



# Connecticut SGNA Newsletter

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## Presidents Letter

Happy Spring!

I hope everyone had a wonderful March, which as you all know is Colon Cancer Awareness month. Easter and Passover will soon be upon us and our National meeting is also just around the corner!

During our first two meetings of 2007 we had excellent attendance and I'd like to thank Mary Anne Pescosolido, RN, BSN, MS, Assistant Nursing Manager at Manchester Memorial hospi-

tal for hosting our February meeting. During that meeting Dr. Peter Buch gave an excellent lecture on Celiac, Ischemic Colitis and Barretts.

I would also like to thank Jennifer Bellamo from Middlesex endoscopy unit for having Dr. Generoso present on GI Bleeds during our March meeting.

I continue to appreciate Kathy Vinci for her hard work and efforts in organizing our upcoming meetings during 2007. I'd like

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## CBGNA Upcoming Events

### April 11, 2007

is the last day that you can vote for your new board members. Please fax your ballot in asap. You can also go to the website and vote.

### April 24, 2007

CBGNA Teleconference 11:00am Central time. Deadline for early registration is April 13<sup>th</sup>. You can go to the web site to register. CEU's will be offered. If you have any questions about the cost or the process please contact Emily Nolan at CBGNA headquarters (1-800-245-SGNA ext 3). This month's topic is "Update on Barrett's Esophagus"

### May 19, 2007

Certification Exam: Test sites are Baltimore, Las Vegas, and Ridgeview, New Jersey

### August 15, 2007

Applications are due for the Fall Exam. The exam will be given in the Boston area. There is still time to prepare for the exam. Let's see if we can have a few candidates from CTSGNA. The exam date is **October 21, 2007.**

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## Presidents Letter

to acknowledge the Beyond the Scope committee for the work they have started for our chapter's annual meeting in October. We are very excited about the meeting this year and a round up of outstanding speakers. We would like to ask all of you to encourage all of your co-workers to also attend the meeting and to support the mission of our organization, which is primarily about providing continuing education for GI nursing professionals.

I would like to encourage as many of the Connecticut members as possible to attend our national meeting in Baltimore. Connecticut's own Carol Stevens has done an amazing job as the national president and we should all be incredibly proud for how she has put our chapter on the national map! Her dedication and contributions are inspiring to all of us here in Connecticut, current members nationwide and future SGNA members.

## SGNA 34th Annual Course

Date:  
May 18-23, 2007

Place:  
Baltimore, Maryland

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## Annual Course Winner for 2007

### **Congratulations to the Annual Course winners for 2007**

**Rita Botelho**

**Christine Sarisley**

**Betsy Tyrrell**

CTSGNA continues to support education by providing scholarships. The forms are available online. The scholarships are based on a point system. Scholarship awards are based on a biannual eligibility requirement. The guidelines and activity points are in need of review. Anyone interested in assisting the board with reevaluation of the current scholarship form please contact Michelle Day.

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## Helpful Hints from your Friends at IMS

### **Lynne Thomas, BSN, RN, CGRN**

Federal and Environmental Guidelines govern the transport of medical materials. According to the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. (SGNA), contaminated endoscopes should be transported to the reprocessing area in an enclosed container<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, government agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hold you responsible for transporting waste and contaminated materials in a sealed impervious container in order to protect the environment<sup>2</sup>.

1) <http://www.sgna.org/Resources/guidelines/guideline3.cfm>

2) <http://wonder.cdc.gov/wonder/prevguid/p0000412/p0000412.asp#head004>

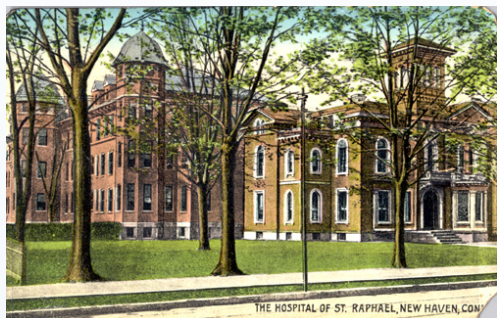


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## The Hospital of Saint Raphael

The Hospital of Saint Raphael is a 511 bed academic health science center affiliated with the Yale University School of Medicine. The Hospital was founded by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, who continue as its sponsors. The Sisters came to New Haven at the request of a group of local doctors, led by Dr. William Verdi. They wanted to open a hospital that would receive and care for all patients without regard to race, creed or color; to extend charity to the sick and poor and needy. Saint Raphael's continues this special mission today.



The GI Lab at St. Raphael's performs about 6,000 cases a year. This number has declined because of the opening of several outpatient endoscopy centers in the area. We

offer all of the routine screening procedures such as colonoscopy and upper endoscopy and also provide advanced procedures such as ERCP, EUS/FNA, esophageal manometry, 24 hour PH monitoring. We will be providing Bravo PH monitoring and have just purchased the capsule endoscopy system. We also perform bronchoscopies in our area. We have our own C-Arm room and have recently renovated the suite to provide greater privacy for the patients.

## Letter From the Editor

Hope everyone is ready for Spring. Spring means conference time, with the Annual SGNA Conference this year being in Baltimore, hopefully we'll have good representation from Connecticut. This year at the Tuesday evening dinner Carol Stevens will be honored for her past year as President of SGNA. As a reminder we try to sit together at both the CBGNA Gala and Tuesday dinner. If you will be attending please look for familiar faces and join us. See you in Baltimore!

Gail Steele LPN/CGN

## Hospital of Saint Raphael's

Date:  
Thursday, April 19,  
2007

Speaker:  
Dr. Elmer Valin

Topic:  
Lap Banding Vertical  
Banding Complications  
post op

