the possibility of preventing or minimizing diabetes. In this talk, the attendee will become familiar with chronic and acute recurrent pancreatitis and TPIAT, as well as their inpatient and outpatient management.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

CS-14 Contact Hours 1.00 | 1.00

Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) as a Treatment for Achalasia

Keith C. Bilbrew, BSN RN CGRN

Elizabeth Shore, RN CGRN

Melanie Hanes, RN CGRN

Peroral endoscopic myotomy is a natural orifice transluminal surgery first performed in Japan in 2008 to treat achalasia and is a emerging treatment for achalasia worldwide. This approach utilizes a submucosal tunneling concept using an endoscope. This session will describe the (POEM) procedure, tools needed, comparative data on POEM verses Laproscopic Heller Myotomy, and before and after data of LES pressures. The clinic outcomes and complication will be discussed. A video case study will be presented.

CS-15 Contact Hours 1.00

Personal Protective Equipment: Dressing for Your Journey

Gail C. Crowe, BSN RN CGRN

Michelle Turner, BSN RN

This session will present resources for growing your knowledge in gastroenterology nursing, as well as developing your ability to inspire your current and future coworkers to become better leaders. Learn how emotional intelligence, awareness of behavioral styles and self empowerment can help optimize your internal resources and protect you from burn-out. Sharing this with others can inspire your team to move from good to great and result in a healthier environment for the delivery of care to our patients, families and each other.

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

CS-16 Contact Hours 2.00

Writing for Publications Workshop

Kathy A. Baker, PhD RN ACNS-BC FAAN

This presentation by the *Gastroenterology Nursing Journal* editor will discuss the “how-to” of writing for publications including tips for increasing the success of being published. Gastroenterology nurse authors and members of the editorial board will be present to talk one-on-one with workshop attendees. Participants complete the workshop with the beginnings of a published manuscript.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

7:00 am – 8:00 am

CS-17 Contact Hours 1.00

Poster Oral Presentation – Option One

The top scoring poster abstract authors will present their poster content and findings orally in 10-minute mini-sessions. Authors will share their topic expertise or research findings with attendees during this interactive offering. Abstract authors and topics will be determined by January, 2017 and additional information will be available on the SGNA website.

CS-18 Contact Hours 1.00

Poster Oral Presentation – Option Two

See Concurrent Session CS-17 for description.

CS-19 Contact Hours 1.00

Poster Oral Presentation – Option Three

See Concurrent Session CS-17 for description.

CS-20 Contact Hours 1.00



Poster Oral Presentation – Option Four

See Concurrent Session CS-17 for description.

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MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (continued)



10:00 am – 11:00 am

CS-21 Contact Hours 1.00  

Inspire GI Endoscopy Nurses and Associates To Use Their Legislative Powers



Katherine Vinci, RNC CGRN
Conrad Worrell, RN CGRN CSN

Discuss the unique and powerful voice of the GI nurse and associate. The speakers will help the attendees find their voice with talking points on policies, ways to stay informed and how to talk to the legislators. Presenters will bring personal experience to the presentation providing hands-on participation in Washington. Expanding roles at the regional level will be discussed. The Healthcare Policy Committee's goal for this year is to launch the Find Your Voice campaign. We will define our nursing scope of practice. SGNA would like a presence in important policy making circles. Discussion of these events will be presented.

CS-22 Contact Hours 1.00  

Infection Prevention Champions: A Program Overview



This session will provide an overview of the SGNA Infection Prevention Champion Program. The presentation will include the results and ongoing effects of implementing the program told by a champion who has completed it.

CS-23 Contact Hours 1.00  

Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE): An Emerging Entity

Patricia L. Raymond, MD FACG





Eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) is on the rise, due to both increased recognition and a real increased incidence. Mainly in men in their 20s and 30s, the symptoms include dysphagia, food impaction and GERD symptoms. Your next midnight food bolus may be courtesy of EoE. You need to be suspicious of EoE to diagnose it. How many biopsies are needed? What's a 'feline esophagus' look like? What's the tear risk of your doctor's empiric dilation? How can your patient try a six-food elimination diet, and might it work? What's the thrush risk of long term esophageal steroids?

CS-24 Contact Hours 1.00  

Who Cares, (for me)? Dealing with the Emotional Distress Interventional Nurses Experience Caring for Patients with Pancreatic Cancer

Jason Sims, BSN RN




Emotional work-related stress has a devastating effect on nurses. This type of stress can negatively affect nurses' physical and professional wellbeing. Pancreatic cancer is a deadly disease that interventional nurses treat often. In most cases, patients have a very poor prognosis. This session shines light on the emotional stress pancreatic cancer inflicts on GI nurses and associates, as well providing help and hope.

CS-25 Contact Hours 1.00    

Implementation of a Nursing Care Delivery Model: Registered Nurses Providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Education for Patients Diagnosed with Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders

Desiree Tynsky, BSN RN
Cynthia Niesen, MA MS RN NEA-BC

The symptoms of functional gastrointestinal disorders are generally unrelated to structural causes. Central sensitization and hypersensitivity play a primary role in the pain and associated symptoms of functional gastrointestinal disorders. Evidence has demonstrated that cognitive behavior self-management approaches can provide improved symptom relief for patients with functional disorders. This presentation will highlight the planning, preparations and implementation steps of a nurse-led pilot that incorporated registered nurses within an ambulatory gastrointestinal subspecialty clinic setting to provide patient education on cognitive behavioral therapy self-management approaches, goal setting and follow-up with patients.

CS-26 Contact Hours 1.00   

Cryotherapy: A Palliative Treatment Option for Esophageal Cancer, Our Cancer Center Experience with 15 Patients


Maria Theresa Magat, RN CGRN

This lecture will focus on cryotherapy as an emerging palliative treatment option for dysphagia in patients with esophageal cancer. A discussion on the background of the types of esophageal cancer, etiology and risk factors, epidemiology, incidence rate, clinical manifestations, and treatment options will be included. An examination of the procedure of cryotherapy, how it works, indications and contraindications will be presented. A video of cryotherapy will be shown including pictures of the tumor before and after cryotherapy. There will be a review of current data from centers that do cryotherapy. Data from 15 patients who had cryotherapy as a treatment option for dysphagia in our center will be analyzed.

Concurrent Sessions

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (continued)


10:00 am – 11:00 am

CS-27 Contact Hours 1.00  +

Procedural Safety, Do You Need a “Time Out?” Standardization of Universal Protocol and Safety Checklist in the Procedural Area

Janet Duran, RN MHA MSN

Standardization of universal protocol using the Surgical Safety Checklist is a method to standardize endoscopy and nursing processes without hurting efficiency and increasing the caregivers' communication. Discussion will include the need to have quality and safety programs in place to help decrease the incidence of “never events.” Forty “never events” continue to be reported to the TJC each week, with lack of communication being the top issue. This DNP research proposal compares universal protocol in one endoscopy unit from lack of standardization to standardization of universal protocol. Using the question, in endoscopy surgical populations, does the use of standardized universal protocol and surgical checklist compared to non-standardized universal protocol policy and checklist create zero never events. Discussion will include positive outcomes of DNP proposal, universal protocol checklist created specifically for procedural endoscopy, results of concurrent and electronic chart review to monitor adherence to protocol and patient safety.


CS-28 Contact Hours 1.00  ●

Understanding the Value and Opportunities of Professional Nursing Certification

Janet Hannah, RN CGRN

Learn the benefits of being a CGRN. This session will discuss the eligibility requirements to take the exam, recertification requirements, how the test plan is used in the construction of the exam, how the passing score is set and options for taking the exam. Test-taking tips will be discussed and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.


2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

CS-29 Contact Hours 1.50  >

Legal Risks and Prevention Strategies in GI Practice

Carol Stock, JD MN RN

How do I document “that?” What do I do with a physician order I don't agree with? How far does my legal obligation extend regarding patient advocacy? What's the scoop on social media anyway? Are you confident that you follow current standards of care to avoid liability exposure in practice? We will review selected legal issues (including documentation, ethical issues, patient advocacy, communication and social media issues), discuss how to minimize risk and suggest helpful prevention tips. Leave armed with solutions, inspired and ready to implement change.

CS-30 Contact Hours 1.50 | ◆ 1.50  ✕ ■

Maintaining Endoscopy Center Survey Readiness

Sylvia Garcia-Houchins, MBA RN CIC

Cheryl Pistone, RN MA MBA

Patrick Horine, MHA

Panelist representatives from Joint Commission, AAAHC (Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.) and DNV GL Healthcare will discuss how to prepare for a survey and common questions that plague facility managers.

CS-31 Contact Hours 1.50 | ◆ 1.50 | ● 1.50  + ✕

Microbiological Surveillance: A Relevant Quality Assurance Measure to Determine Whether There Are Breaches in Reprocessing of Flexible Endoscopes

Teresa Abapo Morquianos, BSN RN

Rachel Chua Choon Peng, BSN RN

Quality control checks have been greatly regulated and reformed preceding the worldwide GI endoscopy reports of endoscope pathogen transmission with antibiotic resistant microorganisms, specifically Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE). This presentation will illustrate the microbiological surveillance practices of multiple organizations and how it is applied to establish a pertinent endoscope microbiology test guideline in monitoring the effectiveness of reprocessing and appropriate endoscope storage.

Concurrent Sessions

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (continued)

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

CS-32 Contact Hours 1.50     

Quality Indicators for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Units — ASGE Endoscopy Unit Quality Indicator Taskforce

Nancy Schlossberg, BA BSN RN CGRN
Lukejohn Day, MD



Unlike many endoscopy procedure-associated quality indicators, evidenced-based indicators used to measure the quality of the endoscopy unit itself are lacking. This session discusses an ASGE GI Physician and Nursing taskforce project to develop the first comprehensive document that identifies key quality indicators for U.S. endoscopy units as defined by the literature, leveraging knowledge of experts in the field and soliciting feedback from endoscopy unit stakeholders. The presentation will describe the consensus process that resulted in identification of five priority endoscopy unit quality indicators as the most compelling to measure and track for a high quality endoscopy unit.

CS-33 Contact Hours 1.50    

What Makes a Liver Transplant Candidate and How Do We Prioritize?

Joel Wedd, MD MPH


This is an interactive discussion about liver transplantation. It will consist of a presentation about indications, contraindications, and protocols for decisions, and there will be a case-based discussion highlighting difficult and controversial aspects of candidate selection.

CS-34 Contact Hours 1.50  

A to Z of GI Case Studies

Nancy Bollero, MS FNP-BC CWON




As a nurse practitioner in GI/colon-rectal surgery, I have seen a variety of unusual cases that are both interesting and educational. For each case study, we will look at patient presentation, history, images (both pictures and CT or other studies), diagnosis and outcome. I will associate these with a brief review of literature or current practice. The class will be a fast-paced, interactive lecture that will include topics such as sigmoid volvulus, rectal cancer, unusual anal pathology, toxic colitis, liver disorders from herbal medicine, perforated anal cancer, enteroatmospheric fistula, anal sepsis and others.

CS-35 Contact Hours 1.50    

Scoping Out DNA: The Genetics of Inherited GI Cancers

Dana Petry, ScM CGC

This session will use a case-based approach to describe the characteristics and management recommendations of inherited cancer syndromes that predispose to GI (colorectal, gastric and pancreatic) malignancy so that the attendee will be able to identify and manage high-risk patients/families. The short-term and long-term medical and psychosocial impact of an inherited cancer syndrome on the patient and the family will be outlined. We will discuss several approaches to genetic testing, including single-gene, panel-based and direct-to-consumer, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each of these methods. The attendee will learn the optimal approach to genetic evaluation in a patient/family and how to engage genetic providers in the process.



CS-36 Contact Hours 1.50   

What Would You Do? Quality-focused Management Scenarios to Think About

Laura Schneider, RN CGRN CASC

As a manager of an Endoscopy Outpatient Facility, one objective of your quality program is to maintain a safe environment for personnel, patients and visitors. You don't have the resources the hospitals have, but you must be prepared for anything at any time. There is no way you can think of all the unusual events that can occur at your facility, but this presentation will share some actual, unusual events that have occurred at outpatient facilities that you can share with your quality department to determine 'What would we do?'

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

CS-37 Contact Hours 1.00  

Start with Small and End with Great

Cynthia M. Friis, MEd BSN RN-BC

We are challenged to think big, explore big data and see the big picture in an attempt find success. No one ever tells us to think small and shrink our vision. Often times it is our smallest actions that make the biggest impact in our professional and personal lives. The extraneous noise and information dump that we are exposed to each day can cause us to miss out on the opportunity to do something that might help us reach our goals. During this session, we will explore how the smallest actions can produce significant impact.

Concurrent Sessions

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (continued)

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

CS-38 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00



Barrett's Esophagus and Radiofrequency Ablation

Kimberly F. Venturella, BSN RN CGRN

Barrett's Esophagus is on the rise. Pathology discordance could be giving us some false reassurance regarding this disease process. Professional medical societies have definite recommendations regarding the treatment of this precancerous condition. Radiofrequency ablation has been shown to have promising results in reversing Barrett's and its complications. Radiofrequency ablation has become simpler to use thanks to new technology. I will cover the progression of Barrett's, the risk of it turning to cancer, who is at risk and how it is treated with radiofrequency ablation. This course is aimed at disease process and procedure skills.

CS-39 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00

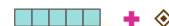


Medication Adherence Overview: Hepatitis C, Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Inflammatory Bowel Disease — Part 1

*Sharon Dudley-Brown, PhD FNP-BC FAAN
Michele Rubin, MSN APN RN CNS CGRN
Rhoda R. Redulla, DNP RN*

This session will define and present key information to provide practical, foundational information on IBS, IBD and Hepatitis C. The session will encourage learners to interpret foundational information through the evaluation of three specialized simulated patients using individual audience response systems.

CS-40 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00



Reducing Readmissions for Cirrhosis Through Nursing Outreach and Early Follow-up

Sarah Argyropoulos, BSN RN

Preventing readmission to an acute hospital setting is challenging, particularly for patients with cirrhosis. Cirrhosis is a costly condition with complications such as hepatic encephalopathy, gastrointestinal bleed, infection, renal failure and ascites contributing to the need for re-hospitalization. At our organization, we have found that 20.7 percent of patients with decompensated cirrhosis are readmitted within 30 days and 30.1 percent are readmitted within 90 days. The creation of a nurse-led early intervention program for patients with cirrhosis discharged from our organization offers the opportunity to reduce readmission rates and improve outcomes. This study and program will be presented in detail.

CS-41 Contact Hours
1.00 | 0.83



Changing Patient Lives, Decreasing Hospital Admissions and Treating *C. diff*

Melissa Buers, BSN RN

This retrospective study suggests that the number of hospital admissions for CDI may be dramatically reduced by FMT for rCDI in the six months post FMT. Our results also revealed a decreased number of admissions post FMT for other comorbidities, thus suggesting that FMT improves the overall health of patients with rCDI. Our results call for a multicenter study of 30-day and six-month hospital admission rates pre- and post-FMT for rCDI as there may be a role for early intervention with FMT to decrease the deleterious effect of rCDI on all-cause illnesses.

CS-42 Contact Hours
1.00



Can We Talk? Investing in Best Communication Practices to Improve Care in Endoscopy

Lisa Heard, MSN RN CGRN CPHQ

This session will focus on miscommunication, teamwork failure and information gaps in the procedural area. Case studies will be used to illustrate the impact of these lapses on patient harm. Best practices with risk mitigation strategies and interventions such as assessment and training, standardization of reporting and team training simulations will be presented and discussed. The goal of this presentation is to provide tools to caregivers in procedural settings to improve communication and teamwork.



Concurrent Sessions

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (continued)

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

CS-43 Contact Hours 1.00  > 

How to Optimize Your EMR to Improve Patient Care in Gastroenterology

Kelly M. Osborne, BSN RN CGRN
Sara Johnson, MBA BA



The presentation will include a review of closing the loop after a procedure for the patient and referring providers, identifying best practices for pathology follow-up: reporting, smart texts, discrete data elements, patient letters, routing options, automated methods to improve consistent patient communication, and messaging and automated processes to decrease procedure no show rates.

CS-44 Contact Hours 1.00 |  1.00  

Technician Training: An Open Dialogue

James A. Prechel, AA GTS

Tech training can vary from one institution to another. We can learn from each other by sharing ideas and each other's experiences. In this session, we will discuss various strategies that are generally used when training techs into non-complex procedure rooms. Training topics will include room setup, snaring, anatomy, diseases, abdominal pressure and many more. Open dialogue is encouraged by attendees after each topic.

CS-45 Contact Hours 1.00   >

Algorithms for Monitoring Complications During and After Endoscopic Procedures

Judy M. Shirley, ADN BC
Linda Thompson, BSN RN
Genevieve Vansickle, RN



The purpose of this project is to educate nurses doing endoscopic procedures about complications that can occur and pathways for interventions. Algorithms were developed based on direct observation and the utilization of pathways derived from evidence-based practice. The algorithms developed will enable the endoscopy nurse to be watchful and proactive for addressing the changes in patient status and thereby reducing morbidity, mortality and preventing increased length of stay in hospitals. It would also enhance the education of novice nurses to be competent in managing the anticipated complications during the intra- and post-periods of endoscopic procedures.

CS-46 Contact Hours 1.00 |  1.00  

Dysplastic Barrett's Esophagus: Treatments and Patient Education

Hilary Cosby, BA BSN RN CGRN



Barrett's Esophagus is a pre-malignant condition associated with the highest risk for esophageal adenocarcinoma. This session will include discussion of the pathophysiology and pathology of GERD and Barrett's, treatment for non-dysplastic and dysplastic Barrett's and Esophageal Adenocarcinoma, anti-GERD drug regimens and importance of patient education pre- and post-treatment. Attendees will see case presentations of FDA approved ablative therapies for dysplastic Barrett's with some demonstrations and discussion of side effects and complications.

CS-47 Contact Hours 1.00  

Update on the SGNA Fellows and Scholars Program: Stories of Success

Kathy A. Baker, PhD RN ACNS-BC FAAN
Dru Riddle, PhD DNP CRNA



This presentation will describe the SGNA Scholars and Fellows Programs including progress and outcomes to date.

CS-48 Contact Hours 1.00   >

Using LEAN Techniques to Drive Process Change

James Barnett, PhD MSN RN

This lecture will include a summary discussion of LEAN principles used to guide practice changes, reduce backlogged volumes, and improve scheduling and pre-assessment work patterns in a large-volume endoscopy center. The effect of changes in staff engagement and satisfaction on patient engagement and satisfaction is well documented. Process planning, implementation strategies, barriers and approaches for ensuring and continuing success will be discussed. Participants will gain insights into using LEAN principles, data analysis and engagement tactics to encourage, motivate and drive process change in their practices and, ultimately, enhance their own outcomes.

CS-49 Contact Hours 1.00   >

ERCP in Altered Anatomy


Virendra Joshi, MD

Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is a standard of care endoscopic technique using a conventional side-viewing duodenoscope to treat a wide variety of bilio-pancreatic pathologies. However, surgically altered gastric and/or small bowel anatomy renders ERCP more challenging because of several reasons. Depending on the type of surgical reconstruction, different endoscopic approaches have been developed in order to perform therapeutic ERCP. This talk highlights the latest ERCP developments to deal with biliopancreatic problems in patients with altered anatomy and evaluates future developments.

Concurrent Sessions

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (continued)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

CS-50 Contact Hours 1.00  +

Hepatocellular Carcinoma — Treatable or Sure Demise?

Janice A. Provenzano, MSN-ED RN CGRN
Kandace Mohar, BSN RN CGRN


Hepatocellular Carcinoma is on the rise in the United States. This is a diagnosis with limited treatment options and consequential poor prognosis. What, if anything, can be done to minimize the risk of this disease? Etiology, risk factors, diagnosis, treatment options and prognosis will be discussed. Case studies will be presented. The knowledgeable gastrointestinal nurse can assist the patient and their family/significant others in education and supportive services walking with the patient along this health care journey.

CS-51 Contact Hours 1.00 |     >

Workplace Violence, Not Something to Sing About

Janet Hannah, RN CGRN


In August, 2015 the American Nurses Association (ANA) presented a position statement on violence in healthcare workplaces. This presentation discusses ANA's position statement and expands on the topic of workplace violence. Incivility, bullying, and workplace violence will be defined. Statistics of occurrence will be provided. Ways to identify possible sources of violence will be discussed. Prevention strategies will be suggested. Recommendations for developing a violence prevention program will be reviewed. This presentation will be of interest to all gastroenterology staff.

CS-52 Contact Hours 1.00  +

Patient Positioning for Endoscopic Procedures

Cindy Taylor, MSA BSN RN CGRN

Optimal patient positioning during endoscopic procedures such as colonoscopy, EGD, ERCP and EUS is a first step in performing a safe, complication-free procedure. A variety of patient types and factors will be discussed that present positioning challenges. The latest positions, tools, data and research will be presented to optimize safety, efficiency and consistent patient positioning.

CS-53 Contact Hours 1.00  +

Medication Adherence Overview: Hepatitis C, Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Inflammatory Bowel Disease — Part 2

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Rhoda R. Redulla, DNP RN

Please see description of CS-39. This session is a continuation of CS-39.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

7:00 am – 8:00 am

CS-54 Contact Hours 1.00   + 

Ashkenazi Jews and Gastrointestinal Diseases: An Ongoing Journey to Cultural Competence

Deborah Kummer, BSN RN CGRN

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of gastrointestinal diseases frequently associated with genetic disorders in the Ashkenazi Jewish population, and best practice recommendations for providing culturally competent care. Current evidence will be presented regarding the suggested link between Ashkenazi Jewish heritage and at least 19 genetic disorders, several of which have gastrointestinal implications, including: colorectal cancer, Lynch Syndrome, Familial Adenomatous Polyposis and pancreatic cancer.

CS-55 Contact Hours 1.00  >

Shared Governance in the Endoscopy Suite: Shifting the Power to the Clinical Staff


Emily Coutts, BSN RN
Laura Pfeifer, BSN RN CGRN
Nicole Young, BSN RN

Learn about the basics of shared governance and the importance of providing opportunities for staff to have autonomy in decision-making on practice, safety and workplace environment issues. The implementation of a unit-based council and its impact on nursing engagement and satisfaction will be discussed. Ideas for high-impact projects that have proven successful, such as workflow changes, infection control standards, supply management, employee recognition and patient satisfaction, will be presented. Get the viewpoint from the nurse manager, UBC Chair and staff RN.

Concurrent Sessions

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 (continued)


7:00 am – 8:00 am

CS-56 Contact Hours 1.00  ✦

What is MTS (Muir-Torre Syndrome)

Sanjay Bhat, MD

Muir-Torre Syndrome is an autosomal dominant familial cancer syndrome defined as the association of an internal malignancy with cutaneous sebaceous tumors. A case presentation will be discussed. In addition, MTS is considered a variant of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer and Lynch Syndrome. Presentation of MTS relevance to colon cancer and Lynch Syndrome will be established for the gastroenterology world and information as to Amsterdam criteria for diagnosis of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer will be discussed. Also presented will be genetic testing for MTS.

CS-57 Contact Hours 1.00  ✦

Achalasia: What to do When Everything You Eat Stays in the Esophagus

Nikolai A. Bildzukewicz, MD

Achalasia is one of several sub-types of motility disorders. This characteristic absence of muscular contractions in the lower esophagus and failure of the LES to open with a food or fluid bolus is one of the hallmarks of Achalasia. Early in the disease process, inflammation can be seen in the muscle layers of the lower esophagus, especially around the nerves. The hallmarks of and treatments for Achalasia will be discussed. The prognosis/outcomes of these interventions will be discussed at length.

9:15 am – 10:15 am

CS-58 Contact Hours 1.00  



No More On-call Requirements: A Novel Staffing Model That Eliminates Call, Reduces Turnover, Improves Satisfaction and Saves Money

Dan Lantos

Ida Bowen, RN

Iris Burke, MHA BSN RN CGRN

Endoscopy is a specialized field, and experienced job applicants are relatively rare. As a result, the orientation process is long and expensive, and new teammates are often novice practitioners. Because of financial, safety and quality-related concerns, avoiding staff turnover is a high priority. We have implemented a novel staffing model that essentially eliminates the need for bedside staff to take call, and have demonstrated dramatic improvements in teammate retention and satisfaction. This staffing model can be applied to any job classification that may take call, and is appropriate for both large and small departments.

CS-59 Contact Hours 1.00  

Inspire Hope and Healing Through Integrative Care

Sharon Murnane, RN HBN-BC HTCP

Initial focus is on the meaning and value of holistic nursing and its relevance to self-care through self-awareness. Review the keys to connection with patients through presence, empathy and compassion for healing. Provide an overview of integrative therapies with experiential opportunities and practical examples nurses can offer to gastroenterology patients for symptom management, stress management as well as dietary modifications using functional medicine. Examine the concept of “co-creation” as essential within a holistic model. Demonstrate how patient empowerment is integrated by gaining insights and feeling truly cared for as nurses reshape how health and wellness can be achieved.


CS-60 Contact Hours 1.00  

Exploring Video Capsule Endoscopy Technology and the Future of the Practice

Samuel Moore, MSN RN

Tina Gaudet, RN

This session will provide a well-rounded background of Video Capsule Endoscopy. Updates and advances to the technology will be discussed. The session will cover workflow and will include the respective roles of the participants to include the patient, the registered nurse and the physician. The session will discuss types of equipment and how they are used, as well as problems encountered and some methods to avoid or overcome them. VCE Safety, patient education, materials and RN pre-reading to improve the process will be discussed as well.

CS-61 Contact Hours 1.00  ✦

Gastroparesis: When the Stomach Just Will Not Empty

Nikolai A. Bildzukewicz, MD

Gastroparesis literally means partial paralysis of the stomach and is a condition in which your stomach will not empty itself of food in the normal fashion. Causes can include uncontrolled Diabetes, gastric surgery with damage to the vagus nerve, Parkinson's disease, Muscular sclerosis, scleroderma and amyloidosis. The symptoms include GERD, nausea, vomiting of undigested food and feeling full all of the time, even when eating only a few bites of food. This lecture will cover the etiology, complications and treatment modalities for this condition, including an in-depth discussion of the gastric pacemaker.

Concurrent Sessions

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 (continued)

9:15 am – 10:15 am

CS-62 Contact Hours
1.00



Cholestasis and Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiography Interventions in Post Liver Transplant Complications

Michelle Gregory, LPN
Elizabeth Kidd, RN CGRN

The objective of the ERC presentation is to discuss basic pre-and-post liver transplant anatomy, address common biliary complications post liver transplant and discuss basic ERC instrumentation used to perform interventions and treat complications. The Cholestasis lecture will review the basic anatomy and physiology of the hepatic and biliary systems, symptoms of cholestasis and a discussion of both intra-hepatic and extra-hepatic causes, including viral hepatitis, strictures and masses.

CS-63 Contact Hours
1.00



Maintaining Staff Competency in a Complex Practice Environment: the Formation of a Nurse Product/Procedure Group in Endoscopy (NPPG)

MaryRose Hess, BSN RN
Libbie Monroe, BSN CGRN
Mouen A. Khashab, MD
Eun Ji Shin, MD

Endoscopy units regularly introduce new therapeutic and diagnostic equipment, procedures and supplies to our staff. Maintaining competencies with new technologies can be challenging and stressful for the entire unit. Additionally, with advances in endoscopy practices, innovative new procedures are introduced consistently. A multi-tier, multi-disciplinary plan for continued education was implemented to ensure and sustain competencies.

This presentation will illustrate the development and implementation of a continuous educational program that can enable staff to develop and maintain competency in the endoscopy setting.

CS-64 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00



Practical Clinical Tools for the Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Peter Buch, MD AGAF FACP

Patients with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) can be extremely difficult. We will review the latest information in evaluation and treatments. We will have several interactive case discussions that will highlight clinical dilemmas. I will also outline several clinical tools that lead to successful care of IBS.

CS-65 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00



Anticoagulation Around Endoscopy

Daniel Raines, MD

This session will review current guidelines and practice patterns for the peri-operative/peri-procedural management of antiplatelet and anticoagulant agents. This review includes discussion of which procedures can be safely performed in the setting of active use of these agents.

10:30 am – 11:30 am

CS-66 Contact Hours
1.00



Nursing Competency: More Than Just a Checklist

Cynthia M. Friis, MEd BSN RN-BC

Competency programs streamline and refine the information into usable and bite-sized portions. And with the high speed of changes in technology and practice, as well as evolving standards and regulations, nurses need educational opportunities now more than ever. Now that you have your charge, how do you go about developing competency programs? Is there a list of methods on some website to choose from? Unfortunately, the task is not that simple. This session will provide practical guidance on how to assess the needs of your learners and decide which learner engagement method might best meet these needs.

CS-67 Contact Hours
1.00 | 1.00



Obscure GI Bleeding


Daniel Raines, MD

This session will review updated definitions pertaining to obscure GI bleeding, followed by a discussion of the management of patients with bleeding of obscure origin.

Concurrent Sessions

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 (continued)



10:30 am – 11:30 am

CS-68 Contact Hours 1.00  ✦

Endoscopic Suturing Therapy for Obesity Treatment

Keith C. Bilbrew, BSN RN CGRN
Elizabeth Shore, RN CGRN
Melanie Hanes, RN CGRN


This session will discuss the use of a full thickness suturing system to reduce the outlet and pouch from failed gastric bypass, also known as post-gastric-bypass recidivism, the success and fail rate of incisional gastric bypass, lack of response to surgical gastric bypass, major benefits of endoscopic surgical approach and anticipated post-procedure effects. A video case study will be presented.

CS-69 Contact Hours 1.00   >

Two Teams, One Goal: Comprehensive Enteral Tube Patient Care

Darcie Moehnke, RN
Cheryl Brugger, RN NE-BC
Sara Seegmiller, BSN RN


Due to growing volumes of adult patients requiring enteral tube placement, the growing complexity of care and post-procedural nursing follow-up was increasing. The needs of patients had become greater than one gastrointestinal (GI) procedural nursing unit could accommodate. This demand for nursing services led to the creation of a RN role within an ambulatory Home Enteral Nutrition (HEN) Clinic and redesign of the GI enteral tube nursing practice within a large healthcare organization. The primary objective was to implement a standardized and integrated best practice model for adult patients requiring enteral tubes across ambulatory, procedural and hospital settings.

CS-70 Contact Hours 1.00  ✦

Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Clinical Challenges

Peter Buch, MD AGAF FACP


The evaluation and treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease is rapidly changing. This session will provide the clinical tools needed to understand the latest developments. More importantly, it will help the attendee navigate the controversies.

CS-71 Contact Hours 1.00  +

Gastric Cancer: The Sleeping Giant

John C. Lipham, MD


This lecture will explore, in-depth, the diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of gastric cancer.

CS-72 Contact Hours 1.00  >

Transformational Leadership: From Bedside to Influential Leader

Aderonke Akingbola, MD MMM AGAF CPE

The healthcare industry is in need of effective leaders in the current healthcare market, not only to improve patient experience, but also to increase employee engagement. There is a strong focus in teaching clinical skills, while little attention is paid to leadership competencies. This deficit has led to high employee turnover and employee job dissatisfaction. Transformational leadership style focuses on effective communication and team building to obtain a cohesive team. This sets leaders and their organization up for success by motivating employees to perform at their best, thereby improving employee satisfaction and retention and, ultimately, patients' satisfaction.

CS-73 Contact Hours 1.00  ♥

Pulmonary EBUS: Scopes and Needles – From the Package to the Sharps Container – a Comprehensive Review

Melhem Imad, MD

Over the last decade EBUS has established itself in every bronchoscopy suite. Now widely available and part of most training curriculum, EBUS has become a go-to procedure in staging lung cancer and diagnosing malignant and non-malignant diseases. In one hour we will review the technical aspects of EBUS, discuss practical aspects of the procedure, touch on the importance of correct sampling and identification of LN stations, and cover key steps of the procedure from handling the needle to submitting samples for pathology and genetic testing.

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

CS-74 Contact Hours 1.00  >  ✦

Building A GI Service Line

Nancy Schlossberg, BA BSN RN CGRN
Brenda Carlson, MS RN

This presentation examines the experience of developing the John Muir Digestive Health service line. The session moves from concept, mission statement and goal creation through implementation and on-going evaluation. Consideration includes identification and roles and responsibilities of key team members, including the GI Hospitalist and GI nurse practitioner. This type of project provides GI nurses a unique opportunity to interface with various leaders and departments and to raise the bar and share in a variety of "wins" for the organization, physician and patient with digestive needs.

Concurrent Sessions

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 (continued)

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

CS-75 Contact Hours
1.00



A Comprehensive Review of Esophageal Cancer and Management Post Esophagectomy

John C. Lipham, MD

This lecture will explore and review in detail from diagnosis to treatment the long road to recovery post diagnosis. Esophageal stents, dilatation of post surgical strictures, treatment of fistulas and the overall management of these challenging patients will be discussed in detail.

CS-76 Contact Hours
1.00



Gastric Carcinoids

Sanjay Bhat, MD

Incidence of Gastric Carcinoids is on the rise. Presentation of a case study and discussion of the pathophysiology, epidemiology along with the different classification types will be discussed. Prognosis and Management of the carcinoid for patient to be delivered. In addition, different methods of treatment will be provided in relation to this cancer.

CS-77 Contact Hours
1.00



Underwater Endoscopic Mucosal Resection

Irene M. Rader, ADN RN CGRN

Underwater Endoscopic Resection (EMR) is a newer technique used for the removal of sessile or flat lesions of the mucosa and submucosa layers in the upper and lower GI tract. This technique allows removal of larger lesions that otherwise would require the patient go through an invasive surgery to have removed. The complexity of this procedure requires a higher skill level for the physician, nurse and technician. The physician is dependent on his/her support team (nurse and tech) to assist in the removal of the lesion and their critical thinking ability to mitigate the risk to patient.

CS-78 Contact Hours
1.00



Celiac Disease or Something Else?

Peter Buch, MD AGAF FACP

In the US, there are approximately 3 million individuals with Celiac Disease. Only 300,000 are on a gluten-free diet. Yet many millions are on a gluten-free diet WITHOUT the diagnosis of sprue. In this session, we will review the various systemic manifestations of sprue. We will discuss how to assess a patient on a SELF-IMPOSED diet for sprue who now wants an exact diagnosis. We will also review non-celiac gluten sensitivity and talk of its overlap with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS).

CS-79 Contact Hours
1.00



Pairing Nurses with Endoscopy Technicians for Orientation to and Refreshment of Hands-on Technical Skills in the Endoscopy Lab

Susan R. Gayda, BSN RN CGRN

This lecture will discuss how we put the idea of pairing nurses with the techs in procedure rooms for orientation and training on skills to increase competence in endoscopy. I will also discuss how shared governance played a part in the implementation of this program.

CS-80 Contact Hours
1.00



Electromagnetic Navigational Bronchoscopy: A Questionable Past, an Emerging Present and a Promising Future

Melhem Imad, MD

Now more than ever, pulmonologists are faced with the dilemma of the peripheral lung nodule. Although previously lagging behind, the technology is finally catching up. It is clear that ENB is here to stay. In one hour we will discuss the technology and commonly available systems, practical aspects of the procedure from airway mapping to navigating, sampling and placing fiducials. We will also discuss the upcoming upgrades in the near future and the ambitious ideas of the more distant future.



Vendor Programs

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Boston Scientific

Session details not available at time of publication; please visit annualcourse.sgna.org for updates.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Boston Scientific

GI Reimbursement

Speaker information not available at time of publication; please visit annualcourse.sgna.org for updates.

If you want to further develop your knowledge of the economics impacting healthcare/reimbursement for gastroenterology procedures, this session is for you. The course discusses the latest in coding, coverage and payment for procedures and the impact of ongoing health reform and economic factors on the gastroenterology lab and providers of gastroenterology services. The program is particularly recommended for lab managers, nurses with financial responsibilities and nurses planning to row their careers into management.

One (1) CE credit will be given. Refreshments provided.

You must be a licensed healthcare professional to register and partake in the course. A meal is provided for registrants only as a courtesy for attending our vendor forums. Due to compliance regulations, guests are not permitted to participate in the course or meal. Due to restrictions imposed by Vermont law, we ask that health care professionals who are licensed by Vermont not partake of them.

RSVP: <http://www.cvent.com/d/5vq1lh>

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

ERBE USA, Inc

Saturday Night Live with ERBE: Featuring Polyp Management and Get in the Right Mode: Are You Optimizing the Use of Argon Plasma Coagulation to Enhance Clinical Outcomes?

Rhonda DelCampo, BSN RN CGRN and Kristie Briggs, BSN RN

This session will explore the different types of polyps encountered in GI endoscopy. The art and science of endoscopic resection will be explained to include fundamental principles and evidence-based practices. Argon Plasma Coagulation™ (APC™) has been used in therapeutic intervention since ERBE's introduction in 1992. In recent years, the range of clinical uses has expanded primarily due to specialized modes and better techniques. APC can now offer individualized treatment options when combined with excellent technique in order to enhance desired tissue effects and optimize clinical outcomes. Come join ERBE to learn the history, where they are now and the clinical benefits of APC in comparison to conventional electrosurgery. Clinical variables and special nursing considerations will also be discussed, along with APC's ever-expanding role in therapeutic endoscopy.

RSVP: education@erbe-usa.com

Boston Scientific

Management of Biliary Structures

Speaker information not available at time of publication; please visit annualcourse.sgna.org for updates.

If you are part of a therapeutic practice specializing in identification, treatment and palliation of biliary disease, this course is for you. The course is designed to explore various approaches and endoscopic accessories utilized in the management of benign and malignant biliary stricture disease. The course also discusses when the use of biliary stents for benign use could be appropriate.

One (1) CE credit will be given. Refreshments provided.

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Vendor Programs

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

Boston Scientific

Therapeutic Colonoscopic Polypectomy

Speaker information not available at time of publication, please visit annualcourse.sgna.org for updates.

If you support a medical practice that routinely does screening colonoscopy, this is the course for you. This course is designed to review not only diagnostic and therapeutic colonoscopy, but also the role the procedure plays in the treatment and possible prevention of colorectal cancer.

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Medivators

Session details not available at time of publication; please visit annualcourse.snga.org for updates.

Olympus America Inc.

Boost Your Operational IQ

Check website for speaker updates

A brave new world of insight awaits you. The point of operational intelligence is to gain insight into new data sources so that business opportunities and performance issues are detected and addressed. Olympus will share real-life implementations of our operational intelligence tools and how they helped to enable fully informed and quick decisions. Dinner and beverages will be provided.

RSVP: www.medical.olympusamerica.com

Booth CE Program

SGNA is again providing a Booth CE Program that will increase the value of your time in the Exhibit Hall. The Booth CE Program will offer brief educational presentations within the participating exhibitors' booths. Sessions are 30 minutes in length and may include a lecture presentation, video presentation and/or hands-on demonstration of procedures and equipment use. Contact hours will be awarded for participation.

Monday, May 8

11:15 am – 11:45 am
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm
12:45 pm – 1:15 pm
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Healthmark Industries
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Tuesday, May 9

11:30 am – 12:00 pm
12:15 pm – 12:45 pm
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

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Make Your Hotel Reservation

Hilton New Orleans Riverside

2 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Rate: \$223/night for single/double occupancy

The Hilton New Orleans Riverside is a contemporary, downtown hotel in the center of it all. The hotel is located across from Harrah's Casino, attached to the Outlet Collection at the Riverwalk and just a few blocks from the French Quarter. After your time in the Big Easy, the Hilton offers great space to relax and unwind in their very own restaurants and bars, guest rooms and suites.

Room Rates/Taxes

The Annual Course hotel is located in the heart of downtown New Orleans close to the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Enjoy close proximity to several New Orleans attractions and an abundance of shopping and dining!

To take advantage of the special SGNA Annual Course rates, be sure to book your reservation on or before **April 5, 2017**. After April 5, the SGNA room block will be released and the negotiated room rates may not be available. All room rates are per night and are subject to a 15.75 percent tax and \$3 per night occupancy tax. If you are anticipating having a roommate, an additional fee of \$20 per person for triple and quadruple occupancies will be added to your reservation. Please make sure the hotel is aware of any special needs. They will assign specific room types and any other requests based on availability.

Booking information will be sent to Annual Course attendees as part of their registration confirmation.

Deposits

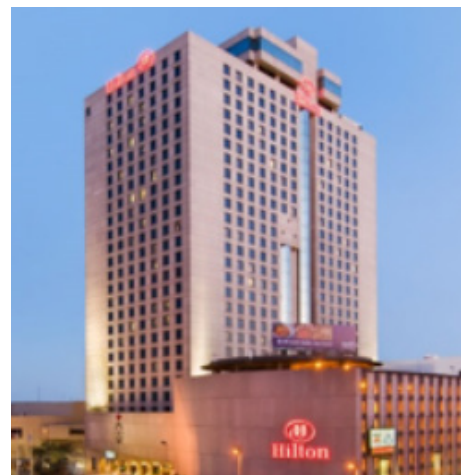
Please have your credit card information on hand upon booking your reservation. The hotel will charge one night room and tax to the credit card to guarantee the reservation.

Changes/Cancellations/Refunds

The Hilton New Orleans Riverside requires that you cancel your reservation 72 hours before the day of your arrival. The deposit of one night's room and tax will be forfeited for cancellations made less than 72 hours from arrival. Please call the hotel directly to cancel a reservation and confirm your deposit refund. Keep your cancellation confirmation number for your records.

Confirmations

The hotel will send you a confirmation to the email used in booking your reservation using the customized online reservation link provided by SGNA. Review it carefully for accuracy and keep a copy for your records.



Getting to New Orleans

SGNA will host its 44th Annual Course at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The Hilton New Orleans Riverside is the official headquarters hotel and is in close proximity to the Convention Center. All SGNA and ABCGN educational sessions and exhibits will be held at the Convention Center located at 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130.

The recommended airport is Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport which is located approximately 15 miles from downtown.

Airport Shuttle/Public Transit

There are multiple economical ways to get downtown from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Please visit the [airport's website](#) to determine which method is best for you.

Parking

The New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center has a number of affordable garages located throughout the area. Please visit their [website](#) for directions, maps and pricing.

Parking at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside is \$49 per day (valet) or \$39 per day (self-parking).

Rental Cars

The Rental Car Facility at Louis Armstrong Airport has nine rental car companies, including Avis, Budget, Enterprise and Hertz. If you are planning to rent a car in New Orleans, make your reservation in advance as vehicles are limited for walk up customers. Please visit the [airport's website](#) for a list of all rental car companies.

Taxi Service

Travel time from the airport to the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center is approximately 25 minutes with an average fare of \$35, plus tip.

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SGNA 44th Annual Course Exhibitors*

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Passport to Prizes Program

Visit the Exhibit Hall to expand your contacts and knowledge and to win prizes!

How does it work, and how can I participate?

Each SGNA Annual Course attendee will receive a blank passport card in their registration bag. Take your card around the Exhibit Hall to the participating companies on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. At each booth, participants will be asked a question related to that specific company. After answering the question, they will receive a stamp from the participating exhibiting companies listed on their passport card. When they have completed their passport card, it should be returned to the ticket tumbler located in the Food Area at the back of the Exhibit Hall. All completed passport cards must be turned in no later than 1:00 pm Tuesday, May 9; completed entries will be eligible for a prize drawing to be conducted the afternoon of Tuesday, May 9 at 1:45 pm. Participants must be present to win these amazing educational prizes — one from each participating company.