Welcome Message

Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for November 2017.

Since our last newsletter, we have had GENCA Board and Committee members travel overseas to the United European Gastroenterology Week (UEG) in Barcelona, and to Amsterdam and Ireland for research. State meetings and Fundamentals workshops have been a success, as always. Lea Wiggins has been putting together a fabulous team for the Education Committee, and the first thing on their agenda is to create next year’s series of webinars.

GENCA provides a unique service to members through the Clinical Response Committee, who responds to on-the-job queries with timely, and well researched clinical information. Over the coming holiday period I encourage you to also use the Discussion Forums on the GENCA website to ask for suggestions and feedback – the response will come from a range of members, with broad experience, and may be a good way to receive a fast response as members head on holidays.

We welcome your feedback, contributions and suggestions for improvement regarding the newsletter – these can be sent to our National Office – idm@genca.org

Cathy Conway
President
Education Committee

What is the future of our profession, and how do we work towards it?

GENCA delivers a comprehensive range of education programs for members and affiliates each year, from Fundamentals workshops and webinars, through to two full conference programs a year - GENCA National Conference and AGW.

The ever-changing gastroenterological environment is impacted as new technologies emerge, treatments are updated and the national health agenda changes to reflect our community and governmental priorities. The Education Committee will set the agenda for GENCA’s education, and aims to include relevant, topical and forward-thinking programs.

What would you like to see on the GENCA Education agenda? Please submit your ideas and thoughts to idm@genca.org

GENCA’s National Conference will be in our nation’s capital - Canberra/ACT, for the first time. What are some of your memories? We’d like to hear them. Send an email to Andrea Wintrip at idm@genca.org.

Education Grants

Applications are now open for the January 2018 round of Education Grants. These grants provide financial assistance to members so that they can attend a GENCA conference, interstate meeting, AGW, undertake education, or receive assistance with the credentialing exam or Cert IV training.

To be eligible to apply for an Education Grant you must have been a GENCA member for one year. Applications close 31 January 2018. The application form is available from the GENCA website - http://www.genca.org/about-genca/scholarships-grantsawards/education-grants/

Water Quality

Your feedback needed

Now is the time. You can still register your feedback for the revised AS4187 Australian/NZ standard. This standard covers the reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations, and is available for comment up until 19 December.

Some GENCA representatives have been involved in the development of this standard, and GENCA now needs as many members as possible to have a look and provide feedback. This feedback is vital to ensure the standard is thorough, and representative of all members and work scenarios. Visit the Australian Standards website to view and comment.

Contact the GENCA National Office by email if you are having difficulty accessing the Standard online: idm@genca.org.

Comments can also be emailed directly to GENCA’s committee representative – Beth Wardle: editor@genca.org.

GENCA – 40th Year

In 2018, GENCA will be 40 years young! The theme for next year will be ‘Looking forward, looking back’ and there will be an exciting program of education, events, journal articles and research to share throughout the year.

For all enquiries, please contact the GENCA National Office on 1300 788 155 or idm@genca.org
Clinical Advisory Committee

This dedicated team of three responds to all clinical enquiries that are forwarded to the GENCA office, numbering more than a hundred every year. Jennifer Chambers, Michelle Dalby, and Sandra Ko volunteer to answer your queries; and in many cases, conduct significant research to ensure that the right information is provided.

If you’re looking for feedback from other nurses or an immediate response, the best place to start is with the GENCA Discussion Forum online: http://www.genca.org/resources/discussion-forum/

What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the coming weeks and early 2018:

**NSW**
- 25 November | Fundamentals workshop | North Sydney
- 10 February | Fundamentals workshop | Griffith

**South Australia**
- 29 November | Evening education meeting | West Lakes

For a full listing of events or to register for meetings and workshops visit the GENCA website – https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/

Flexible Learning

The perfect holiday learning

If you’re thinking of catching up on some CPD over the new year break, E-Learning modules can be accessed at the time that best suits you – just register and go!

There are currently two inter-linked modules to choose from, with more scheduled for release in 2018.

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