



Central Florida SGNA Newsletter

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Please make plans to attend
2020 Winter Meeting

2020 Central Florida Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates Winter Meeting

JANUARY 18, 2020
7:00AM - 1:00PM
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL
MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING

3001 W. DR. M.L. KING JR. BLVD.
TAMPA, FL 33607

Don't forget- Attendance counts! For every meeting you attend, you will get 1 entry into the drawing at the end of the year for membership renewal. The more you attend, the more entries you will have. Anyone attending all meetings for the year will automatically receive a membership renewal. 😊

Congratulations to the following members who attended all 4 meetings last year and automatically received 2020 membership renewal!

Mary Anderson

Furong Cano

Kathy Guest

*Polo shirts still available!
All sizes- \$28 each*

*Contact Debbie Kossert if
interested.*



SAVE THE DATE

Registration is now open!

[Register Now](#)

SGNA 47TH ANNUAL COURSE

LEVERAGE Resources

MAY 17-19, 2020
Louisville, KY

CREATE MOMENTUM

Pre-meeting Events
May 15-16

TAP INTO **THE CURRENT**

Congratulations to MELISSA ZWIJACZ!
She submitted the winning essay for the Anna Ruth Robichaud Scholarship and received a commemorative certificate and \$350 for recertification!

*ANNA RUTH ROBICHAUD
SCHOLARSHIP
WHAT DOES CERTIFICATION MEAN TO ME?
MELISSA ZWIJACZ BSN RN CGRN*

Certification means to attest to a status or level of achievement by definition. Isn't that why we all became certified? We wanted to show that we had achieved a level of expertise in our profession.

I personally chose to become certified at a point in my career when i wanted to prove to myself that I had that expertise. I wanted to demonstrate that I had the knowledge to support my endoscopy nursing skills. I truly love working in endoscopy, but I realize that the medical field is ever changing and evolving. Technology continues to grow and expand our field, and we cannot afford to become static in our practice. At a teaching facility, I feel I need to make every attempt to be as informed and up to date as possible. Our physicians are continually introducing new procedures and new equipment. We need to dedicate ourselves to continuing education to allow ourselves to adapt to our ever-changing work environment.

As a certified endoscopy nurse, certification has been an avenue to continue learning the latest procedures and technology. It has provided me with the opportunity to continue to learn and grow as a provider. It enabled me to commit to being the best nurse I can be both at the bedside and as a leader to others. Certification has led me toward continued excellence and improvement and it is a journey I look forward to continuing.



Why Certify??

Certification validates our commitment to GI nursing, reflects our commitment to our association and rewards our continuing efforts to improve professional knowledge and skills. Please see the ABCGN website for further information.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 18, 2020- St. Joseph's Main

May 9, 2020- Tara Country Club

May 17-19, 2020 National SGN'A Louisville, KY

August 2020- TBA

November 2020- Moffitt Cancer Center

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