

CTSGNA President's BTS 2023 Letter

Greetings and welcome to BTS 2023

The Connecticut Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (CTSGNA) is proud to present the 31st Beyond the Scope (BTS) program here in Bristol at the Doubletree by Hilton.

Your CTSGNA board has continued to plan educational events for our nurses and associates to help promote best practice. Today's program is designed to give attendees information to enhance knowledge in the area of Gastroenterology, provide continuing education credits to validate participation, membership updates, election results, and a relaxing environment where networking with colleagues can arise.

The Beyond the Scope program consists of six presentations covering a variety of topics to help enhance the practice of those whom work within the Gastrointestinal field. Our vendors provide additional education with updates on the latest technology, tools and products geared at facilitating better and more efficient diagnosis and care to our GI patients. This year our conference once again coincided with Yale's GI Rhode Island program. We did try to avert this by reaching out to them last year prior to confirming our date for BTS, but they had to change their original date. Next year we hope to look into having BTS in September, we will keep you posted!

Your professional organization needs assistance. Please think about contributing as we need members, who can step up and help guide CTSGNA as an officer or board member. The board meets mostly by zoom for one hour (just eight times for 2023); and once in-person over dinner. Participation incentives are real, please reach out to myself or any members of the board for any additional information. Also, are there any topics or education needs that we can address? We would be delighted to have your input on topics for next years programs.

Membership has perks! Please apply for scholarships!! Information and application are conveniently available under documents on the website. The costs for BTS and other programs can be covered with a scholarship, there is nothing to lose! Our current Connecticut membership is approximately 100.

Being an active participant in your professional organization can certainly enrich your career and brighten your pathways!

An important goal for our organization is to keep the lines of communication open. Please make sure your contact information is updated and correct through National SGNA. This information is transferred to our website listing. You can also sign up on the www.ctsgna.org to receive emails and fliers.

Thank-you for all that you do every day!

Sincerely, Kathleen Saunders, BSN, RN, CGRN
2023-24 CTSGNA President