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We are currently running elections and will announce new leaders at the November Dinner Meeting.

Elections will be held for the following positions:

President-Elect

Board of Directors

Nomination & Election Committee Members

Interested in getting involved? Reach out to us

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📖 Upcoming Educational Events 📖

Hands-On ERCP Workshop

📅 November 15

📍 Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, Connecticut

➡ For more information and registration: ctsgna.org/ercp

Dinner Meetings

📅 November 20,

📍 Chuck Bobala, Senior Sales Representative at Erbe

📍 J. Timothy's Taverne, 143 New Britain Ave, Plainville, Connecticut

SGNA 53rd Annual Conference

📅 May 16 to May 19, 2026

📍 Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia

➡ CTSGNA offers a scholarship for this conference!

CTSGNA Hands-on ERCP Workshop

November 15, 2025

Middlesex Health
28 Crescent Street, Middletown CT

7:30am Registration
8:00am-1:30pm Program

Program Facilitator
Danielle Contente, MSN, RN-BC

Breakfast & Refreshments
Provided

Registration limited to 35 participants
Fees: SGNA Member: \$55.00 ~ Non-Member: \$80.00
For more information please contact: ctsgnaboard@gmail.com

To Register
Visit ctsgna.org/ercp
Or scan the QR code

5.25 GI Specific contact hours

(This activity has been submitted to Georgia Nurses Assoc. for approval to award contact hours. GNA is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the ANCC's Commission on Accreditation)

Program Highlights

- Anatomy Overview
- Brushing / Dilation
- Guidewires / Sphincterotomes
- Lithotripsy / Balloons
- Plastic Stents Metal Stents
- Spy Glass

Stay updated about our future events by joining our email list today! [Click here.](#)

← Chuck Bobala, Senior Sales Representative at ERBE, at our November 2024 dinner meeting. Key takeaways from his presentation:

⚡ **Grounding Pad Placement:** Place pads on well-vascularized areas for the shortest circuit, avoid the buttocks, and remove carefully to prevent skin injury.

💧 **Carbon Dioxide in Electrosurgery:** Carbon dioxide is the standard of care as it does not support combustion, reduces pain, and improves recovery time compared to room air.





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🕒 Beyond the Scope Recap 🕒



👉 everyone who attended Beyond the Scope was given raffle tickets; 11 gift cards were given out.

Congratulations to BTS Scholarship Recipients:

Caitlin Rinn, RN (St. Francis)
Timothy King, GI Associate (SRC at YNHH)
Marie Reyes, GI Associate (St. Francis)

Nurse of the Year 2025

The 2025 CT SGNA GI Nurse of the Year was announced at Beyond the Scope



Kathleen Jones, BSN, RN from Saint Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport. Congratulations Kathleen!

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