

Fall/Winter 2014 Heartland SGNA

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Stepping Forward Connecting with Our GI Community

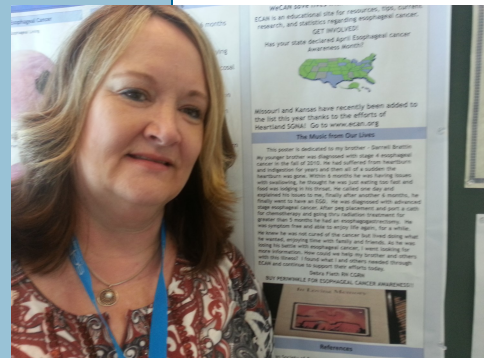


President's Message: Debra Fieth RN CGRN

Hope all of you are looking forward to wonderful holiday season. This year has gone by extremely fast and what a wonderful busy year it was. HRSNGA has seen some changes within our region this year. We have had two fantastic educational conferences this year that brought in speakers from around the country and near-by hospitals. The knowledge that these conferences offer to attendees is without a doubt the best. We have individuals that attend as far away as Oklahoma, Arkansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and far western Kansas. I want to acknowledge our vendors that help with our conferences they are a huge support to our region and offer educational information to attendees.

Our national conference was held in Nashville, TN and all that attended had a great experi-

ence. Laura Habighorst, Lisa McKay and I made a poster for the poster contest, receiving 2nd place for our poster titled "SGNA and ECAN: Orchestrating a Better Tomorrow with Esophageal Cancer." This was a first for Heartland Regional and we are very proud of our accomplishment.



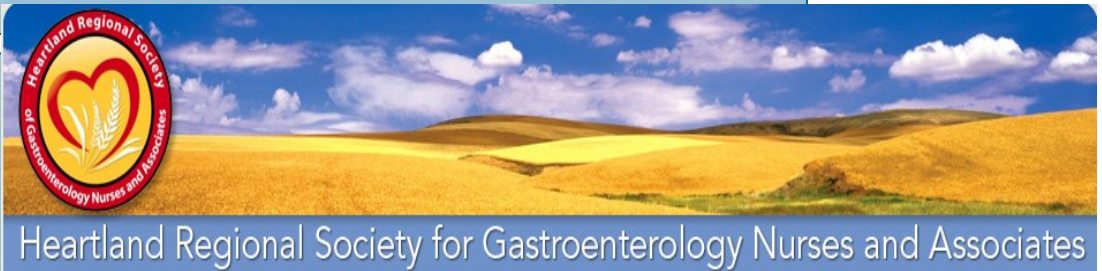
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Web Site Undergoes Construction

Heartland Regional SGNA's website has partnered with Nursing Network for their services. Nursing Network will allow the nurses of the GI community to interact and follow other nurse's groups across the country in one easy location.

Our web address remains the

same: www.hrsngna.org. With the new service we will be able to register and pay for conferences on line and direct link to SGNA.

Members will have their own page and others can become followers. So check us out and see how far we have come! [Www.hrsngna.org](http://www.hrsngna.org)





"I have the results of your liver scan.
You don't have all your ducts in a row."

*"provide online registration
and payment options to
conference attendees and
vendors."*

How Do We Get Contact Hours? Aline Moore MSN RN CGRN

As your Director of Education I have had the responsibility to review and submit our program objectives and content to SGNA for program and contact hour approval. These programs are reviewed by an SGNA committee called, Continuing Education Peer Review Group (CEPRG) to which I am a member. No I do not get to review and evaluate our programs however I do

get to review and evaluate many other educational programs submitted to SGNA. The contact hours that are approved must follow strict guidelines set forth by ANCC. Currently, SGNA is in the process of reaccreditation and with this follows a great deal of time commitment and paperwork to a select group of SGNA staff and CEPRG members. We also must

have approval from ABCGN for all of our contact hour programs as members of ABCGN make the decision as to how many contact hours are GI specific in each program submitted to them. The following is posted on the national SGNA web site under CE Approver Unit: "Major revisions to the CE Approver Unit application are coming soon!" (cont'd. page 3)

President's Message (continued)

I want to acknowledge the 2014 Heartland board members. Laura Habighorst (past president) who has been a strong influence on making changes with our Web site this year. We will see more changes with our website. Our goal is to make it user friendly, improve communication with Heartland members, provide online registration and payment options to conference attendees and vendors. Laura will be our Education Chair for this next year. Deborah Mercer (President-elect) accomplished the updates for our by-laws this year and they have been submitted to National for approval. I am looking forward to Deborah as our HRSNGA President Lynn Elsloo, our treasurer for the 3rd year, has done a wonderful job with maintaining the financial strength

of our organization. Aline Moore, has held the position for Educational Chair these past 2 years, and again with obtaining speakers, locations for our conferences, and all the new changes that have been handed down from SGNA, she has completed her role with the knowledge and the grace to offer wonderful educational opportunities to our region. Marie Fanning started the year as Director-at-large and stepped up to take over for the Secretary position when it became vacant. She has done a wonderful job and will continue as our secretary this next year. Lisa McKay is our other Director-at-large, and has been a huge support to board members. I want to welcome Julie Rangel, RN CGRN and Jennifer Nichol, RN BSN CGRN as our new

Director at large positions. I want to thank all the Heartland Regional SGNA members who have supported me and the board this past year. It has been an educational experience to be President. This is an organization I am proud to say I have had some influence on and an experience that will last me a life time. When I started in GI as a physicians nurse with Dr Burnell Landers, I had no idea that I would someday be in a position that I would help others with education in the field they have chosen as their career. I am now an Infusion nurse and still working at Consultants in Gastroenterology. Again I say thank you to all who has supported me in this journey this last year as your President. May you all have a wonderful new year!



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WWW.HRSGNA.ORG

Our mission:

To educate, advocate,
and support
gastroenterology nurses
and patients

Certification (cont'd.)

As a certified nurse you are more likely to be engaged in your professional organization(s), unit level projects, and quality initiatives. As a manager, it is important for me to express the importance of certification to my team and help encourage and support them in earning theirs. Certification is contagious and can grow within a department. One certified nurse in a department demonstrates their dedication to excellence to their peers. As other nurses within a department earn their certifications it shows the

department's dedication to excellence. A department's certification ratios show their dedication to excellence to the facility. A facility's certification ratios show the community the level of dedication to excellence in the organization. This process continues at the community, national, and international level. When I think of it in this way it demonstrates the power one nurse can have in influencing the transformation of healthcare to the highest level of excellence. Maybe that nurse is you.

Important Dates

Recertification Deadline:
December 31, 2014

2015 Spring Examination

Computer-Based Testing
Window
May 1-31, 2015

2015 Spring Exam
Registration Window
January 1 - February 27,
2015 (last business day of
the month)
Registration will close at
5:00 pm ET on February 27,
2015.

For information on certification contact:

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**Jeannie Ebert MSN RN CGRN,
Heartland Member and
President of ABCGN**

GET CERTIFIED TODAY!

