



CGA-IGC Newsletter

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1. Join or renew your CGA-IGC membership now!

CGA-IGC annual membership coincides with the calendar year so if you want to continue to receive membership benefits in 2019 make sure to join/renew now. Just a few of the things you will miss out on if you don't renew:

- Quarterly newsletters
- Monthly journal scans
- Access to the next webinar series
- Discounted registration rates for the annual meeting

Join or renew here: <https://www.cgaigc-members.com/>

2. Save the Date!

The 23rd annual meeting of CGA -2019 will be held on November 3-5, 2019 at Hilton Salt Lake City Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Beyond being a gateway to The Greatest Snow on Earth, home to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, and being the base camp for more than 6 national parks within driving distance, Salt Lake is a burgeoning urban city complete with top-shelf dining, best-of off-Broadway plays and arts, and more. It's a heavenly family ski destination in the Rocky Mountains.

Hilton Salt Lake City is centrally located and close to downtown dining, shopping and Salt Lake City Winter Activities. You could discover your genealogy at the Family History Library, ski the six top-rated ski resorts within a 30-minute drive, and visit the mighty five iconic national parks.

3. Faces in the crowd with Andrea Forman

If you're active on Twitter, you may recognize the name of one of the newest members of CGA-IGC, Andrea Forman. Andrea has been a genetic counselor at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia since 2004, and she has been an active member of the Cancer Special Interest Group of the National Society of Genetic Counselors. She joined CGA-IGC last year and attended her first meeting with us in San Diego and has jumped in feet-first as a member of the Membership/Communications committee with CGA-IGC. Get to know her with a short Q&A:

Q) Why did you become a member of CGA?

A) I put off joining CGA for a long time because I was very active with the NSGC Cancer SIG and wasn't sure another professional membership would be helpful. But I had colleagues who kept talking about these great webinars and how informative the annual conference was, so I decided to take the plunge. I have really found the information to be a valuable addition to my professional learning.

Q) What did you enjoy most at the CGA annual meeting in San Diego?

A) I appreciated the intimate size of the conference, and the multidisciplinary format. It was so great to hear from surgeons, oncologists, pathologists, and genetic counselors, all in one setting. It provided a depth to the information that isn't as easy to find at a conference dedicated to one healthcare specialty or that has more generalized topics on the agenda. Also, there is Genetics Jeopardy and that was super fun!

Q) How do you think your membership in CGA will benefit your practice?

A) I've been working in cancer genetics for 15 years, and even now the GI syndromes just don't get the same level of attention and education that breast and ovarian syndromes get. CGA provides resources that help keep me at the top of my professional "game" and make sure I'm knowledgeable about the subtle intricacies of various hereditary GI syndromes.

4. Education committee update

CGA-IGC Podcast Series – Now Available!

Season one of our podcast series "Expert Approach to Hereditary Gastrointestinal Cancers" is available for FREE on iTunes, TuneIn and more! The first season focuses on management of Lynch syndrome, with episodes focusing on general cancer risks, gynecologic cancers, urologic cancers, and breast cancer. To access the series <https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/cga-igc> or do an internet search for "**CGAIGC Podcast.**"

We are hard at work on the second season of the podcast, which will focus on extra-colonic features of FAP. Stay tuned for the release of the first episode in late spring!

CGA-IGC Webinar Series – Save the Date!

The webinar series continues, with two more episodes in our current season. We are pleased to announce the dates for these episodes, so mark your calendars now:

Monday, March 4: How to Create a Multi-Disciplinary Plan for Communicating and Managing the Implications of Somatic Testing with Jessica Everett, MS, CGC and Rachele Chambers, MS, CGC

Wednesday, June 12: Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer with Elena Stoffel, MD

This is FREE to CGA-IGC members and genetic counselors can earn CEUs for \$25. You can register for the series here if you haven't already done so:

Stay tuned for more information about new webinars later in the year!

Monthly Journal Scans – Stay Up to Date!

The monthly journal scan created by the Education Committee is a valuable resource and will save you time and keep you current. To access the monthly journal scan, [Journal Scans | CGA-IGC \(cgaigc-members.com\)](http://Journal Scans | CGA-IGC (cgaigc-members.com))

5. Research committee update

The research group has compiled contact information for international GI Cancer Registries and has now finalized a survey to send to each Registry to ensure information is up-to-date, so we can include on our website. We hope to send off the survey within the next month. We also continuing to edit a manual on how to start and maintain a Registry, that will be available to members when complete. Our group is also writing up a SOP for researchers wanting to do research with CGA members in the future.

6. CGA-IGC Calendar of Events

February

Monthly Journal Scan update

March

Webinar 5: “How to create a multi-disciplinary plan for communicating and managing the implications of germline, paired, and somatic testing” on March 4, 2019.

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April

Twitter Journal Club- Time and Date to be determined

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May

2019 CGA Annual Meeting Early Registration, Research Scholar Award, and Abstract Submission opens on May 1, 2019.

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