

## **March News & Updates**

Have you registered yet? There are 9 days left before registration closes; hurry up as this is the first event of the year, as well as a celebration of GI Nurses and Associates Week. Aside from the education, there will be a raffle draw and games for everyone to enjoy. <u>Click here to register:</u>

#### www.ntsgna.org



NTSGNA is committed to protecting and caring for you.

#### Per CDC protocol:

If you are attending a gathering, think about the steps you need to take to <u>protect yourself and your</u> <u>loved ones</u> from COVID-19.

- Make sure you are <u>up to date</u> with your COVID-19 vaccines.
- In general, people do not need to wear <u>masks</u> when outdoors.
- If you are sick and need to be around others or are <u>caring for someone who has</u> <u>COVID-19</u>, wear a mask.
- If the <u>COVID-19 Community Level</u> where you live is
- Low
  - Wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk.
- Medium
- If you are at risk for <u>severe</u> <u>illness</u>, talk to your healthcare provider about wearing masks indoors in public.
- If you live with or will gather with someone at risk for severe illness, wear a mask when indoors with them.
- High
  - If you are 2 or older, wear a wellfitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status or individual risk (including in K-12 schools and other community



- settings).
- If you are at risk for severe illness, wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection.
- <u>Testing before a gathering can give you</u> information about your risk of spreading COVID-19.
  - Consider using a self-test before joining indoor gatherings with others who do not live in your household.
  - Stay home if you test positive, even if you do not have symptoms.
- Stay home if you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Communicate with the people you will • meet with about prevention strategies.

Celebration ideas March 20-26, 2022 is the 9th Annual GI Nurses and Associates Week, and we have a lot to celebrate!

**Bring Your Own Treats** 

Avery Label Template) or regular paper, then stick your toppers to cake pop sticks, toothpicks

Encourage your event attendees to make cupcakes, brownies or other single-serve treats to bring to the celebration, or to their

units during GI Nurses and Associates Week. SGNA's cupcake toppers can be printed on sticker labels (such as this

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Over the past few years, each of our lives has been affected in different ways. We encourage you to share words of inspiration and small acts of kindness with your team during this week. Even though we may not be able to celebrate in traditional ways, it's still important to celebrate, be inspired by each other, and share the hard work and quality of care that you provide every single day.

To help you celebrate the 2022 GI Nurses and Associates Week, we created these free, downloadable resources! Thank you for being part of our community and demonstrating your ongoing commitment to the specialty.

#### Share on Social Media

The SGNA community is passionate and **#Proud2BGI**. Use this hashtag to share your story on social media and all that there is to celebrate about being a GI nurse or associate

#### Send a Thank You Card

Show your appreciation and encourage others in your unit to do the same by sending thank you notes! Fill out our customizable e-card form to deliver a digital message to a friend or colleague, or download our thank you card template to send a hand-written note to someone

or popsicle sticks. Download your treat topper template.

in your unit.

Note:

- Application for scholarship for both Nurses and Associate is available in our website.
- Application deadline for Nurses is April 1, 2022 - for Fall exam and November 30, 2022 - for Spring Exam.
- Application deadline for Associates is October 31, 2022

#### Click here for more info



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**NTSGNA** is providing scholarship for RN's and Associates, please check our website for details

#### Visit our website

### Certification

Aspiring to be certified? Check ABCGN for further details.

### **SAVE THE DATES: NTSGNA Conference & Appreciation Lunch**

<u>March 26, Saturday</u> 1000 am- 1330 pm DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Dallas- Richardson Sponsored by ERBE Contact Hours provided by ERBE & Boston Scientific Click for more info

SGNA 49th Annual Course <u>May 22- 24, 2022</u> <u>Pre-conference May 20-21</u>

Salt Palace Convention Center Salt Lake City, Utah REUNITE RECHARGE REFLECT <u>Click for more info</u>

GALA June 2022 Further information: TBA

NTSGNA Summer Lovin Conference July 8, 2022, Saturday 1200 - 1400 Venue/Sponsor: TBA

**15th Annual NTSGNA Lonestar Roundup** <u>September 17,2022</u> Saturday 0700- 1830 Venue/Agenda: TBA

NTSGNA Last Hooray of the Year/Annual Meeting November 5, 2022, Saturday 1200 - 1400 Venue/Sponsor: TBA

Volunteer Needed: North Texas Food Bank - May 7, 2022 Please email us if you are interested to volunteer: <u>Send us a message</u>

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, celebrated each March, allows patients, survivors, caregivers, and medical staff around the country to spread awareness of this deadly disease.



Colon Cancer info

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