

Save the Date

September 8-9, 2018

ACG/VGS/ODSGNA Regional
Postgraduate Course
Williamsburg, VA

October 5, 2018

Getting to the Bottom of Colorectal
Cancer Screening Webinar
University of Virginia

October 27, 2018

Pulmonary Endoscopy Conference
Chesapeake, VA

November 10, 2018

SOAP, SCOUR, SHOWER: Scope
Reprocessing from A-Z
Charlottesville, VA

March 2019

Beyond the Basics
Location TBD

April 12-16, 2019

46th Annual National SGNA Conference
Portland, OR

Scholarships

You may be eligible for an Old SGNA Scholarship if:

- You have been a member of ODSGNA for two or more years (as of January 1st, of this year).
- You must currently be employed as a caregiver in gastroenterology.
- You must actively support the goals and philosophy of SGNA

Interested in attending any of the following?

- SGNA National Annual course – offering 2 – Application must be received 60 days prior to meeting
- ACG/VGS/ODSGNA – offering 1 – Application due 30 days prior to meeting
- CGRN Certification exam
- Certified Flexible Endoscopy Reprocessor (CFER) Techs – awarded after successful completion of certification in GI Scope Reprocessing

For more information, go to:

www.ODSGNA.com

ODSGNA:

Well Represented at the 45th Annual National SGNA Conference

This year the National SGNA was in Orlando, Florida. The conference was a great success. Several SGNA members were among the speakers. Congratulations to the following who represented our region at the National Conference.

Eileen Babb – The Use of Carbon Dioxide in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Best Practices for Specimen Preparation in the GI Lab, 80% by 2018: A Community Hospitals Journey, and Leadership in Action.

Lisa Brown – Basic Anatomy and Physiology of the Gastrointestinal System for the GI Associate.

Kristen Seay – Employee Engagement for Nurse Managers and Beware Millennials. Colorectal Cancer is on the Rise!

Terri Rodee and Brenda Vaughn had a poster presentation on Radio Frequency Ablation.

It is not too late to submit an abstract for a poster presentation next year.

EndoScoop Old Dominion SGNA's Fall 2018 Newsletter

ODSGNA represents Gastroenterology nurses and associates in and around the southeast and central region of Virginia



ODSGNA Updates:

- ODSGNA provides educational opportunities, scholarship opportunities for membership, various conferences, and certification.
- Please plan to attend the annual ODSGNA Business meeting held at the Williamsburg conference on Sunday morning September 9th at 7:30 AM.
- By attending you will be updated on what ODSGNA is doing and it also gives you the opportunity to give your input on what you would like ODSGNA to do for you.

Message from the President:



Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall is fast approaching. When I think about fall I also think about renewing my SGNA membership. Yearly memberships can be renewed in November.

First of all I want to thank you all for staying committed to SGNA and ODSGNA. Without you it wouldn't be possible for ODSGNA to give you the educational opportunities we do. As a long-time SGNA member and volunteer, I value the relationships I've built and the knowledge I've gained to improve my practice, while advancing the GI specialty.

SGNA members receive exclusive access to information on industry trends and evidence-based practice, receive free and discounted education, and network with others who are passionate about our field. And SGNA resources help you to stay up-to-date on technologies, tools and safety developments, and earn contact hours toward certification/re-certification and licensure.

Through your membership ODSGNA was able to make donations to Hitting Cancer Below the Belt and the Crohn's foundation. This helps us to keep our vision statement alive by "Leading the next generation beyond best practices for a disease-free gut."

Also, if you have let your membership lapse it is not too late to re-join the organization now through SGNA's mid-year membership program, and stay connected to our society through December 31, 2019, at one discounted rate.

Irene Rader, BSN RN CGRN

"I have volunteered with HCB2 since 2013 at the first "Boxer Brief" 5K event to the present. Our last Boxer Brief 5K on June 9th, 2018 brought over 640 participants!! We had hundreds of spectators and over 45 volunteers. There was also a Kid's "Cape Crusader" run."

~ Kristi Seay



Mission

Hitting Cancer Below the Belt is dedicated to cancer prevention by providing community education, early detection services for colorectal cancer, and supportive services for the cancer community. By hosting events and offering services, we are able to raise awareness, provide education, and raise funds for local efforts in cancer prevention. Our main work falls under the goal of "Eat Clean, Get Screened" campaign.

Our vision is to build and bridge resources to create a community without cancer.

EDUCATE-ADVOCATE-ELIMINATE-CELEBRATE!

Through our services and events, we provide prevention **education** which includes nutritional strategies, stress reduction experiences, and practical tips from experienced professionals along with survivors. Many of our followers become **advocates** in the community by sharing information, and investing their time and talent during events. We are also involved in promoting and planning colorectal cancer early detection programs in the Richmond area in hopes of **eliminating** the development of cancer. It's not all work, we love to **celebrate** and support recovery while enjoying the life we are given! Interested in becoming involved with HCB2? Check out our [Volunteer Page](#). If you have a creative idea to strike back against cancer and would like to speak with a HCB2 representative, please contact info@hcb2.org.

DelMarVa SGNA

This past March we had the 20th annual DelMarVa conference in Ocean City, Maryland. This conference has provided members of the three regions with outstanding speakers, awesome venues and time to network with one another. It is with deep regret that ODSGNA has put a hold on hosting the conference next year.

It was not an easy decision for the ODSGNA board to make. It was a unanimous decision by the board due to dwindling registration and vendor support. It takes a tremendous amount of work to put on this type of conference and we decided it would be best to step back for a year.

For now the conference is on hold for one year. Next spring the board will decide to host the conference in 2020 or dissolve our partnership with the Chesapeake and Delaware regions.

Instead of hosting the DelMarVa conference next March we will be moving our Beyond the Basics conference from January to March. This will be a one-day conference and our hope is to make it the best Beyond the Basics we have had.

We hope to see you there!

Volunteering:

The last few years we have all heard about the 80% by 2018 campaign. In a few short months 2018 will be ending and we will find out if we reached the 80% goal. During this campaign many of you volunteered countless hours so the goal could be reached. Colon cancer awareness is a passion many of us hold. In this past year if you or your unit participated in any volunteer efforts to promote GI health we want to hear about it. Please email Irene Rader @ irenerader55@gmail.com and tell your stories. We will list them in our next newsletter.