

The North Coast Scope

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Calendar of Events

NCOSGNA Fall Meeting
Carlisle Inn Walnut
Creek
September 18

26th Annual NCOS-
GNA Education
Course
Landerhaven
November 13

Hello from The President

It's hard to believe it is already April. Our Annual Spring Meeting was held at Strongsville and we thank everyone who attended. It was our first seminar that we relied on email and website postings rather than sending out flyers. We continue to urge everyone to utilize our website, www.NCOSGNA.org, to get updated information about our region.

One thing that was noted during registration for the Strongsville meeting . . . some of our members are registered under the wrong region. We are **Region #44**, North Coast Ohio. Some of you may be under Ohio SGNA or

Maumee Bay. Please check your member profile on the SGNA website. If you notice you are not under **Region #44**, please let them know. If you are not a member, please consider joining.

We have two more education programs to plan for this year; Walnut Creek and Landerhaven. If there is anyone who would be interested in becoming involved with our Education Committee or just attending Board meetings to learn what goes on behind the scenes to keep our Region running; please contact myself or any Board member about joining us for our next Board meeting. We would appreciate your support.

I am happy to have the opportunity to serve as your President this year. We have a strong Region and I truly enjoy working with our wonderful Board at North Coast Ohio SGNA. The dedication of this Board is extraordinary and I thank them all for their hard work.

Warmly,
Debbie Luteran RN, CGRN

F.Y.I

- Remember LPN's need to renew Ohio Nursing License this year. RN's & LPN's don't forget the mandatory 1 hour Ohio Nurse Practice Act requirement.
- Scholarships for the Annual NCOSGNA Fall Meeting will be awarded to members who attend the general NCOSGNA meetings. One name from each attendee list is selected for the scholarship which covers the registration fee.
- If you, or any of your co-workers have recently become certified in GI, please contact the NCOSGNA Board of Directors so that the region can recognize their achievement.

F.Y.I. continued

- The ASGE has published an article, “Management of Anti-thrombotic Agents for Endoscopic Procedures” in *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* 2009;70:1061-1070. The article details recent changes to medications (ASA & NSAIDS) prior to endoscopic procedures. Information on this topic can be accessed at the ASGE website.

Committee Reports

Membership Report

Current membership for NCOSGNA is 112 members. Please remember to designate Region #44 on your application or renewal forms. Contact SGNA at www.sgna.org

Education Committee

Please check out the Calendar of Events for upcoming meetings and conferences.

Nominations & Elections Committee

Amy Macak RN, past president, will be putting together a ballot of candidates for 2011. Interested members should contact her through the NCOSGNA website.

See You in Orlando

The 37th Annual Course in Orlando, Florida is quickly approaching. This will be my third national conference experience. For those of you GI nurses and techs who haven't attended, I strongly encourage you attend at least once. It's a great way to network and gather

together with so many other professional that share a passion for the GI field.

Start preparing now for next year's conference. Sharing expenses with a buddy is helpful. Talk to your manager now about sending staff to a conference and work on a budget.

There are scholarships available at the national and regional levels. Research them out and apply early.

When you do get to attend a national course, be sure to take back all the knowledge you obtained to your department. Everyone benefits.