



Summer 2019

### President's Message

Hello everyone,

Summer is here and in full swing. With the 2019 Regional Annual Educational Conference and 2019 National Annual Course now both behind us, we've already begun planning for events in 2020. We will let everyone know when we settle on a date for our next Regional Conference.

The 45th Annual Course was held in Portland, Oregon and I truly enjoyed the venue. Portland is a breath of fresh air, literally! The nature is tied in with the urban spaces. The Columbia River Gorge, the Rose Garden, Mount Hood, and the beach are all nearby! Not to mention countless opportunities for the foodie, brew pub enthusiast, and people watcher.

The entire course was wonderful, but the call to action for me centered around Esophageal and Gastric Cancer. The rise in incidence of these cancers has made me take pause. Those experts presenting shared the opportunities we have to advocate for appropriate screening and treatment for our patients. It inspired me and left me wanting to do more! I would encourage everyone to explore the [Esophageal Cancer Action Network or \(ECAN\)](#). To effectively fight this

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### Upcoming Dates

- Get Your Rear in Gear 5K in Columbus, OH. This is a colon cancer coalition. - September 14th, 2019 - Creekside 151 Mill St. Gahanna, OH
- The Ohio Gastroenterology Society's (OGS) Annual Meeting is also September 14, 2019 at Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport, Columbus, Oh.
- 2019 Cincinnati Undy Walk 10/05/2019



disease, ECAN is bringing together a community of individuals and groups who are concerned about the rapid increase in Esophageal Cancer cases and want to support the campaign for public awareness and the creation of more effective tools to detect and treat the disease.

You can learn more at [www.ecan.org](http://www.ecan.org).

The second call to action for me is specific to leading this region. I want to ensure all of our members and our regional leadership team are aware of the opportunities the SGNA website enhancements offer us. I encourage you to check out the website and all the tools there. The SGNA Communities forum offers networking opportunities like never before, and my unit has benefited from the resources there.

The 2020 Annual Course will be in Louisville, KY and all who attend will have the opportunity to leverage all resources the course and the community has to offer.

I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the summer! Please reach out if you have any needs!

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**Re-fresher on Certification requirement & upcoming education opportunities**

<p>ABCGN @www.abcgcn.org</p>	<p>Candidates must have been employed in a clinical, supervisory, administrative, teaching or research capacity in an institutional or private practice setting for a minimum of 2 years full-time, or its part-time equivalent of 4000 hours, within the past 5 years in GI/Endoscopy - Resource ABCGN Certification handbook</p>
<p>Certification by Exam Certification Handbook</p>	<p>To qualify for GI certification - 2 years' experience as an RN 2 responsible practitioners in specialty who verify work experience and professional qualifications A copy of current and unrestricted license as RN in the United States</p>



	<b>October Exam</b> – Registration open June 1 – last business day of July
Re-Certification by contact hours	Minimal requirements for Re-Certification – 5 year <b>Total hours 75</b> GI Specific 60 GI Specific Category I 30 - (live seminars) Resource - Recertification handbook at <a href="http://www.abcgcn.org">www.abcgcn.org</a>
	Upcoming Education Opportunities
September 14 OSUMC campus @Biomedical Research Tower	The Ohio State University Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual EndoNurse & EndoTech Course Classroom to Hands on Experience Registration fee - <u>Complimentary</u> <a href="mailto:GI.conference@osumc.edu">GI.conference@osumc.edu</a>
September 14 Embassy Suites, Columbus Airport	OGS - Ohio Gastroenterology Society Annual Meeting Registration fee – <u>Complimentary</u> - OSGNA/SGNA members View Registration & agenda online - <a href="http://www.ohiosociety.org">www.ohiosociety.org</a>
SGNA <a href="http://www.sgna.org">www.sgna.org</a> July-Aug-Sep	SGNA elearning website for upcoming webinars July - Managing Cirrhosis Aug - Endoscopic Bariatric Sep - Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis/Autoimmune Hepatitis

### Region 45 Save the Date!

Please join us at the 47th Annual Course in Louisville Kentucky May 15-19, 2020. Meet up with your Ohio region 45 board members in Louisville! This conference is so close to our home region we would love to see a big contingent of Ohio GI/Endoscopy nurses and technicians joins us for the conference. As we get closer to the date we will post more information on the hotel where we will be staying and any updates we have in our newsletter and on our Facebook page.