



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Georgia SGNA—Region 17

A Message from Your President

Hello Georgia SGNA membership. It has been an honor to serve alongside so many dedicated gastroenterology nurses and associates who continue to strengthen and uplift our professional community. One of the key changes made during my 2025 term was updating all board member terms from one year to two years. Thank you to those who supported this important bylaw change. This update gives the president-elect more time to learn, grow, and be mentored while continuing to receive guidance from the Immediate Past President over a two-year period. Although regional societies across the nation have faced membership decline due to reduced employer support for professional and educational growth, as well as the retirement of many long-time gastroenterology professionals, I am proud and encouraged to say that the Georgia Society for Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Region 17, remains alive, thriving, and full of promise.



Our 39th Annual Georgia SGNA Educational Conference, *Engaging, Transforming, and Bridging Future GI Nurses and Associates*, was held November 8–9, 2025, at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center. It was inspiring to see our members come together to learn, reconnect, and celebrate the strength of our specialty. We were also honored to serve as the host region for SGNA's 53rd Annual Course in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 17–19. We last served as the host region for SGNA's Annual Course in 2004, which was 21 years ago. These milestones reflect the dedication, resilience, and leadership of our Georgia SGNA community. Please take time to view the pictures on our website from these outstanding educational opportunities for our membership.

One of my goals during this presidential term was to revamp the GSGNA website so that it better reflects who we are and where we are headed as a region. With unanimous support from our regional Board of Directors, we have begun the framework for this important upgrade. The enhanced website will strengthen our ability to connect with local, regional, and national members with greater speed and flexibility. It will also support our continued alignment with hybrid conference opportunities, offering choice for those who wish to attend educational events in person or online. I am excited about the ways this platform will help us

share knowledge, celebrate accomplishments, and build stronger connections across our membership. Be on the lookout for our upgraded regional website, coming soon.

As I close out an incredible two-year term as your president, I do so with deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve this organization and its members. I invite you to attend our 40th Annual Georgia SGNA Educational Conference, *Navigating Your Professional Future: Explore, Grow, Succeed*, to be held November 13–15 at the Sonesta Atlanta Northwest Galleria Hotel and Resort. My hope is that this conference will encourage each of you to keep exploring new possibilities, growing in your practice, and succeeding as leaders in gastroenterology nursing. Georgia SGNA is also seeking engaged GI nurses and technicians who are interested in contributing to the future of our organization. While we currently have a full Board of Directors, several individuals will be rotating off service, and we warmly welcome new state leaders who are ready to serve, lead, and help shape what comes next. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Georgia SGNA President 2025-2026