



# ESGENA

## Governing Board

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I am head nurse in the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, President of the Association of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nurses and Technicians in Croatia, President of European Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nurses and Associates (ESGENA) and an external tutor for high school nursing students. I have worked almost 30 years in the field of gastroenterology and endoscopy. During this period I have sought to learn as much as possible and I continue to learn more today. I share my abilities and skills with my colleagues and always learn something from them in return. My work is not solely focused on endoscopy and gastroenterology, but also includes management, social and communication skills, research, and the participation in planning and implementing health care processes. It is this enthusiasm that has led to the opening of the education center for nurses under the auspices of ESGENA. Through this endeavor I try to convey the knowledge and skills necessary for taking a modern approach to gastro-endoscopy treatment as well as a modern approach to planning health care.

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I have worked in the area of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy for thirty years. During this time I have witnessed many changes in our field and I have been a member of ESGENA since the conference in Athens. I have been a Board Member, Vice President, and President of ESGENA and I am now serving as Vice President in my final year as a member of the ESGENA Board. I have been involved with ESGENA Grants for Nurses to undertake courses or visits to other countries. My vision is to bring together Endoscopy Societies from around the world to share knowledge, skills, protocols and guidelines.

## ESGENA General Secretary

### Wendy Waagenes

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I am very interested in Advanced Endoscopy and the nurse's role during Endoscopy procedures. I have a lot of experience with hands-on-training, which I believe to be an important tool in the training of Endoscopy nurses. Successful Endoscopic procedures, with the patient in focus, are very much a team effort. The nurse's role as assistant, dealing with both patient care and technical know-how is challenging, and the more advanced the procedures, the more education and training is needed to become an integral part of the team, while keeping patient care and safety in focus.

I have been on the Board of ESGENA since October 2013, first as Councillor and now as General Secretary.

## ESGENA Treasurer

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I have been Treasurer on the ESGENA board and involved in the hands-on training in cooperation with the ESGE since 2011.

I am also a member of the EEWG, the European Education Working Group of ESGENA and I represent ESGENA in the ESGE Quality Improvement Committee.

Since 1990 I am involved in Endoscopy and at the moment I am the head nurse of the Endoscopy unit of the AMC in Amsterdam. During all these years I've done a lot of different tasks and it is still a challenge for me. The nursing profession has grown and it is beautiful to share this with colleagues.

## ESGENA Councillor

### Björn Fehrke

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I work in neumologyat the University Hospital in Bern as head nurse of the Bronchoscopy Intervention Centre.

I have worked in endoscopy now for 15 years and am an ESGENA Board member as well as a member of the National Society of Endoscopy Staff (SVEP). My special interests in endoscopy are interventional Bronchoscopy and ERCP.

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I work as a nurse in the Endoscopy Unit at the Health and University Corporation of Tauli Park (CSUPT – Corporació Sanitaria y Universitaria del ParcTauli), Sabadell Hospital Barcelona, Spain.

According to the law, the specialization of nursing in Endoscopy does not exist in Spain at this time. However, after working in endoscopy for more than 12 years, I consider myself a specialist in the field due to my participation in and commitment to continuous education. The concepts and practices taught improve not only my skills, but also my knowledge and the application of critical thought to increase the quality of attention to patients who require endoscopy procedures.

My main interests are taking care of people, with a special focus on the quality of care and the safety of the endoscopy patient, as well as the development of endoscopy nursing and the transmission of these values to novice nurses and colleagues via educational activities.

I am an ESGENA board member and also a member of the ESGENA Educational Working Group. This European group allows us to observe how nurses in endoscopy are educated; it is the starting point, providing an understanding of present educational specialization programs, which can be used one day in countries that do not already have them in place. At the same time, it gives strength to local societies that are coping with the politics of health in this fight, as it provides an example to be followed to ensure the care needed for our patients.

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My position in ESGENA is as a Councillor and Editor of the E-news. I'm also a member of ESGENA Education Working Group.

I'm an intensive care nurse and have worked for about 15 years in an endoscopy unit, most of those years as a head nurse. I currently work as a special adviser and coordinator for a major bowel cancer screening project in Norway. Hopefully, we will have a running program for colorectal cancer screening in the near future.

My special interests in gastroenterology are colonoscopy, colorectal cancer screening, research, education, quality and documentation.

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