



Northern California Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates

Annual Fall Conference

October 3, 2026

7:00 am – 4:15 pm

South San Francisco Conference Center

255 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco

Course Description & Statement of Need

The activity is designed to present current and new concepts, special techniques, and practical clinical approaches for patients undergoing gastrointestinal procedures.

Target Audience

Gastroenterology nurses and associates

Approval Statement

NCSGNA is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 6900, for 7.0 contact hours.

GI-specific contact hours through the American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses (ABCGN) are pending.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

NCSGNA requires all presenters and reviewers to disclose relevant financial relationships. All conflicts of interest have been mitigated prior to the commencement of the program.

Criteria for Successful Completion

To earn a certificate, learners must attend the entire course and complete an evaluation.

Registration Info



Course Director

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Sara Lewin, MD Gastroenterologist Clinical Professor at UCSF	Vijay Pottathil, MD Medical Director at San Mateo Medical Center	Christine Shieh, MD Gastroenterologist John Muir Health
Catherine Tambunan, NP Advanced Practice Provider Stanford Pelvic Health	Mike Wei, MD Clinical Assistant Professor Stanford University	Sheila Agpoon, RN, MBA, CGRN, LSSB Director of Endoscopy Stanford Hospital
Nilar Khaing, RN, BSN Manager OPC Stanford Hospital		



AGENDA

0700 – 0800	Registration, Vendors and Continental Breakfast	Welcome!
0800 – 0810	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Emily Scafidi, RN
0810 – 0900	Exploring the Final Frontier – Small Bowel Endoscopy	Sara Lewin, MD
	1. Review the anatomy and diagnostic challenges of the small bowel. 2. Describe current endoscopic techniques used to evaluate and treat small bowel disorders. 3. Recognize common indications, findings, and potential complications associated with small bowel endoscopy.	
0900 – 0950	Beyond the Embarrassment: New Approaches to Fecal Incontinence	Catherine Tambunan, NP
	1. Review common causes and clinical evaluation of fecal incontinence. 2. Describe conservative and emerging treatment options for fecal incontinence. 3. Discuss the nurse's role in patient education, symptom management, and improving quality of life.	
0950-1020	Break and Vendors	
1020 - 1110	Beyond the Bowel: Navigating Inflammatory Bowel Disease from Symptoms to Treatment	Vijay Pottathil, MD
	1. Compare the clinical features of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. 2. Recognize active IBD, complications, and common conditions that mimic an IBD flare. 3. Describe current IBD treatment and long-term management, including key nursing considerations.	
1110-1200	Stones, Scopes & Solutions: Navigating ERCP for Choledocholithiasis	Vijay Pottathil, MD
	1. Review biliary anatomy and the diagnostic evaluation of suspected choledocholithiasis. 2. Describe ERCP techniques used for sphincterotomy and biliary stone extraction. 3. Recognize major ERCP complications, including pancreatitis, bleeding, and perforation, and their clinical significance.	
1200 – 1300	Lunch	
1300 – 1400	Management of Inpatient GI Bleed	Mike Wei, MD
	1. Evaluate and risk-stratify acute gastrointestinal bleeding. 2. Initial medical stabilization and pre-procedural protocols. 3. Endoscopic modalities and post-procedural care plans.	
1400 – 1500	The ABCs of ERCP: Beyond the Stone	Christine Shieh, MD
	1. Identify common indications for ERCP beyond choledocholithiasis, including biliary obstruction, strictures, and bile leaks. 2. Describe the basic tools and accessories used during ERCP and their common applications. 3. Explain fundamental ERCP techniques, including cannulation, sphincterotomy, stone extraction, dilation, and stent placement.	
1500-1600	From Wheels Out to Wheels In: Improving Efficiency in the GI Procedure Room	Sheila Agpoon, RN Nilar Khaing, RN
	1. Identify common factors contributing to procedure-room turnover delays. 2. Describe strategies to improve communication, room readiness, and patient flow. 3. Apply lessons from interventional pulmonary workflow improvement to enhance efficiency and access in GI endoscopy.	
1600-1615	Business Meeting & Closing	Emily Scafidi, RN



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee: Early Bird Registration is \$120.00 for members, \$120.00 for GI Technicians, and \$195.00 for non-members through September 13, 2026. After September 13, rates increase to \$145.00 for members, \$145.00 for GI Technicians, and \$225.00 for non-members. **Registration CLOSSES September 27, 2026.**

To register, visit <https://ncsgna.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/151517-ncsgna-2026-fall-conference#!info> or scan the QR code above.

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- If you are unable to attend, please cancel your registration ASAP. You will need to request a refund; however, no refunds will be available after September 20, 2026.