Our Regional NCSGNA Fall Conference
will be at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel
on Saturday, September 21, 2019
You won’t want to miss this one! We know you want to stay current on the art and science of GI / Endoscopy, meet and greet colleagues and friends, and learn about the latest techniques, treatments and tools from our vendors (but we won’t tell if you come for the conference and stay for the stunning scenery).

We are planning some exciting extras for this conference. Check out our website at NCSGNA.org or our FB page for up-to-date info, or feel free to email one of your friendly Board Members (contact info in this issue and every issue).

Our conferences rely on generous donations of time and content from our speakers, who are mainly rewarded by your energy and enthusiasm. They rely heavily on our vendors, who choose to support our conferences in exchange for the opportunity to share their products with you. Our all-volunteer Board of Directors spends time and energy ensuring that we support the Northern California SGNA with educational conferences while still maintaining fiscal responsibility. Consider taking the next step—start out by observing, asking, or even volunteering yourself!

- Keep Your Membership Up-to-Date—SGNA wants to ensure that you have uninterrupted access to year-round member benefits. Visit the Member Center to renew your membership today!
Message from the Past President

If you don't know already, our long-term Board Member, Kendall Yoshisato, won a prestigious award at the national SGNA conference this past Spring—GI Professional of the Year. Here is one of the nominating statements and only a small representation of the vast contributions he has made.

Clinical
Kendall’s vast knowledge of various tools and equipment has greatly helped our Gastroenterologists remove difficult polyps and manage complications, such as bleeding. Kendall serves as a role model to many nurses throughout our unit, including myself. Kendall serves as the leader in our Unit Based Council; his vision energized staff to pursue performance improvement projects. For example, Kendall led our team to improve our average admission to discharge time through streamlining our procedure workflow; thus, reducing patient wait times for procedures.

Education
Kendall has organized many educational programs for the Northern California Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates. For example, he has put together the ABCs of ERCP course alongside Dr. Joseph Leung for the past 10 years. Kendall’s commitment to education is longstanding—he has served on the Northern California SGNA board of directors for 25 years (where he served as President twice). Additionally, he has presented many topics to many nurses and GI professionals ranging from Capsule Endoscopy at our NCSGNA conference; to presenting on Inflammatory Bowel Disease during our VA Grand Nursing Rounds. Kendall serves as faculty for the Advanced Endoscopy skills course for technicians with Dr. Ronald Hsu.

Service
Kendall has been a CGRN for 26 years and has encouraged his colleagues to pursue certification (including myself). Whether it is a question regarding pathophysiology, a particular accessory for our equipment, or how to perform an intervention—Kendall is always willing to provide us with an invaluable teaching moment. Kendall’s leadership skills have helped shape our unit; he has served as our voice with upper management and has positively influenced the management’s decision to bring newer nurses into our GI department. In fact, he was instrumental in my career because he mentored me from the very beginning. I went from being a nervous new grad, to a more confident RN with a CGRN and who followed in his footsteps in becoming the 2018 NCSGNA President.

Please consider my nomination of Kendall Yoshisato for the GI Professional Award.

Thank you,
Shaleena Kumar, MSN, RN, CGRN
Message from the Director of Community & Legislative Relations

In March 2019, Northern California SGNA signed the 80% in Every Community pledge, a nationwide campaign led by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT) to ensure at least 80% of adults take advantage of potentially life-saving colorectal cancer screening. To date, more than 1,750 organizations have committed to the shared goal of increasing colorectal screening rates to 80% and higher for adults aged 50 and older. By partnering together, we will reduce barriers to screening in our community and save more lives.

Northern California GI nurses and associates build awareness of the importance increasing colorectal cancer screening in order to decrease mortality rates from this preventable, treatable, beatable disease. Planning events for 2020 March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month? I encourage you to visit the National Colorectal Roundtable website (http://nccrt.org/80-in-every-community/ and http://nccrt.org/resource-center/) to take advantage of a wealth of materials available for use.

Message from the Director of Vendors

If you have recently tried a new product that you really liked, please send me the contact number of the vendor so that I may invite them to upcoming conferences. That way they can share their product with your GI colleagues.

Thanks to all of you for visiting the vendor tables during the conferences. Without their continued support of our conferences, the fee to attend would be higher.
Stanford Health Care OPC opened last July 2019 featuring 9 procedure rooms, 18 recovery bays and private prep rooms located just outside each of the procedure rooms, maximizing patient privacy and minimizing patient travel. Scope Processing Department on the same floor providing quick turnaround time. Decentralized nursing and observation stations for efficient patient care.

We are providing procedures namely but not limited to EGD, Colonoscopy, Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, Dilation, manometry procedures e.g. antroduodenal, colonic, bravo capsule, FMT, EMR, hemorrhoid and variceal banding, etc. Our team is highly motivated, engaged in providing high quality patient care and maintaining efficient procedure completion. Recent TJC surveyor comment: “High Class Endoscopy suite seen in the country”.

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Leadership Directory
Contact information for the NCSGNA leadership

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NCSGNA Calendar of Events

September 21, 2019
NCSGNA Fall Course
Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel

May 15-19, 2020
SGNA Annual Course
Louisville Kentucky
The NCSGNA Scholarship is open to members only. This information is for informational purposes only. Please download your application from www.ncsgna.org. You will be asked to provide your:

Name:________________________
Address:________________________
City/State/Zip Code:________________________
E-mail:________________________
Home Phone:________________________
Employer:________________________
Work Phone:________________________

What is the scholarship for?

The goal of this scholarship is to help a regional member attend the SGNA Annual Course. One $1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to be used for registration, airfare, and hotel accommodations. Recipients must provide documentation of actual use of funds.

What criteria are used to award the scholarship?

- The applicant’s support of SGNA, both regional and national;
- The applicant’s promotion of GI nursing;
- The applicant’s activities within their hospital and community;
- The applicant’s participation within local, state, and federal government on behalf of nursing and health care issues;
- The applicant’s participation in other nursing organizations.

What is the application process?

Begin by checking off any activities in which you have participated (each category is assigned a point value by the Scholarship Committee). Expand upon these activities, include other areas that you feel demonstrate your qualifications for this award, and add any additional comments. Return this entire form and your comments to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

Eligible applicants must have been a voting licensed nurse or associate of NCSGNA for two years or more, must demonstrate support of NCSGNA’s goals and objectives, must currently be employed in gastroenterology. Members of the Board of Directors and those who have received an NCSGNA Educational Course grant within the past three years are ineligible.

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National SGNA or ABCGN (e.g., HOD Speaker or Vice Speaker; national Board Member):

SGNA Foundation Board Member; SIG Group Coordinator; Annual Course poster presenter, speaker, committee member, monitor or moderator):

Education (e.g., staff in-services, community presentations, teaching student nurses, mentoring new employees):

Government (e.g., special projects, resolutions):

Health Fairs/Other Professional Organizations/GI Nurses Day:

Miscellaneous:

Research/Educational Posters

If your poster is accepted for display at the Annual Course, you may be eligible for a monetary subsidy.

Here’s hoping you will join us at the 2020 SGNA Annual Course!!!