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Fall 2025

A newsletter of Mid-Atlantic SGNA

IMPORTANT DATES

National Certified Sterile Processing Week

October 12-18, 2025

ABCGN Certification

Spring testing applications accepted Jan 1-Feb 28. Testing window May 1-May 31. See website for more information.

SGNA GI Nurses & Associates Week

March 15-21, 2026 How do you plan to celebrate?

National Certified Nurses Day

March 19, 2026

SGNA 53rd Annual Course

May 17-19 in Atlanta, Georgia

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS HYBRID COURSE OFFERED BY MID-ATLANTIC SGNA. ATTEND IN-PERSON OR ONLINE. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE! REGISTER ONLINE MIDATLANTICSGNA.COM



SGNA Board

GOING PLACES



The MASGNA board headed to Pittsburgh PA for the SGNA 52nd Annual Course.

Pictured left to right: Annette McVey, Susan Gayda, Michelle Schmidt, Kelly Osborne, Irene Rader, and Lisa Brown

Board members traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the SGNA 52nd Annual Course. We joined over 700 gastrointestinal professionals from across the nation to engage with numerous speakers, explore vendor offerings, and network with fellow attendees.

If you have yet to attend a national SGNA event, I encourage you to make plans to participate next year. Attending such an event is likely to positively influence both your personal and professional development.

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Message from the President

COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

Welcome to an organization that values your daily contributions and celebrates both individual and team achievements. Your expertise, experience, and dedication are vital to driving meaningful improvements in the workplace. SGNA offers a strong professional community where you can connect, collaborate, and grow alongside peers nationwide.

SGNA was founded by Marna L. Schirmer, a registered nurse who recognized the need for professional networking among GI nurses. Through her initiative, she connected with over 300 colleagues, laying the foundation for the organization we know today. To learn more about SGNA's history and mission, visit www.snga.org.

We're proud to continue fostering a culture of networking and collaboration—and we want to hear from you. Share your professional achievements, educational events in your region, and community involvement with us. Visit www.midatlanticsgna.com to learn more. You can reach out via the Contact link on our website or email us directly at midatlanticsgna@gmail.com.



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GOALS:

MULTI-STATE REPRESENTATION

CENTRALIZED PLATFORM FOR COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION

FORMING PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE REGION

What's new in your unit?

HAVE ANY CELEBRATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS ?

[LET'S CHAT!](#)



From Immediate Past President

MICHELLE SCHMIDT, MBA, BSN, RN, CGRN

Wow, how time flies! I can't believe my term on the Mid-Atlantic SGNA Board is coming to an end. When I began my journey four years ago, I had plans to provide our members educational opportunities and a resource/collaboration forum for our Virginia members. As I look back, I see that I contributed to providing so much more.

In addition to our annual Williamsburg Conference, we have offered a conference in Lynchburg, VA and have an upcoming Hybrid Conference in November at UVA in Charlottesville, VA. Our region unfortunately had to pause on hosting a conference in the middle there to provide focus on the merger with the Chesapeake Tristate SGNA Region. This took a bit more time than anticipated, however, we were able to join forces and become the Mid-Atlantic SGNA region which now includes and serves Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington DC.

The merger and reorganization brought the Board together to re-evaluate how to reach all members throughout the various states and actively be a resource. I was able to spearhead the Mid-Atlantic rebrand and creation of our new and improved website: midatlanticsgna.com as well as our [LinkedIn](#) page. Our upcoming November conference is hybrid to encompass all our members as well. Finally, we also wanted to celebrate our members and their GI certification accomplishments by offering a monetary gift for both new and re-certification of nurses and technicians.

Thank you all for allowing me to become a part of this remarkable Regional Board and helping to lead our members in to the future. Our Board is always looking for State representation or involvement as well. Please visit our website and complete the "[Contact Us](#)" form and our Board will respond. If you know of any upcoming events or educational opportunities in your area, please let us know and we can add them to our website calendar and provide a link to the registration page. I know you are in good hands moving forward, so please become a part of this amazing society!



Advocacy

**Member, Charlotte Timberlake-Torseth
visiting the VA General Assembly to
support HB 1725 (Jan 2025)**



Education

**Partnerships with other organizations are a great way
to build networks and knowledge. Partnership with the
American College of Gastroenterology and Virginia
Gastroenterological Society at the annual Regional
Postgraduate Course in Williamsburg, VA (Sept 2025)**

2025

MASGNA Board

President: Kelly Osborne, BSN, RN, CGRN

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Secretary: Susan Gayda, BSN, RN, CGRN

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Membership Chairperson: Katie Edmonson BSN, RN,
CGRN

Mentor/Advisor: Irene Rader, BSN, RN, CGRN

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

TREASURER: 4-YEAR COMMITMENT

PRESIDENT-ELECT: 4-YEAR COMMITMENT

Voting Licensed Nurse Membership	Voting Associate Membership	Non-Voting Affiliate Membership	Non-Voting/Non-Practicing Membership	Student
New: \$165 Renew: \$145 / year Extended: \$247.50	New: \$115 Renew: \$100 / year Extended: \$172.50	Regular: \$165 / year Extended: \$257.50	Regular: \$80 / year Extended: \$120	Regular: \$50 / year Extended: \$68
This category includes registered nurses and licensed vocational/practical nurses involved in or associated with the practice gastroenterology.	This category includes technicians and assistive personnel associated with the practice of gastroenterology.	This category includes but is not limited to industry representatives, physicians, consultants and educators without an RN who are associated with the practice of gastroenterology.	This category is limited to retired professionals who wish to be kept informed of industry trends and advancements in the GI field.	This category is limited to students seeking to become a GI nurse or associate actively enrolled in an academic program.
Can Hold Office and Vote	Cannot Hold Office or Vote			

All Member Benefits:

- Rotating selection of 15+ free and discounted online education modules and *FREE* Webinars
- Subscription to the *Gastroenterology Nursing Journal* (a \$145 value)
- Opportunity to network with over 5,000 GI nursing professionals through our Communities discussion forums and Membership Directory
- Eligibility for SGNA Awards and Scholarships (over \$4,200 in scholarship opportunities)
- Free access to the SGNA Patient Resource Repository
- Free access to SGNA Practice Guidelines and Position Statements (\$100 value)
- Savings on registration for the Annual Course and Pre-conference Workshops
- Discount on Infection Prevention Champions Program (\$100 value)
- Discounts of \$50 or more on SGNA events such as Reprocessing Course & GI Nursing Review Course
- \$85 discount on Certification and Recertification with ABCGN
- Up to \$595 savings on Certification and Recertification study materials, and live review courses
- Access to over 45 Regional Societies
- Ability to Join SGNA Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Weekly newsletter, This Week @ SGNA, featuring association news, announcements and reminders

Why Certify?

- Expand your role in providing patient services
- Demonstrate your commitment to your profession
- Improve patient care
- Achieve greater satisfaction in your chosen profession
- Accelerate career growth

