

Hello PNWSGNA Members and Associates. I would like to introduce myself as your new president.

I grew up in Scotland, graduating from nursing school in London, England. I started out my nursing career in the operating room or theatre as they call it in England.

After working in London for a time, adventure struck me and I decided to leave England and work in Canada. During a visit to the States, I met my future husband.

10 years ago, after raising our two children, I reentered the work force and my career in GI nursing. This field was very new to me but I enjoyed the work and the people who I worked with. I took my certification exam as a way to help me study GI and I certified 5 years ago. Yes, I'm up for renewal this year.

I work in the hospital setting at Valley Medical Center and in an ambulatory setting at Southlake Clinic, both in Renton. I really enjoy the diversity I get from working both settings and it helps me understand the unique needs of each area of GI nursing.