

SGNA invites you and your unit to join us May 17-19, 2026, for the 53rd Annual Course.

Learn from live educational sessions, networking events and exhibitor activities designed for gastroenterology nurses and associates.

This year's course will offer value to all experience levels, including:

- **Education** focused on infection prevention, disease prevention and advanced procedure skills
- The opportunity to earn **contact hours**
- **Networking** opportunities with professionals in the field
- Information and demonstrations of **the latest GI products and services**

Below are tools to help you communicate to your manager or supervisor the value of attending the SGNA Annual Course in 2026.

Identifying the Benefits

Your Unit's Needs	Annual Course Offering That Meets Need
To understand recent developments in evidence-based research	
To learn about developments in infection prevention	
To improve patient care	
To adopt best practices from SGNA Practice documents and other GI units	
To learn about new products and services in gastroenterology	
Other:	
Your Needs	Annual Course Offering That Meets Need
I'm new to the specialty and want to learn about GI from experts and colleagues.	

I want to become CGRN certified.	
I want to prepare for my recertification.	
I want to learn more about the SGNA community.	
I want to stay up to date on new technologies in gastroenterology.	
I want to network with gastroenterology professionals.	
Other:	

Calculating Expenses

Expense	Notes	Estimated Cost
Annual Course Registration (May 17-19)	Early-bird discount ends March 27	\$
Pre-Conference Workshop Registration (May 16)	See schedule-at-a-glance for additional fees	\$
Airfare		\$
Hotel		\$
Ground Transportation		\$
Meals		\$
Total		\$

Letter to Manager/Supervisor

To: <Supervisor name>
From: <Your name>
Date: <Insert date>
Subject: Attending the SGNA 53rd Annual Course

I would like to attend the SGNA 53rd Annual Course in Atlanta, Georgia, May 17–19, 2026. This event offers education, industry knowledge and professional development that I can apply immediately. It also provides the opportunity to earn contact hours toward maintaining my license and certification (**if applicable**). More than 1,000 professionals are expected to attend, offering valuable opportunities to learn from peers and experts in gastroenterology nursing.

I have included a copy of the schedule with the sessions I plan to attend. These sessions will expand my knowledge of current and emerging diagnostic and therapeutic techniques. I believe these sessions will benefit our GI unit by:

<insert benefit highlights here>

I will also learn about new products and services in the Exhibit Hall and through exhibitor presentations.

I understand that attending the SGNA Annual Course is an investment of time and resources. I have outlined the anticipated expenses for this professional development opportunity below.

<insert investment worksheet highlights here>

The benefits to our GI unit make this a worthwhile investment. I am confident that my attendance will support improvements in gastroenterology nursing practice based on evidence-based practice, professional development, research and innovation.

Thank you for considering my request. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,
<insert name here>