

Greetings Everyone,

As we soon welcome in a New Year, I would like to reflect on the accomplishments and highlights from my experience with CTSGNA these past two years.

In 2010, I joined the Society of Gastrointestinal Nurses and Associates (SGNA) after attending several of their educational offerings. In 2015 I decided to get involved and was elected to the CTSGNA Board of directors for 2016 and continued on the path leading to presidency. Prior to working in Gastroenterology, I worked in the Emergency Department and was involved in The Emergency Nurses Association, through the Connecticut chapter, CTENA.

Being part of nursing organizations is a great way to keep current in practice. Through the many educational programs, resources, vendor learning opportunities, and most importantly networking and sharing experiences with colleagues in various different practices of Gastroenterology. It also provides the ability to have a voice in your practice collectively with others that share the same concerns.

Over the past two years, CTSGNA provided a total of 42.5 contact hours and that included 41.5 GI specific contact hours. In 2023 CTSGNA held a GI review course which was well received and hopefully will be able to be provided again. Annually the overall planning is minimally for 11.25 educational contact hours. This includes four zoom educational opportunities, two lecture with dinner opportunities, the ERCP Hands-On workshop and our annual Beyond the Scope course.

We have a phenomenal board for CTSGNA 2025 that have already started working on the plans to provide more educational opportunities for our membership. Please check the website www.ctsgna.org, keep an eye out for email notifications and social media for all the latest with CTSGNA. You can also take it a step further by attending a meeting or volunteering for a committee which can be quite rewarding! You will meet some wonderful people and help to steer the future of your practice!

As we close out 2024, I would like to thank the entire Board of CTSGNA and you for the pleasure of serving as the CTSGNA President for 2023 and 2024.

May you all enjoy a safe and lovely holiday season!

Most Sincerely, 

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