

Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc.
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- 1) **Background Information:** WHEREAS, there are discrepancies in scope processing practices.
- 2) **Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s):** RESOLVE, that SGNA require each region to provide a minimum of one contact hour annually that is dedicated to scope reprocessing or infection control as part of their annual rechartering requirements.
- 3) **Rationale:** Reinforce existing standard of care that's provided by SGNA and maintain patient safety.
- 4) **Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact:** None.
- 5) **Check the goal(s) most closely related to your resolution:**

- Goal 1: Role Definition**
SGNA will define and support the different roles with GI / Endoscopy Nursing.
- Goal 2: Education**
Expand SGNA's value, credibility and professionalism as a leader in gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing by providing timely, relevant education delivered by diverse and accessible methods.
- Goal 3: GI Nursing Practice**
SGNA will establish and recommend best and emerging practices in gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing.

6) **References**

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1) *Background Information:* WHEREAS, there is a lack of professional association guidance , whereas there is a member need as scope handling and reprocessing is a current hot topic, and whereas there is a wide range of actual practice...

2) *Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s):* RESOLVED that SGNA's Practice Committee more clearly state in the *Standards of Infection Control in Reprocessing of Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopes* how scopes should be stored with regard to no sponge or padding on the distal tip of the insertion tubes.

3) *Rationale:* Any retained fluid may get trapped in the sponge and then it could become a breeding ground for bacteria. Also, would be consistent with manufacturer's instructions that state scopes should hang freely.

4) *Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact:* Absorbed by current Practice committee and SGNA staff. .

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Manufacturer's Instructions

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Regional Society Affiliation: #19 Central Illinois, #45 Ohio, #4 Arkansas, #46 Central Oklahoma

1) Background Information: WHEREAS, there is no document outlining the shelf life of infrequently used endoscopes.

2) Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s): RESOLVED, that SGNA write a position statement stating a specific length of time a scope may hang unused before requiring reprocessing prior to next patient use.

3) Rationale: There is no standard at this time stating that if a scope is not used how long it can be idle without being reprocessed.

4) Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact: Cost of data set search and processing cost.

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1) *Background Information:* WHEREAS, regional leaders struggle with sending attendees to the Leadership Conference because of expense, time and deciding whose turn it is to attend and what role.

2) *Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s):* RESOLVED, that SGNA will provide a monthly PowerPoint or other form of static content to members with a focus on regional leadership. Potential topics could include: budgeting, marketing, leadership development, contact hours and sponsorship. Contact hours would be included.

3) *Rationale:* Sustainability and smarter working. Reduce expenses of travel and provide education to specific leaders/roles in region.

4) *Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact:* Cost reduction of current Leadership Conference if we reduce schedule to every other fall (~\$18,000).

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Regional Society Affiliation: #3 Arizona

- 1) **Background Information:** WHEREAS, SGNA encourages regions to have their own Web site.
- 2) **Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s):** RESOLVED, that SGNA develop content on regional Web site best practices.
- 3) **Rationale:** Would increase info sharing, visibility and accessibility of the region to members and other regions.
- 4) **Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact:** Development of course/speaker.
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1) Background Information:

WHEREAS, SGNA's goal is always to expand its membership and SGNA's mission includes advancing the "*practice of gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing through education...by promoting the professional development of its members.*"

2) Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s):

RESOLVED, that SGNA offers free/nearly free educational offerings with contact hours to its members, online, on a regular basis, i.e. monthly or quarterly

3) Rationale: Free educational opportunities and contact hours are offered by many other nursing organizations, including the Society of Interventional Radiology, Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN), and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN). Contact hours are required by many nurses to renew their license, to renew their certification and to excel in their yearly evaluations. Free contact hours to our members would motivate more GI nurses to become members and enable more GI nurses the affordability to renew their certifications without the expense of traveling and conference fees.

4) Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact: Increased memberships would help defray the cost of educational offerings and contact hours. Increased membership numbers might encourage more corporate sponsorships for educational offerings.

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1) Background Information:

WHEREAS, the SGNA Annual Course currently convenes in May.

2) Recommended Strategy(s) or Outcome(s):

RESOLVED, that SGNA offer the National Annual Course in April.

3) Rationale: There are multiple activities that occur in May i.e. graduation, Mother's Day and this would allow an increased number of participants to attend the Annual Course.

4) Cost Analysis/Budgetary Impact: Possible increase in revenue for SGNA due to higher attendance.

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