

We have exciting news!! ODSGNA and Chesapeake Tristate SGNA have merged and we are now the Mid-Atlantic Region.

We are composed of Virginia, Northern Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. We are also including Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

By expanding the region we are hoping to offer more opportunities for our members. Our intention is to have members of each state be on the board and to have virtual education opportunities from each area.

We are developing a new website that will be available soon. We will keep you updated.

This summer the Mid – Atlantic SGNA Region will be meeting to update by-laws and the policy and procedures for the expanded region. Also, we plan to give more prizes for membership and educational conferences.

OFFICERS

*President Elect – Kelly Osborne RN, CGRN (2024 - 2029)

*President – Michelle Schmidt BSN, CGRN (2022 - 2024)

*Past President –Charlotte Timberlake-Torseth RN, BSN, CGRN, CMSRN, FCN

*Treasurer – Frank Daniels MSHA, MPH, CFER, CER, AGTS, CSPDT, CRCST, CSPM, CHL

*Secretary – Susan Gayda BSN, CGRN

Legislative Chair – Lisa Brown

Education Chair – Annette McVey MSN, CGRN

Communication Chair – Eileen Dauz BSN, CGRN, CFER

Membership Chair – Katie Edmonson BSN, CGRN

Member @ Large – Irene Rader BSN, CGRN

*denotes elected positions

Here we are again embarking on this new adventure with Chesapeake and Delaware along with West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Many hands make light work! Come join the fun and make the Mid-Atlantic Region Great!

From our current president:

If you would be interested in becoming involved in the board please contact Michelle Schmidt.

Hello Members!

I know it has been a while since our last Newsletter, but as you can see, many positive changes have occurred. Our region has been offered the opportunity to reach additional Endoscopy Nurses and Technicians providing information, education, certification benefits, scholarships, and an inclusive support system! Please don't miss our upcoming events.

Last spring MASGNA hosted our first in-person conference post-COVID with much success. We had a great turnout in Lynchburg, VA for the event. As our Region has grown tremendously in size, the Board has thoughts about future events and providing a virtual option to be able to reach the various states and members.

With this transition, we are working towards creating a user-friendly website in hopes of it up and running by our Williamsburg Conference in September. We are working with a builder in phases to be sure all Board and member needs are considered and met.

Not only is this a great time to get involved in our Region, it would be extremely beneficial to provide input on website needs or thoughts of improvements. We have an amazing opportunity for growth and I am excited for the future!

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**Mid-Atlantic
Region SGNA
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NEWSLETTER**

Mid Atlantic represents
Gastroenterology nurses
and associates in the states of
Virginia, Maryland,
Delaware, West Virginia, and
Pennsylvania.



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BOARD POSITIONS

The President's term is a four-year commitment and the Secretary and Treasurer are four-year terms. The committee chairs are appointed by the board.

The following officers will be up for election this year: secretary.

We have an annual meeting held in September during the ACG/VCG/Mid-Atlantic SGNA meeting in Williamsburg, VA. Our quarterly meetings are held via ZOOM.

Exciting News For Our Certified Members:

The board has approved helping those who decide to sit for their certification by giving them \$125 to help defray the costs of becoming certified.

Also, we have approved to assist those who are recertifying by giving them \$100 to help defray the cost of recertifying.

Application process TBA.

SGNA's Mid-Atlantic Region will continue to offer the following scholarships:

Requirements Include:

- A member of SGNA for 2 years
- Currently employed as a caregiver in gastroenterology
- You must actively support the goals and philosophy of SGNA

Available Scholarships:

SGNA National Course – Offering 2 –
Applications due 60 days prior to the course

ACG/VCG/Mid-Atlantic SGNA – Offering 1 –
Application due 30 days prior to the conference.

CGRN Certification Exam – awarded after
successful completion of the exam

Certified Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor
Techs – awarded after successful completion of
the exam

SPOTLIGHT: VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL CENTER ENDOSCOPY, RICHMOND, VA

The Alvin M. Zfass Endoscopy unit located in the VCU Gateway Building provides both routine and advanced endoscopic care to over 10,000 patients annually. The mission of the endoscopy unit is to deliver high-quality, compassionate endoscopic care in both an inpatient and outpatient setting.

The population served ranges from young adults to geriatric patients. The specialties supported are gastroenterology, hepatology, colorectal surgery, bariatric surgery, pulmonology, and cardiothoracic. The endoscopy unit consists of five procedure rooms, a fluoroscopy room, two bronchoscopy rooms, and a manometry room.

The endoscopy team is comprised of a nurse manager, nurse clinician, nurse practitioner, nurse navigator, registered nurses, endoscopy technicians, and a unit secretary. This energetic team has been awarded the highest percentage of hand hygiene among PeriOp services and has achieved having the most certified endoscopy technicians.

The HLD (High-Level Disinfectant) dept is a state-of-the-art unit located in the endoscopy department. Frank Daniels and his HLD team were recognized for Best Practice from The Joint Commission as well as being a module practice for CMS. The HLD team consists of over thirty team members and is growing.

In April 2022 VCU Health opened its first outpatient endoscopy center in Stony Point to expand the endoscopy services for the community. This unit consists of four procedure rooms and a manometry room that allows easy access to routine diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

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SAVE THE DATES

SGNA'S 51st Annual Course, Registration open

May 9-11, 2024

Louisville, Ky

Earn up to 32 contact hours

ACG/VCG/Mid-Atlantic SGNA

Sept. 7,8,9, 2024

Williamsburg, VA

There is a 3 hour nurse break-out for nurses and techs

Annual Business Meeting on 9/9/24 @ 7:30 a.m.

Information will be available on our website

Earn up to 11 contact hours

ODSGNA FUN FACTS:

First Chartered in 1992

1998-2000 – Drove the legislative process for reimbursement for colorectal cancer screening

Awarded Outstanding Regional Society in 2019, 2013, 2001, and 1994

Home of 2 founding members who eventually won the prestigious "Gabriele Schindler" award – Gail DeCosta and Nancy Schlossberg

2008 – The Back to Basics – Beyond the Basics educational series began.

ABCGN Outstanding Certified Region of the Year awarded 2015 and 2004.

1998 – 2018 ODSGNA, Chesapeake and the Delaware SGNA's held the DelMarVa conference rotating hosting the event. We had a strong history of working together.

