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Infection Prevention Champions Program



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Dear Champion,

Rosalyn Carter once said "A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be. "

How true that is as we lead others with passion to be the very best and share our knowledge of infection prevention with others. Passion is not something that you "kind of" do as part of your job, but something that shines in you even on days when it is hard.

Why become a leader in infection prevention?

You have taken that first step as you become an SGNA infection prevention champion. Bringing knowledge of the most current and safe practices to your facility and to your coworkers is so important in today's ever changing healthcare environment. It is vitally important to have such a willingness to become the link for your facility and to advocate for a safe environment for our patients.

Leading others in this quest will take time and a dedication to leading by example. It will also take effort to consistently coach others in best practice and hold each other accountable to the highest of standards.

Making sure our endoscopes and other instruments are processed to the strictest standards is a part of our role as infection prevention leaders. Beginning the collaboration with your coworkers and administration is imperative to reducing adverse outcomes for our patients and our coworkers.

How do you demonstrate leadership?

- Provide direction
- Share knowledge and expertise
- Mentor less experienced coworkers
- Help audit and give feedback on processes
- Bring creativity and innovation

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- Seek an opportunity to influence and educate your leaders and the public

Your commitment in ensuring you possess the necessary knowledge, expertise and passion needed to prevent infections is invaluable to the GI profession. Your passion makes you a leader in the global initiative to prevent transmission of infections.

[Requirements](#) should either be emailed to Champions@sgna.org or faxed to 312-673-6694 as due. The upcoming assignments are as follows:

1. Continue to develop and implement infection prevention education for your peers (total of 120 minutes)
2. Seek opportunities to educate yourself on infection prevention topics (total of 180 minutes).

These bi-monthly letters 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

References:

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