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Subject: Provider Unit: Philosophy, Purpose and Goals	
Review Responsibility: Associate Executive Director of Clinical Affairs/ Executive Director	

Philosophy:

Based on the mission and purpose statements of the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. (SGNA), the philosophy of the Provider Unit is predicated on the belief that nursing is the art and science of care of the patient and family through scholarly practice provided by professional practitioners.

Further, these professional practitioners are adult learners who have primary responsibility for the development and maintenance of their nursing expertise. The individual nurse is further responsible for identifying his/her own learning needs and taking the initiative to meet those needs. Particularly in view of the current emphasis on health care reform, the individual nurse must accept and act upon his/her responsibility to remain current in his/her specialty practice.

To meet nurses' learning needs and, as a result, improve patient care, it is essential that educational opportunities for the specialty area of gastroenterology/endoscopy nursing practice exist. These educational activities should be designed to assist nurses to acquire new knowledge, skills and behaviors in view of advancing technologies, changing health care delivery systems, expanding roles and the outcomes of nursing research.

Through its Provider Unit, SGNA assures quality educational activities for its members and other audiences. The Provider Unit of the SGNA designs and presents educational activities related to gastroenterology and/or endoscopy nursing that are designed to assist nurses to increase their knowledge, understanding and skill in order to improve patient care and promote professional development through the application of adult education concepts.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Provider Unit of the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. is to improve the quality of gastroenterology/endoscopy nursing practice through the design and presentation or distribution of educational activities that serve to maintain nurses' knowledge and skills in the area of practice.

Goals:

The goals of the Provider Unit of the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. are to:

1. Design and present or distribute educational activities related to gastroenterology and/or endoscopy nursing that meet the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation criteria.
2. Encourage SGNA Special Interest Groups to share information on educational activities and offerings that address the nurses' specific learning needs related to their practice focus within gastroenterology/endoscopy nursing.