



The New England Chapter Newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Chapter Members,

I hope you were one of the hundred or so who were able to attend the 35th Annual Seminar. The evaluations were all glowing with comments like "great job, wonderful, and thanks". It is the BOD's intention to provide the most up-to date information and provide discussion about issues pertinent to infusion nurses, however, this year I believe we hit a ball right out the park if I may use a baseball metaphor. Under the leadership of Jill Taylor and the hard work of Diane Di Girolamo, Mary Ann DiStefano, and Ann McCarthy, I am very proud of the positive comments I received throughout the day.

Well done Team I look forward to the 36th annual Seminar.

A special thank you to the vendors we had 23 different businesses in attendance for all to see and learn about products related to our specialty.

We took a moment to honor 15 of the 35 Past Presidents who were in attendance (the complete list is in this newsletter). It was a special moment to be part of this rich history of the NEC INS. (Photo included)

We also acknowledged Di Gi as she celebrated her 50 years of nursing, what a huge accomplishment and a gift to all of those she cared for in her career.

Now with the election nearly over, I hope you were involved and a committed citizen. Participating in the process is as vital as the outcome, I think.

Our meeting this month is clinically focused on one of the most common reasons patients are admitted to the hospital or to home care. I hope that you can attend this program (see attached).

It is a challenge trying to communicate with 176 members, one of my goals as president was to improve communication and find ways to reach out to as many people as possible. I am in the process of exposing the BOD and Committee Chairs to technology and ways to employ social media. This was the first time we used email to send the brochures for the Seminar- was this helpful to you? Please let us know.

I posted the events on Facebook, have you joined? INS and INCC have pages.

I have just read Johnson and Johnson's Notes on Nursing *10 Reasons to Give Your Nursing Career a Digital Media Makeover* found <http://jnnursingnotes.com/OCT10/index.html#careers>

Are you LinkedIn? This is a social media for professionals. Do you know you can have real time chats with other nurses across the country; there are blogs, list serves, and downloadable podcasts. We are part of a generation who did not grow up with this technology but it does not mean that we cannot join in the fun and take advantage of the opportunity to reach out and to learn. I suggest instead of saying I will never... say to yourself, instead, why not!

To be honest the best part of this new technology is spell check and the ability to change and re write without starting all over again with a typewriter and a new sheet of paper.

Ya gotta love it. Mary

Proposed Chapter By-Law Update

The INS New England Chapter Board of Directors has proposed a chapter by-law change. The membership present at the November 9th meeting will be asked to vote on an addition to the job description of the **Historian/Public Relations Committee**:

This committee shall take and maintain photographs and other items that allow for a visual history of the accomplishments and educational programs of the Chapter. This committee shall explore ways for creating friendly, cooperative and helpful relations between the Chapter and the members of allied specialties and professions in order to further the aims and objectives of the Chapter and the Society, **including but not limited to notifying professional nursing publications of upcoming Chapter events.**



Congratulations!

NEW CRNIs

Karen Frazee

Diane La Spada Cullity

Mona Inocentes

Irma Sivieri



LIST OF PAST - PRESIDENTS

74-75	Mary Larkin	86-87	Diane DiGirolamo	98-99	Marilyn Bernard
75-76	Kay MacFarland (1 st all day Seminar)	87-88	Mary Alexander	99-00	Jackie Langlois
76-77	Kay MacFarland	88-89	Joseph Bertolami	00-01	Patricia Silva
77-78	Claire Watson	89-90	Beverly Green	01-02	Mary McCormick-Gendzel
78-79	Ann McCarthy	90-91	Marlaine McLean	02-03	Karen Young
79-80	Lena Friend	91-92	MaryAnn DiStefano	03-04	Jean Burgess
80-81	Carol Lahaise	92-93	Elizabeth McCarthy	04-05	Micki Valente
81-82	Janet Bianculli	93-94	Betsy Reid	05-06	Sharon Dennehy
82-83	Trudy Gavin	94-95	Cherie Landry	06-09	Janice Feroli
83-84	Liz Eaton	95-96	Jane Anderson	09-11	Mary McCormick-Gendzel
84-85	Debbie Benvenuto	96-97	Virginia Murphy		
85-86	Janice Gallagher	97-98	Mary Walsh		



Past Chapter presidents in attendance at 35th Annual Seminar

(Left to Right)

M. DiStefano, M. McCormack-Genzel, A. McCarthy, M. Alexander, J. Bertolami, T. Gavin,
B. Green, D. DiGirolamo, S. Dennehy, J. Feroli, V. Murphy, P. Silva, C. Landry



The New England Chapter of the
Infusion Nurses Society
invites you to participate in an Educational Dinner Meeting

Interdisciplinary Approach to Ultrafiltration

Presented by:

Susan Stengrevics, RN, MSN

Clinical Nurse Specialist

&

Aileen Tubridy, RN, MSN

Nursing Director

Massachusetts General Hospital

November 9, 2010

6:00pm Networking

7 – 9 pm Presentation & Dinner

The Common Market

97 Willard Street

Quincy, MA 02169

Contact Hours Provided

RSVP Required: Limited Seating Available

Supported by The NEC of the Infusion Nurses Society

My Experience in the Guatemala Jungle

By Coleen Caster, IV Nurse at MGH

The morning air was heavy with humidity that could be visualized hanging over the valley floor. We were deep inside the jungle of Guatemala which was an adrenaline rush all of its own until several native Quiche Indians came running into the make shift clinic carrying a woman yelling for help. The 70 year old woman had been on her way to the clinic when she was bit by the most deadly snake in the Americas, a fer-de-lance or yellow beard. Through our translators we were quickly told that the woman would be dead in fifteen minutes if we didn't get the anti-venom into her. The clinic director then informed our team that she only had one dose of anti-venom and for this woman's size we really needed four doses. Natives were instructed to run through the village to see if they could secure another three doses. The Emergency Nurse working with our team quickly read the insert and discovered that the medication could be given IM or IV and yelled "does anyone here know how to start an IV?"

Without thinking I said I am an IV nurse I'll do it. We didn't have time to give the anti-venom IM. The remote run down third world looking clinic we were working in that day had exactly one IV. This woman's life now was completely in my two hands. Fortunately I had been trained by the best of the best at MGH, Edna Riley CRNI and was able to get the IV in on the first try. We gave the first dose of anti-venom through the IV and the patient who had started to decompensate was now perking up. About that time a villager ran in with three more doses of the anti-venom and we were able to give the patient the rest of her treatment.



Upon reflection, later I realized that you never know when or where your skills as an IV nurse may come in handy and that they aren't skills that all nurses have unless specifically trained. Though this is a dramatic story IV nurses are instrumental on a daily basis in saving patients lives and I am proud to be a part of the IV team at large.



Board of Nursing Advisory Ruling Changes

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Department of Public Health

Division of Health Professions Licensure

Board of Registration in Nursing

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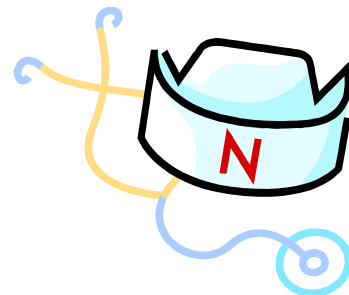
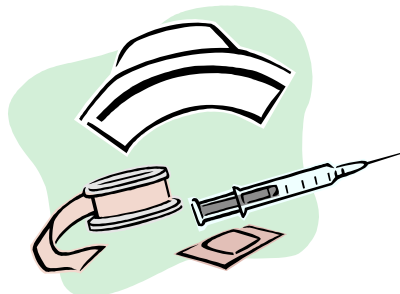
To: Nursing and Healthcare Organizations
From: Laurie Talarico MS, RN, NP
Nursing Practice Coordinator
Re: APRN Ordering Diagnostic Testing
Date: October 1, 2010

This will clarify the law with respect to the ability of nurse practitioners to order and receive tests and reports from clinical laboratories subject to M.G.L. c. 111D.

Chapter 111D, section 8, subsections (7) and (8) in effect state that the following licensed health care providers may make a written request to a clinical laboratory and receive the report of any such test: a physician, dentist, chiropractor, surgeon, podiatrist, osteopath or other person authorized to use the report of such examination by provision of M.G.L. c. 112.

According to the Board of Registration in Nursing, advanced practice registered nurses, which include nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, psychiatric nurse mental health specialists, and nurse anesthetists, fall within the category of persons authorized under chapter 112 to “use the report” of these examinations. Thus, in accordance with chapters 111D and 112, advanced practice registered nurses may order and receive reports of tests conducted by clinical laboratories.

If you have questions about this clarification please call Carol Balulescu at the Office of General Counsel Department of Public Health (617) 624-5216 or Laurie Talarico at the Board of Registration in Nursing (617) 973-0872.



35th Annual New England Chapter Seminar



We would like to remind the New England Chapter members that the Vendors who exhibit at our Annual Seminar are a big part of our success every year.

The Seminar Committee appreciates all that they do to help make this day a great educational experience for Infusion Nurses throughout New England.

For those of you who could not make it, here is a list of the companies that support us, many of them year after year:

- Accuvein – Wayne Barrows
- Angiodynamics – Brendan Dee
- Armstrong Medical Industries – Eric Worcester
- Bard Access Systems – Julie Davenport
- B. Braun Medical – Joanne Wetherbee
- BD Medical/Surgical Systems – Jayne Mazzaglia
- Boston Home Infusion – Andrea Boudreault
- Carefusion – Kate Bowen
- Centrus HomeCare – Sandy Cadieux, Janice Mariano
- Centurion Medical Products – Tim Keeter
- Cook Medical Inc. – Sarah Harrington
- Critical Care Systems – Marie King
- CSL Behring, LLC – David Colburn
- Daikomyo Empowering Gems – Kathryn McKinnon
- Excelsior Medical – Bob Magnoli
- Health Care Technology – Bill Coveney, Frank McDonald
- Infusion Nurses Society – Jason Beal
- Professional Disposables International (PDI) – Kristin Hillier Guido
- Smiths Medical – Lisa Purretta
- Summit Medical – Mike Merchant
- Teleflex Medical – David Cohen
- 3M – Tom Snow, Sean Meskill
- Zars Pharma – Mike Hilton

We also want to extend our thanks to INS and Jason Beal for exhibiting with us throughout the day. We appreciate your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Seminar Committee



35th Annual Seminar Committee

Left to right

Cherie Landry, Janice Ferioli, Ann McCarthy, Pat Silva, Diane DiGirolamo (DIGI), Jill Taylor, Mary McCormick-Genzel and Mary Ann DiStefano. Missing from the photo is Janet Mulligan

Mary Mc Cormack-Genzel with UMass Boston nursing students who attended the 35th Annual Seminar

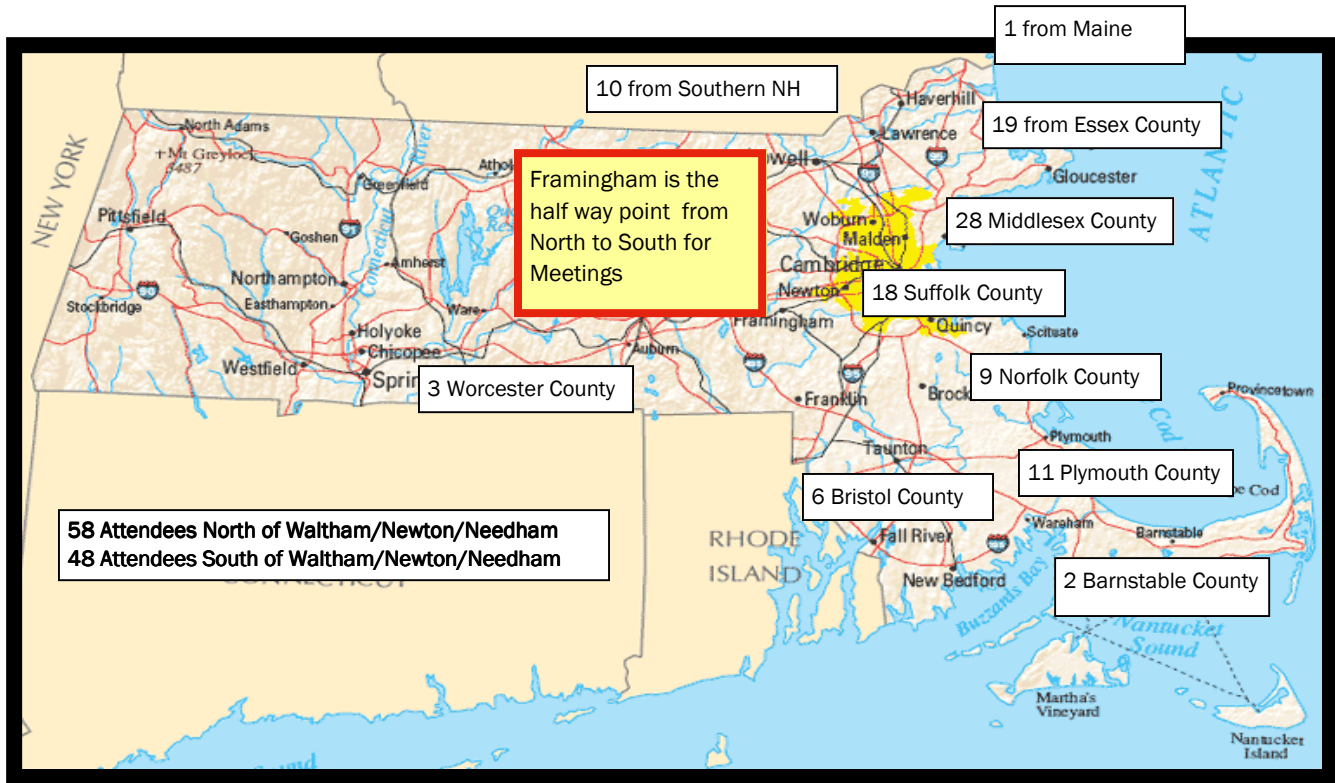


Mary Alexander, MA, RN, CRNI[®], CAE, FAAN Chief Executive Officer INS

Mary E. Grant, MS, RN, Massachusetts state representative

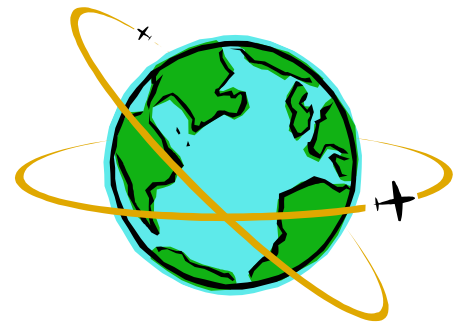
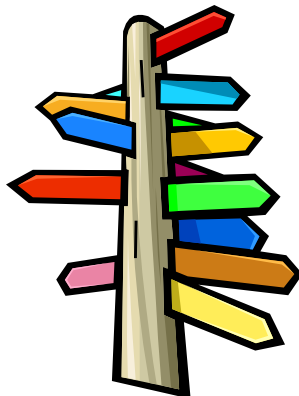
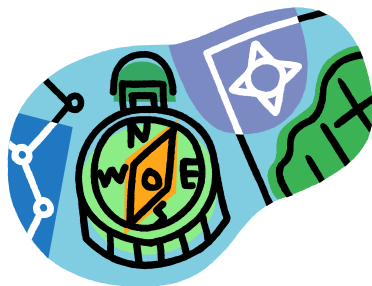
Mary McCormack-Genzel, President NEC INS

Map of Attendees at the 35th Annual NEC INS Seminar September 30, 2010



56 miles from Hampton, NH to Waltham

85 Miles from Falmouth to Waltham



Infusion Nurses Society Scholarship Application

CRNI Sept. ____
Chapter Annual Seminar ____

National Educational Meeting ____
National Annual Meeting ____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Current Position: _____

Employer: _____

Nursing License #: _____

State: _____

1. Chapter Member: Yes ____ NO ____

4. Attended Bi-Monthly Mtg. Yes ____ NO ____

2. INS Member Yes ____ NO ____

5. Attended Annual Seminar Yes ____ NO ____

3. CRNI Yes ____ NO ____

Chapter Leadership:

1. Elected Office Position Year _____

2. Appointed Committee Chair - Dates: _____

3. Committee Member - Dates: _____

4. Submitted Article for Newsletter - Dates: _____

5. Recruited New Members - Names: _____

**Mail form to: NEC INS
C/O Jill Taylor
18 Fuller Road
Middleton, MA 01949**



**Application for INS New England Chapter Membership
March 1, 2010 - February 28, 2011**

One Year Membership ___ \$25* Two Year Membership ___ \$45*
New Membership ___ Renewal Membership ___
***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NE CHAPTER INS**

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Ph _____ E-Mail Address** _____

**** Newsletter now sent via e-mail— If you need regular mail, please check here _____**

Referred By: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Employed in I.V. Therapy? Yes ___ No ___

If so, how many years have you worked in this field? _____

Nursing License-----# _____ State _____
_____ State _____

CRNI? Yes ___ No ___ Are you a National INS Member? Yes ___ No ___

INS Member I.D.# _____ Exp. Date: _____

List any other Professional Memberships you may hold:

**There are opportunities to become more involved by helping out on a committee.
If you have an interest in becoming involved, please check here ___ or
contact any Board Member on our website
www.insnec.org**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please feel free to contact us – Have a wonderful winter

Save the Date

Nov 19-21, 2010 **National Academy of Infusion Therapy** Washington, DC

Tues., Nov. 9, 2010 **Chapter Meeting** TBA

Dear Members of the New England Chapter,

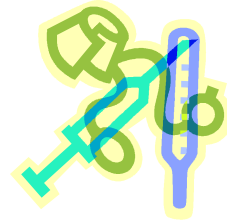
Hi! I'm that person who mails you the Newsletter and sends you other important things here and there. In addition, you hear from me every year or two when I remind you that it is time to renew your membership in the Chapter. Today, however, I am sharing my thoughts with you on the most recent publication of *The Journal of Infusion Nursing*. (September/October 2010)

I don't always get to read the Journal as soon as it arrives, but this month I got the opportunity to read the entire issue while attending to a patient with a very long home infusion. This month's special focus is on building alliances in the specialty of Infusion Nursing. The five authors who contributed to this publication not only used their expertise to explain with such clarity the necessity for developing, implementing and maintaining a strong alliance in our field, but also applied their varied backgrounds and knowledge to remind us of the skill and competence we need for what we do.

As a former staff developer, as well as an infusion and IV product educator, my first thought was; "*This should be required reading for everyone involved in Infusion Nursing!*" If you belong to INS, you already get the Journal. If you don't, I recommend that you borrow this recent publication from an INS member. I hope that it will help you to understand the value of belonging to National INS, which more than ever before sets the standard for Infusion Nurses. As the role of an Infusion Nurse continues to require an ongoing expansion of knowledge and responsibility, we owe it to ourselves and our patients to be the best that we can be!

Thanks for letting me share my thoughts with you all.

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