



# Connecticut SGNA Newsletter

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## Greetings CTSGNA members!!

Well I don't know about all of you, but it's incredible to me that summer is coming to a close (and what a beautiful New England summer it's been!) and that fall is right upon us.

I hope everyone is well, preparing for back to school and work and for a healthy and productive fall.

The SGNA board and Beyond the Scope committee have been busily preparing for a very exciting 16<sup>th</sup> annual Beyond the Scope conference with even more interesting courses and speakers. This year the course is being held at a new, much more central and very convenient venue for our membership, the East Hartford Sheraton.

There will also be opportunity for members to sit for the CGRN exam during the conference and details and the application for certification are available at [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org)

In September, we will begin our 2008-2009 year, starting at Bridgeport Hospital as our host. Please see our website, <http://www.sgna.org/Resources/regions.cfm> for more details about this and other upcoming meetings.

We have ample opportunities for free-standing and facility-based endoscopy suites to host monthly meetings with speakers and topics of interest to the membership. Please contact Kathy Vinci at [kvinci@comcast.net](mailto:kvinci@comcast.net) if you are interested.

We also continue to actively elicit ideas and suggestions regarding how CTSGNA can meet the needs of our members and the community we serve, including innovations around early detection and screening as part of Colon Cancer Awareness during March, 2009. Please contact me or any board member if you have suggestions.

We all hope that you have a wonderful fall and look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting in Bridgeport and at Beyond the Scope in October.

Best regards,

Angel

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***COMPLICATIONS OF GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY***

**SPEAKER:** GEORGE G. ABDELSAYED, MD, FACP, FACG  
Section Chief – Gastroenterology  
Bridgeport Hospital  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
Yale University School of Medicine

**DATE:** September 18, 2008

**REGISTRATION:** 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**SGNA MEETING WITH DINNER:** 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATION:** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Bridgeport Hospital  
267 Grant Street  
Bridgeport, Ct. 06610  
Hollander Auditorium (4<sup>TH</sup> Floor)

**DIRECTIONS TO BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL CAN BE FOUND AT:**  
[www.bridgeporthospital.com](http://www.bridgeporthospital.com)

**RSVP:** by 9/11/08  
Liz @ 203-384-3000 Ext: 5913

Elizabeth C. Lapinski, BSN  
Professional Nurse II  
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This program has been approved for 1 contact hour. Bridgeport Hospital is an Approved Provider of Continuing Nursing Education by the Connecticut Nurses' Association, An Accredited Approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.



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Earn one Category 1 GI Specific CE hour  
without leaving your office!

[REGISTER NOW](#) for the ABCGN Teleconference

*Hepatitis C, Treatment and Challenges, and Risk for Liver Cancer*  
Presented by Marian Kerbleski, RN BSN CGRN,

San Francisco, VA Medical Center

Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 pm Central**

(1:00 pm Eastern, 11:00 am Mountain, 10:00 am Pacific)

**Take advantage of this great opportunity to enhance your knowledge and earn  
CE credit at the same time!**

Visit [www.abcgcn.org](http://www.abcgcn.org) for additional information and to register.

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## Scholarship for BTS

Applications for scholarships for BTS 2008 are now being accepted. Please download the forms and forward to Michelle Day. The deadline for application is September 30, 2008.

## CT GI Nurse of the Year

Nominations for CT GI Nurse of the year are now being accepted. Please download the application and submit to Michelle Day by September 30, 2008. Every department must have someone that can be nominated for this award.

## ABCGN

Certification exam is October 19, 2008. CTSGNA will be hosting an exam site at the Hartford Sheraton. Hotel rooms are available. Phone# 1-860-528-9703...

You can register now for the upcoming ABCGN Teleconference the conference will be September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm est. Topic of this conference is Hepatitis C, Treatment and Challenges, and Risk of Liver Cancer. For more info visit [www.abcgcn.org](http://www.abcgcn.org) this conference is sponsored by Olympus America

## BTS 2008

Just a reminder that registration for this year's conference is due by September 20, 2008. After September 25, 2008 there will be a late fee. The registration form can be downloaded if you have misplaced your copy.

## SGNA DEADLINES



### October 1, 2008

- Membership Dues Scholarship deadline

### October 15, 2008

- Research Grant deadline

### November 30, 2008

- Regional Society Member of the Year Nomination deadline
- Gabriele Schindler Award Nomination deadline
- Distinguished Service Award Nomination deadline

### December 1, 2008

- ABCGN Recertification deadline



**16th Annual**

**Beyond  
The Scope  
2008**

**Saturday**

**October 18, 2008**

**Optional ERCP Workshop**

**Friday, October 17, 2008**

**Certification Exam**

**October 19, 2008**

**Sheraton Hartford**

**East Hartford, CT**

## **Optional Hands-On ERCP Workshop**

**Location: The Sheraton Harford- Grand Ballroom  
October 17, 2008 12:00 pm to 5:15 pm**

The "Hands-On" ERCP Workshop will be held on Friday, October 17, 2008 from 12noon - 5:15pm. The session will consist of introductory case studies followed by 6 "hands-on" stations. Each participant will be rotated through the 45 minute "hands-on" stations. Vendors will be present during the break to demonstrate their latest product systems.

**Coordinators: Christine Sarisley, MS, RN, CGRN & Michelle Day, BSN, RN, CGRN**

**Case Studies: Michelle Day, BSN, RN, CGRN**

**The Stations: Each 45 minutes**

### **Wires and Papillotomes**

Donna Jacobs  
BS, RN

Jane Warkowski  
BSN, RN

### **Metal Stents**

Michelle Day  
BSN, RN, CGRN

Shawn Simmonds  
GI Tech

### **Biliary Brushings/Dilatations**

Rita Botelho  
RN, CGRN

Judith Grippo  
RN, CGRN

### **Plastic Stents**

Mary Beth Castle  
RN, CPT/ANC

Beverly Collins  
RN, CGRN, CAPA

Janet Vernacatola  
BS, RN, CGRN

### **2:15-2:45 Break/ Vendors**

### **Lithotripters (Olympus and Trapezoid)**

Joan Pandolfo, RN, CGRN  
Christine Sarisley, MS, RN, CGRN

### **Sohendra Lithotripter and Balloons**

Suzanne Colligan, AS, RN  
Kirsten Williams, BS, RN

This educational activity has been approved for 5 contact hours (5 GI specific) by the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. The Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Limited to first 40 registrants. Lunch on your own. Refreshment break provided.

**Optional ERCP Workshop Registration Form**  
**Friday, October 17, 2008**  
**NO GROUP REGISTRATION**

- Member \$100.00 -----
- After 9/25/08 \$125.00 -----
- Non-member \$125.00 -----
- After 9/25/08 \$150.00 -----

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**Mail Registration and Checks to:**  
 Rita Botelho  
 168 Huckeberry Lane  
 Southington, CT 06489  
 E-mail: [ritamay15@yahoo.com](mailto:ritamay15@yahoo.com) for confirmation  
 of registration.



**Beyond The Scope Registration Form**  
**Saturday, October 18, 2008**  
**NO GROUP REGISTRATION**

- Member \$125.00 -----
- After 9/25/08 \$140.00 -----
- Non-member \$150.00 -----
- After 9/25/08 \$165.00 -----
- Guest fee for lunch \$ 25.00 -----

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 confirmation of registration.



Make check or money order payable to CTSGNA. Registration must be postmarked by September 20, 2008.  
**On-site registration is offered if space is available. On-site payments must be in cash only.** Cost: members  
 \$140, nonmember \$165. Cancellation subject to a \$25 processing fee. \$30 fee for returned checks. If you have  
 further questions about either program, please contact Rita Botelho at: (W) 860-358-6610, (h) 860-621-5109.