Dear Champion,

The next step to focus on includes meeting with the infection prevention specialist at your facility, if available. This person has specialized training and is responsible for protecting patients and staff from unsafe practices which can lead to infections. They can be a valuable resource for you in your role as Champion. Do they know what your processes are in the endoscope reprocessing area? Do they know the current reprocessing standards and guidelines? If not, give them a tour, show them what you do and provide them with the SGNA Standards of Infection Prevention in Reprocessing of Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopes. The infection prevention specialist can provide an objective viewpoint of your unit’s cleaning and disinfection processes and can help you determine and formulate your department goals. Develop a collaborative relationship with them and see where it leads. Infection prevention should never be a solo endeavor.

Requirements should either be emailed to Champions@sgna.org or faxed to 312-673-6694 as due. The following are the assignments for the next two weeks:

1. Contact, set an appointment and meet with the Infection prevention specialist for your institution or department to explain the program and enlist their assistance as a resource.
2. Discuss potential infection prevention department goals with the infection prevention specialist and your manager or supervisor. Refer to the Unit Infection Prevention Goals document on the Become a Champion page (deadline March 31).
3. Complete the Education Documentation Grid (Due April 30).
4. Make sure to keep your manager or supervisor informed of your assignments and progress. Seek advice and assistance from him/her as needed.

These bi-monthly emails will be archived for you to access as needed.

As always, SGNA is available for any questions or difficulties you may have.

Sincerely,
The SGNA Infection Prevention Work Group