

# Save the Date

## March 2019

Beyond the Basics  
Location Charlottesville/Newport  
News/Richmond

## April 12-16, 2019

46th Annual National SGNA Conference  
Portland, OR

## September 7-8, 2019

ACG/VGS/ODSGNA Regional  
Postgraduate Course  
Williamsburg, VA

## November 9, 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pulmonary Endoscopy Course  
Chesapeake, VA

# Scholarships

## You may be eligible for an Old Dominion 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 the following?

- SGNA National Annual course – offering 2 scholarships – Application must be received 60 days prior to meeting
- ACG/VGS/ODSGNA – offering 1 scholarship – 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

This summer the ODSGNA board will be meeting to update the bylaws and policy and procedures for ODSGNA. We are planning to provide more scholarships for our members, so stay tuned. Check the website out in June for the updates. Remember you have to apply to receive the scholarships.

For more information, go to:

[www.ODSGNA.com](http://www.ODSGNA.com)

## In the Spotlight:



VCU Health is an academic medical center located in central Virginia established "to preserve and restore health for all people, to seek the cause and cure of diseases through innovative research, and to educate those who serve humanity." VCU is a Level I trauma center and one of two of the only NCI-designated cancer centers in Virginia. There are 771 inpatient beds and a full-service children's hospital on the campus serving the region.

The Alvin Zfass Endoscopy Suite serves both inpatients and outpatients at VCU Health. The department performs over 11,000 procedures per year, including advanced procedures of the biliary, pulmonary, esophageal, colorectal anatomy along with diagnostic and Motility procedures.

The suite consists of 1- fluoro room, 2- bronch rooms, 5-procedure rooms, 7- admission bays, 9- recovery bays and a Motility procedure room. The team also performs procedures at the Children's Hospital of Richmond (CHoR) several days a week. HLD is located within the department and is responsible for all of the reprocessing.

The Endoscopy team consists of 20 RN's, 10 Endo Techs, Unit Secretary, 6 Scheduling/Registration staff, and a Business Analyst.

Mary Beth Clemens, BA, AAS, RN serves as the Clinician/Educator for the department and Kristi Seay, MSN, RN, CGRN as the Nurse Manager. The team has 3 GI certified RN's or 50% of those eligible.

VCU Endoscopy has gone through a great deal of change in the last few years. The team is growing with experience and is focused on increased efficiencies including on time starts, pre-calls to decrease no show rates and late arrivals. Quality metrics have been developed and are monitored and shared not only with leadership, but also with the team for awareness and improvement. Staff are enthusiastic about a new Endoscopy Council for shared governance.

# EndoScoop Old Dominion SGNA's Spring 2019 Newsletter

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



## Did you know?

- The best online opportunities for **networking** GI topics can be found @ [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org) -> Connect -> SGNA Communities
- The best online opportunities for **free Contact Hours** can be found @ [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org) -> SGNA Communities -> Events.
- The best online opportunities to find **timely & relevant content** dedicated to the practice of gastroenterology & endoscopy nursing can be found @ [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org) -> Connect -> Communities -> The Inside Tract
- Visit [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org) for more.

## Message from the President:



Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that it has been one year since I wrote my first message to you. It has been a busy but exciting year for me. As president I have been able to grow both personally and professionally. ODSGNA was able to provide 48.99 CEU's to our members this year. This wouldn't be possible without our members, our sponsors and the dedication of the board.

Speaking of CEU's, I have learned a great deal about them this year. I have always been so busy collecting and counting my CEU's to maintain my certification that I never thought about the work it takes to get them approved. The CEU's have to be approved by an accrediting body and then they need to be submitted to ABCGN for their approval. I want to thank Donna Dickinson for her dedication to this process.

She is able to do it effortlessly and is an asset to all of us. Donna also obtains CEU's through CBSPD so our members can maintain their certification in scope reprocessing.

CEU's are not only needed to maintain your certification in GI and scope reprocessing but they are also needed to maintain your licensure in the state of VA. This is why ODSGNA continues to provide CEU's through several courses throughout the year while keeping you updated on the changing world of GI.

**Irene Rader**, BSN RN CGRN



ODSGNA Board Members recently met in Williamsburg for their bi-annual business meeting.

From left to right: Kim Cooper, ODSGNA Treasurer; Lisa Brown, Membership Chair; Lorrie Brickner, Legislative Liaison; Kristi Seay, ODSGNA Secretary; Eileen Babb, Communications Chair; Donna Dickinson, ODSGNA Immediate Past President, CEU Administrator; Irene Rader, ODSGNA President



## ODSGNA Officer Elections:

THIS SUMMER, ODSGNA MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTING THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

1. SECRETARY – 2 YEAR TERM.
2. PRESIDENT ELECT – 6 YEAR TERM
3. PRESIDENT – 4 YEAR TERM – TWO YEARS AS PRESIDENT AND 2 YEARS AS PAST PRESIDENT. (VACANCY IS DUE TO RECENT RESIGNATION OF OUR PRESIDENT ELECT)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE OFFICES OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS, PLEASE CONTACT ELECTION CHAIR, DONNA DICKINSON. ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.

## What's new at SGNA ?

SGNA launched a new platform in January called **Communities**. All members have access to the community page. There are different groups that you can join. All members of ODSGNA have access to the Old Dominion Region and to the SGNA Open Forum. Visit [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org)

The open forum is a way to connect with all existing SGNA members. You are able to ask your fellow SGNA peers questions, share ideas and see upcoming SGNA events.

The **ODSGNA forum** is open to all ODSGNA members. This forum gives you an opportunity to connect with other ODSGNA members, keep updated on the courses offered by ODSGNA and most important to have access to the board members with any questions or concerns.

## ACG/VGS/ODSGNA Regional Postgraduate Course:

This year's conference will be held September 7-8 at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, VA. The VGS has always been very supportive of the ODSGNA. They would like to have more GI nurses and techs be able to attend the conference. To do this they will be reducing the registration fee for nurses and techs this year. As always there will be a nurse break out session during the conference. Please help support the VGS by attending this conference.