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Editor note: I am very sorry for the delay in this newsletter production as it was due December 2011. Life got in the way and I sincerely apologize for the delay. We usually have one President Message but with this edition we will have a message from our Past President Lorel Baatenburg and our current President Maria Edwards. Sheri King.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this year draws to a close, I want to take time to reflect on the activities of MSGNA during 2011. We had two excellent educational courses, one in Grand Rapids in March and the most recent one hosted by the Endoscopy staff at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital at Boyne Highlands. It was an enjoyable and interesting time! Your Board of Directors has met three times and will meet again in November to help the new board members transition into their new roles. The BOD has reviewed and updated the policy and procedure manual, a task that is done every other year and as needed.

The Board is also in the process of changing the Website and has hired Digital Moose Software (DMS) to maintain our website. There have been issues with changing the web hosting company that we use. I am hopeful that soon the issues will be resolved and the new website will be up and running.

An exciting change coming for 2012 will be online elections for MSGNA. Our parent organization, SGNA, has had online voting for several years and the Board felt it was time for our region to follow suit. DMS will set this up and will work closely with us as we launch the program. When you renew your SGNA membership this year, be sure to include a valid email address. If you don't wish to use your personal or work email, an option would be to set up a free gmail or yahoo account to use for SGNA and MSGNA communications. You will need an email address to vote in the online elections.

Once again, I want to remind you that MSGNA gives an award of \$100 to members who certify for the first time or who recertify. All you need do is mail proof of this to our treasurer Kathy Smith. This seems to be a little know perk for members, so pass the word on to your coworkers and MSGNA friends!

Thank you to all who supported me during this year of my presidency. Thank you for attending conferences, for hosting conferences, for running for office, and for voting. Thank you to the MSGNA Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work over the past year. I look forward to supporting Maria Edwards as she assumes the MSGNA Presidency in 2012.

Lorel Baatenburg RN CGRN
President 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE #2

I would like to wish Happy New Year to all our members, colleagues and respective families. Even though 2011 saw difficult economic times, it is with great hope that 2012 will be more prosperous for everyone.

Our organization is evolving technologically this year. It will prove to be an exciting year! We have had our website revamped and will be more user friendly with a direct link to the PATHFINDER. Updates, will occur on a regular basis and will be accessible by vendors as well. We are also working on establishing online voting which should be in place for the 2013 elections. This will cut down on time, printing and postage costs significantly and will assure a more accurate process. Educational offerings for the Spring & Fall will be held at the Somerset

Inn in Troy, MI. Lower tuitions have been set for MSGNA members by the Board of Directors as there are supplemental monies available. The National course will be held in Phoenix, AZ. in May and the following year in Austin, TX. I would like to appeal to the membership to work on a poster for the poster contest this year so that Michigan will be represented in Austin. Unfortunately, we did not have any submissions this year.

I would like to welcome Christine Pilcher and Jenneva Kremke as new members to the BOD and thank you to April Sydow, Deb Schroeder and Deb Anderson for all their hard work in years past. Everyone on the BOD has been very instrumental in mentoring me as President Elect and now I can participate in assisting Marion Smith as she steps into the role this year.

Again, I urge members to run for office when we call for candidates. It is a very rewarding experience and it is a privilege to work with such dynamic women. There is always someone available to offer their expertise. Everyone on the Board works very hard to make responsible decisions and produce quality educational offerings to our membership as mandated by our charter.

In closing, our goal is to encourage our members to become more involved with YOUR ORGANIZATION and help navigate the MSGNA for many years to come.

Maria Edwards
President 2012

Spring Conference Lineup

Scoping Down in Motown

March 31, 2012

Reflux and Fundoplication-Endofix
Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Colorectal Cancer Screening
Esophageal Varices
EBUS or Sedation
Hepatitis B

*** Brochures will be mailed out very soon. Please join us!***

Calendar of events

March 30-31, 2012

MSGNA Spring Conference
Somerset Inn, Troy
Darlene Scott and Etrulia Lake and the endoscopy staff at Meyers Lab will be hosting this learning conference

May 18-23, 2012

SGNA 39th Annual Course
"Finding the Leader in You-Making the Choice to Lead"
Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Arizona

September 14-16, 2012

MSGNA Fall Conference
Somerset Inn, Troy
Kim Smith and the endoscopy staff at St John's Hospital will be hosting this learning conference

20th Annual MultiState

Indianapolis Marriott-North Hotel
October 12-14, 2012

Spring 2013

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor
Date to be determined

We are working toward helping you stay on top of the best GI education available. The more we know, the stronger we are.

What is Considered GI Specific?

As you ready yourself to recertify in 2011 or begin collecting contact hours, you want to make sure you have enough GI Specific hours (80 of the 100 total needed). ABCGN defines a GI Specific contact hour as providing a knowledge or skill that is essential to providing care to a patient with a gastrointestinal disease or problem. The information imparted should enable the Gastroenterology nurse to anticipate the care and interventions needed to treat the patient; provide the necessary care and interventions and supply follow-up care and teaching.

- GI specific courses identify the knowledge that the certified gastroenterology nurse is required to know to stay current in the field of gastroenterology.
- Non-GI specific courses may relate to gastroenterology, but do not address the science of nursing or medicine as it relates to the field of gastroenterology and digestive disease.

GI Specific Criteria identifies:

Aspects of the science of gastroenterology/hepatology include:

- ◇ Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology
 - ◇ Diagnostic and therapeutic gastroenterology/hepatology procedures
 - ◇ Diagnostic tests which relate to gastroenterology/hepatology
Example: pathology specimen collection specific to endoscopy procedures or to GI diagnosis
 - ◇ Research and technology in gastroenterology/hepatology
 - ◇ Infection control as it relates to gastroenterology/hepatology
 - ◇ Environmental safety as it relates to gastroenterology/hepatology
 - ◇ Standards of practice as it relates to gastroenterology/hepatology
Example: Standards as they relate to SGNA Standards and Guidelines, SGNA Position Statements
 - ◇ Disease Processes that effect or are affected by the GI systems
 - ◇ GI related radiological procedures
Example: ERCP, TIPS
 - ◇ Radiology use and safety in the GI Lab
 - ◇ Patient teaching related to gastroenterology/hepatology
 - ◇ Sedation and monitoring including Capnography
 - ◇ Cleaning, Disinfection and Reprocessing of equipment and supplies
 - ◇ Universal Precautions
Example: Use of PPE during procedures and reprocessing, care of infectious disease patients, handling of body fluid/tissue samples.
 - ◇ Standards of Nursing Practice: OSHA, Joint Commission, AAAHC
Example: Reducing Infection Risks Associated with Medical Equipment in the GI setting, Devices, and Supplies
 - ◇ Electro surgery/cautery usage and safety
 - ◇ Laser training and safety as related to GI/endoscopy
 - ◇ Pharmacology as it pertains to digestive disease
 - ◇ Nutritional therapy and enteral therapy as it pertains to digestive disease
 - ◇ Eating disorders and their effects
 - ◇ Surgical Procedures related to gastroenterology
Example: Surgery, post-operative complications, ulcers/strictures, issues with absorption/malabsorption, endoscopic issues post surgery as in change of anatomy.
Bariatric surgery, Gastric Bypass, Gastrectomy would be types of surgeries.
- NOTES: (Natural Orifice Trans Endoscopic Surgery if specific to GI
- ◇ Performance Improvement related to the GI Lab
Example: scope culturing, scope reconciliation
 - ◇ Holistic Care as it relates to the GI patient

- ◇ Legal Issues as they relate to the GI/Endoscopy setting
- ◇ Competencies as they relate to the GI nurse/staff
- ◇ AIDS/HIV as it relates to GI/Endoscopy

On the other hand, the following topics, while they may be important in the GI practice, do not count as GI-specific since they cover material not included on the examination:

- IV Therapy
- CQI/QA unless directed specifically to GI
- Bronchoscopy
- TEE
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Basic or Advanced Cardiac Life Support (if audited, copies of cards are not acceptable documentation, copies of certificates of attendance must be provided)

Such contact hours may be included among the 20 non-GI contact hours permitted. You may use the same course more than once on your application, provided you took the two offerings at least one year apart.

- Obesity as a general topic is not GI specific. Complications of Obesity such as diabetes and hypertension are not GI specific.
- Benchmarking: most of this falls under management which is not GI specific.

All of this information and more can be found in the Recertification Handbook, located on www.abcgcn.org.

Board Approves Changes in Recertification Categories

In November 2010, the ABCGN Board approved the following changes in recertification:

Category 3 - Authoring Articles

Category 3 has been amended to award contact hours to all authors listed on an article or chapter in a textbook. Ten (10) contact hours will be awarded for each article or chapter. You may submit a maximum of 50 contact hours in this category.

Category 11 - Volunteer Involvement

Category 11 has been amended to award contact hours for serving as a publication editor/reviewer for ABCGN, SGNA or SIGNEA. Three (3) contact hours per year will be awarded for involvement in these GI focused professional organizations as an officer, committee/task force member at the regional or national level or as an appointed publication editor/reviewer.

Minimum GI specific hours granted will be three (3), maximum 15.

ABCGN is continuously reviewing the recertification categories to improve and provide superior services to our membership and to encourage you to recertify.

Why Certify?

. . . Because the rules are changing.

In these days of health care reform and cost containment, cross-training, consumer education and self-determination, and managed care, it isn't enough just to be a good nurse. To be competitive, you've got to keep up - and keeping up with modern nursing means getting certified.

Certification can help you:

- expand your role in providing patient services;
- earn more money;
- advance in your career;
- improve patient care; and
- find greater satisfaction with your job.

All indications are that health care reform and cost containment will mandate more direct patient care by nurse specialists. In the near future, nurse specialists may qualify to perform diagnostic procedures, practice independently, provide care reimbursed by third party payers and manage and follow up on patients. Hospitals and clinics will seek out nurse specialists in order to attract provider contracts. How will nurse specialists be identified? They will be certified nurses.

Why? Because:

- Certification validates your qualifications and your advanced competence.
- Certification demonstrates your professional aspirations and your desire to improve the quality of patient care and delivery of services.
- Certification rewards your continuing efforts to improve your knowledge and skills in your profession.
- Certification reflects your commitment in time, effort and expense to gastroenterology nursing.
- Certification assures professional recognition from your peers and colleagues.

Certification will help you gain recognition for both your competence and your professionalism. Don't get left behind. Get certified.

**MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2011**

1. President's Welcome and Report Lorel Baatenburg
 - Thanks to Northern Michigan Regional Hospital for hosting a great conference
 - Website info: online registration, newsletter, future: electronic voting; Need to have email address attached to membership data
2. Secretary's Report Marcia Pater
 - MSA to approve March 2011 minutes published in Spring Pathfinder
3. Treasurer's Report Kathy Smith
 - Checking balance: \$66,333
 - Savings balance: \$24,499.52
4. Newsletter and Website Report Sheri King
 - See number 1.
5. MSGNA Scholarship and Poster Contest Maria Edwards
 - Winners – more than 5 years in SGNA
Katherine Brock, Marion Smith, Christine Pilcher
 - Winners – less than 5 years in SGNA
Lashon Hart, Irla Irwin
 - No abstracts submitted for 2011 Poster Contest
6. Membership Report Deborah Schroeder
 - 258 Members, 90 CGRN, 4CM, 1 CNOR
7. COMON, Bylaws, Policy and Procedures April Sydow
 - Policies and procedures were reviewed this year
 - SGNA requires whistleblower protection, written record retention and vested interest policies
8. Vendor Coordinator Sandy Hansen
 - 25 vendors at this conference
 - Difficult job because vendors change. Members should encourage vendors to display at our conferences
9. 2011 MSGNA Elections Sheri King
 - 244 ballots mailed, 96 returned, 2 spoiled
 - Election Results:
 - President elect: Marion Smith
 - Directors at Large: Genevieve Kremke, Christine Pilcher
 - MSA to approve ballots
10. Program Chair Report Diane Thompson
 - Looking for sites to host conferences for Fall 2013, Spring 2014
 - Information provided on website re: upcoming conferences
11. Comments and Adjourn Lorel Baatenburg
 - Discussion about wheelchair discharges, frequency of changing suction containers, and propofol administration
 - MSA to adjourn

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