



Talking Points – Setting the Standard with SGNA Practice Documents (For use with your supervisor/manager)

This script can be used with the PowerPoint slide deck titled: "Setting the Standard in Our GI Unit"

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- Through the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (SGNA), we have access to a library of practice documents that we can incorporate into the policies and procedures of our GI unit.
- [If not known] What guidelines do we currently use?
 - [If none] I'd like to tell you more about them and how they can provide a framework for the safe and effective practice of gastroenterology/endoscopy nursing.
 - [If one or more] Would you be interested in hearing about other practice documents that have been created by GI nurses?
- [If known] I know we currently use (insert names) guidelines. Would you be interested in hearing about other practice documents that have been created by GI nurses?

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- There are currently about 20 practice documents in the SGNA library, and they include position statements and standards and guidelines.
- Roughly three-quarters of SGNA members, representing every practice setting, currently rely on these resources.
- The documents include position statements, which offer SGNA's position on a topic or issue, and standards and guidelines, which offer SGNA's formalized guidance on a topic.

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- As you can see from this chart, the practice document development and review processes are collaborative ones that includes the SGNA Board of Directors, legal counsel, and other key members and stakeholders.
- SGNA's practice documents are highly relevant for us because they are:
 - Developed by experienced GI nurses and subject-matter experts about procedures and processes they frequently perform and train others on. That means they reflect a depth of knowledge about the specialty and the role of nurses and associates that only SGNA can provide.
 - Based on the highest level of evidence possible. They are subjected to a thorough review process and updated regularly to ensure they reflect the latest advances and accepted best practices, from an objective perspective.

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- As I mentioned, SGNA's practice documents focus on issues that affecting the practice of gastroenterology nursing, such as sedation and analgesia, infection prevention in the gastroenterology setting, role delineations, and safety in the gastroenterology setting.
- While the content may vary depending on the topic, practice documents include a wealth of useful information, including applicable definitions and background information, SGNA's position on that issue, role delineation or clinical guidance, as well as recommended reading to help all of us learn more about that issue.



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- These documents are easily accessible through the SGNA website and SGNA mobile app. In addition to providing the practice documents, SGNA also provides material that you can use to help explain to accrediting organization surveyors what processes are being followed in our unit and why.
- Are you interested in looking at these standards? Would it be helpful if I printed out any of these for your review?
 - [if yes] Can I follow up with you in a few weeks to see if we should incorporate any of these guidelines into our policies?