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## 2026 Educational Events

Most of these events are free and provide continuing education credits. Please sign up in advance and tell your friends so we can accommodate accordingly.

**Virtual Webinars:** Third Thursday in February, March, and April

- **February 19, at 6 pm:** [Healthmark](#), Dyan Darga, “Critical Updates: AAMI ST 91 for Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing”
- **March 19, at 6 pm:** [Olympus](#), Jessica Rodak, “It’s Stuck! Food Bolus & Foreign Body Removal”
- **April 9, at 6 pm:** [Boston Scientific](#), Betty McGinty, “Complications of ERCP”

### Networking & Dinner Meetings

- **June 18, at 6 pm:** [Boston Scientific](#), Neekoli Calderon and Dennis Brown, at J. Timothy’s Taverne in Plainville, Connecticut.
- **November 19, at 6 pm:** [Erbe](#), Chuck Bobala, at J. Timothy’s Taverne in Plainville, Connecticut.

**Beyond the Scope Conference:** September 26, 2026

- ⌚ Water's Edge Resort & Spa, 1525 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, Connecticut.
- 📝 Speaker list and details are still in works.
- 📋 Registration coming soon.

To sign up for our events, make sure you’re the first to know about registration by joining our email list! [Click here.](#)



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## Scholarship

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the National Scholarship. [Click here](#) to apply.

SGNA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Course from May 17 – 19 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Send scholarship application to [KathyVinci.RN@gmail.com](mailto:KathyVinci.RN@gmail.com)

## 2026 Nurse and Associate of the Year

The 2026 CT SGNA GI Nurse of the Year and GI Associate of the Year will be announced in fall 2026.

If you know a nurse or an associate you think deserves the spotlight then [click here](#).



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