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The Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Nurses

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President's Message

Your APGNN Board, Committee Chairs and Committee Members have been hard at work on several projects as well as our Annual Meeting plans for October. Please take some time to read through this newsletter for important updates and opportunities to become involved in **YOUR** organization. Member participation in committees is **absolutely essential** for the growth and success of APGNN. I urge you to consider joining one of our committees. It is truly fun and rewarding.

I had the opportunity to attend the CDHNF Board meeting as the APGNN representative in January this year. I will be including regular updates in the newsletter about CDHNF projects. I also participated in the NASPGHAN Leadership Retreat in January. Our physician colleagues really value APGNN's participation and input. We have a mutual

desire to continually improve pediatric GI care and working together is essential to that mission.

Patty Bierly, Program Chair, and her committee have begun work on our October 2011 meeting, which will be held in Orlando, FL. Our theme this year will be **"Building a Strong Foundation"**. Last year we received generous financial support from Mead Johnson Nutrition for our meeting. We hope to secure strong funding again this year for an outstanding program.

If you have colleagues who are not currently members of APGNN, please share this newsletter and our website with them. Show them our "Benefits of Membership" document. There are many awards, grants and scholarships available to Full and Associate members. Associate members can be RD's, PA's, social workers and others who have a sustained interest in pediatric GI. We welcome all!

Our website is being updated as we speak. Check back for important information about the meeting, committee projects and deadlines for grants, awards. You should be receiving group e-mails from time to time from our Membership Chair, Teresa Carroll, with important announcements. Please let her know if your contact information has changed.

Please feel free to contact me any time with concerns, ideas or questions. I look forward to a productive and exciting 2011 for APGNN. Thanks for your support!



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SAVE THE DATE

APGNN ANNUAL MEETING "BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION"

OCTOBER 21-22, 2011
FLORIDA, ORLANDO

ATTEND, PRESENT, NETWORK and LEARN





NEWS CORNER

Children's Digestive Health and Nutrition Foundation

Visit www.cdhnf.org for a new webinar entitled "Skeletal Health in Pediatric IBD: Advice from and For Clinicians". This 1-hour presentation has been approved for 1.0 credit (AMA).

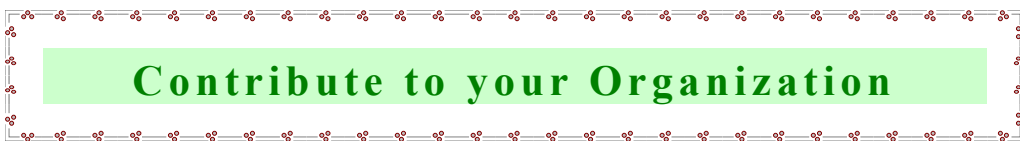
the Transition Process for Pediatric IBD Patients" and "Optimizing Therapeutic Safety in Children and Young Adults with IBD". Several APGNN members have participated in the development of these extensive resources. Click on Inflammatory Bowel Disease and then Professional Resources

to access these in the CDHNF site.

CDHNF is dedicated to continuing funding of pediatric GI and nutrition research as well as professional and patient education. Please take some time to explore the entire site.

Also available is the CME Monograph Series covering topics such as "Improving

"To keep the lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it" Mother Teresa



What a better place to share your expertise and challenges with your colleagues than your newsletter.? Contribute by writing articles and sharing your experiences. Make this Newsletter your platform,

take a stance and shine. Get involved by participating in committees of interest. Get your voice heard. Share your expertise. Get recognized by presenting

your hard work through posters and research presentations at the annual meeting Take advantage of your membership to APGNN by applying for the research grant for instance.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Employed by University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Role and responsibility: PNP in Pediatric GI clinic and Clinical Assistant professor at University of North Carolina, school of Nursing.

•Rewarding aspect of job: Working with adolescents and their families with IBD. Closely managing and

watching them overcome the challenges of this disease through their teenage years.

Challenging Moment: Took care of an adolescent patient with UC and developmental delays for several years. She developed a thrombus and died as a result. That was very difficult to overcome.

New Goals and Plans for the future:

Working on a study using educational tool to assess knowledge necessary for transition from pediatric care to adult care

Participation in CCFA Nursing Task force



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Have you always wanted to conduct research but felt that you don't have the time? Do you have a research question you want to answer?

The APGNN has an exciting opportunity for you to investigate answers to your questions. In collaboration with the CDHNF, the APGNN is able to offer a research grant to members to conduct a research project. The grant, up to **\$20,000**, will be awarded to an APGNN member to fund a nursing research project related to our field of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Nutrition or Hepatology

The research grant, which honors the memory of Susan Moyer, MD, will be awarded at the APGNN meeting in

Orlando, October 2011.

Applications will be accepted from **May 1st to August 2nd 2011**. If you would like to apply for the CDHNF/ APGNN Susan Moyer award then start planning now. A full description of the award and an online application is available on the [CDHNF website](#). To help you plan in the meantime here are some highlights of the process:

- The applicant must be a full member of APGNN
- The research must focus on nursing care of children and families with gastrointestinal problems
- The research project must be approved by the IRB in your institution

• The application must be submitted online prior to **August 2nd 2011**

• The grant is for up to **\$20,000** and can be used in part for salary support

• The grant is for one year and the researcher must plan to complete the project within that time

• The winner will receive the award at the next APGNN meeting in October 2011 & will be expected to present their research at a future APGNN meeting

This is a wonderful opportunity for APGNN members so start planning your project now! If you have any questions please feel free to email me at clare.ceballos@mountsinai.org



"Research is creating new knowledge"

Neil Armstrong

TELEPHONE TRIAGE PROTOCOLS CLINICAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The Clinical Practice Committee is working on telephone triage protocols for constipation and abdominal pain. This is an exciting project and it is important to get as many of our members involved

as possible so we have the clinical expertise to accomplish this task in a timely manner.

Therefore, I am extending an invitation to all APGNN members to con-

sider taking part in this project. If you are interested in working to develop these protocols please let me know by email at vit4ne@cox.net



PATIENT/ FAMILY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I would like to take this time to please ask for anyone who is interested in patient/ family education to become part of our committee. Even if you are not able to actively participate on the committee we are looking to our members to get ideas/ suggestions of topics that they feel are not being met in the educational materials

already available on the websites.

We are also currently working with a website writer group to create our new NASPGHAN/APGNN "gastrokids.org" site to make it more accessible and user friendly with links to our professional organization as well as to our partner organizations. Also con-

sider nominating yourself or someone else in your practice for the **APGNN Excellence in Education Award**. Nomination deadline is **6/30/11** and Application deadline is **7/29/11**

.Please contact me.

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Happy spring to all members,

We are all very excited about our upcoming annual meeting this fall in Orlando, Florida. Mark your calendars for October 21-22, 2011. I would encourage members to submit an abstract or a Zebra this year. We see a lot of weird stuff in our practice and sharing our experiences with our colleagues is a great way to teach and pass on that knowledge to others.

*I did not hear any feedback on the Winter newsletter. Do you like the format or not? Can I make any improvements? I would really like members to tell me because this is **YOUR** newsletter.*

*I would like to propose a member "**PEARLS OF GI**" section in the newsletter where members can share what seems to work in their practice better than the contrary belief. Let me know if this would be something you would all like to see or not.*

Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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CALL FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH AND CLINICAL PRACTICE VIGNETTES FOR POSTER PRESENTATION AT THE APGNN ANNUAL MEETING 2011



The Clinical Practice and Research Committee want to encourage all APGNN Members to submit an abstract for poster presentation at the Annual APGNN Meeting, October 20-23, 2011. The abstract/poster presentations offer a unique opportunity to present and share innovative research findings and interesting clinical reports and case studies with your nursing peers. The abstract deadline is **July 1st, 2011**.

Notification of receipt will be e-mailed within 1 week of receipt. Notification of acceptance status will be e-mailed by August 15th 2011. Guidelines for preparing the abstracts can be found on the APGNN website. All abstracts must be submitted on the APGNN Abstract Submission Form which can also be found on the website.

Poster of Distinction Awards will be awarded to

the top 3 submissions according to the criteria that are outlined on the website. These winners will also be asked to give a brief (5 minutes with maximum of 3 power point slides) oral presentation summarizing the poster content during the course.

We invite all of you to think about becoming involved in this activity. Your efforts will be appreciated by your colleagues.