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Subject: Legislative Platform	
Responsibility: SGNA Legislative Liaison & Healthcare Policy Committee	

Policy Statement:

SGNA monitors and supports legislative issues consistent with our mission and strategic plan. SGNA legislative activities will be communicated to the regional societies and membership.

Focus:

SGNA Regional Societies and Members

Purpose:

SGNA may support local, state and federal legislation that potentially impacts the practice of GI/endoscopy nursing.

Procedure:

Based on Board discussion of legislative, consumer activities and advocacy issues and relevancy to the current strategic plan, the following action may be taken:

1. Provide information to the Legislative Liaison & Healthcare Policy Committee.
 - a. Inform SGNA members about the issue (via *SGNA News* and/or eScope and/or Web site)
 - b. Influence the outcome of the issue (request to allocate resources)
 - c. Stay informed on the issue.

Legislative issues supported by SGNA may include:

1. Quality:
 - 1.1 Promoting quality patient outcomes in health care delivery systems.
 - 1.2 Evaluating and communicating the impact of health policy on quality of care.
2. Access:
 - 2.1 Increasing utilization of GI/endoscopy nurses in expanded roles such as nurse practitioners, nurse endoscopists, midwives and clinical specialists.
 - 2.2 Increasing GI/endoscopy nursing representation in local, state and national health policy-making bodies.
3. Promotion of the public's health and safety:
 - 3.1 Supporting public/private partnerships for health promotion and disease prevention.
 - 3.2 Supporting screening and preventive care.
4. Adequate Funding:
 - 4.1 Providing funding for GI/endoscopy nursing education, including scholarships on undergraduate, graduate and research levels

- 4.2 Increasing reimbursement of GI/endoscopy nurses in expanded roles such as nurse practitioners, nurse endoscopists, midwives and clinical specialists
- 4.3 Increasing funding for digestive disease research.