Welcome Message

Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for September 2017.

Our AGM this year was anchored by the release of the GESA and GENCA joint CPE Consensus Statements (nine statements in all). The statements were announced via a live media announcement and come ahead of the release next year (GENCA’s 40th anniversary), of the updated Infection Control in Endoscopy guidelines.

Congratulations to the scientific program committee who organised such a varied program for nurses at AGW. It was a time to make new social and educational connections and a good opportunity to speak to sponsors about advancements in our industry and the instruments we use.

Last week our second webinar proved to be every bit as popular as our first one – we had close to two hundred registrations. Judy Tighe-Foster spoke on the topic of ERCP – thank you Judy.

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

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CPE Consensus Statements

Launched at AGW 2017 via live webcast, the Infection Control in Endoscopy Consensus Statements have been much asked-for, and needed.

The Consensus Statements have been developed in response to several overseas outbreaks of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) linked to the use of flexible endoscopes. These Consensus Statements are a preamble to the revision of the Infection Control in Endoscopy Guidelines planned for release next year.

A downloadable copy is available on the GENCA website: http://www.genca.org/standards-positions/position-statements/

Flexible Learning

It can sometimes be hard finding time for all the CPE needed each year. However, it’s essential. In response to calls from members for flexible and online learning, we now have two options for members to participate:

1) e-Learning modules

e-Learning modules can be accessed at the time that best suits you – just register and go! There are two modules available, with more scheduled for release in 2018.

- Gastrostomy Guidelines: Pre-Insertion & Gastrostomy Guidelines, and
- Acute Hospital Care

Partnering with Medtronic, it’s easy to register for these modules, and they’re free!

For more information or to register, visit the GENCA website: http://www.genca.org/education/e-learning-modules/

2) Webinars

This is a GENCA member exclusive. You will receive one CPD point and an attendance certificate for each webinar attended.

14 November | Tuesday| 7pm AEST
Presenter: Greg Whiteley
Topic: Wet Biofilms and Endoscope Test Methods

Register now for the final 2017 webinar on the GENCA website: https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/

Western Australia

Western Australia is growing with leaps and bounds. Jen Chambers and the Western Australian branch hosted a very successful annual study day in late July, with a great attendance and very positive feedback regarding the program.

It’s good to see so many involved – the WA committee received a lot of input for future topics, speakers and venues, so stay tuned for more in 2018!

WA Branch is a strong membership group with many involved members and lots of opportunities for nurses who would like to get involved. For more information or to find out what opportunities there are, contact Jen and the WA committee by email: wa@genca.org

For all enquiries, please contact the GENCA National Office on 1300 788 155 or idm@genca.org
What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the coming weeks:

**NSW**
18 November | Full day education meeting | North Sydney
25 November | Fundamentals workshop | North Sydney

**Queensland**
14 October | Half day education meeting | Brisbane

**South Australia**
28 October | Full day education meeting | Mt Gambier
29 November | Full day education meeting | West Lakes

**Tasmania**
21 October | Full day education meeting | Hobart

**Victoria**

**Western Australia**
30 October | Evening meeting | Subiaco

For a full listing of 2017 events or to register for meetings and workshops visit the GENCA website –
[https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/](https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/)

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