



Decontamination of Equipment for GI Endoscopy and vCJD Issues – Some Good News at Last!

Since the last hard copy distribution of the BSG guidelines in 2003 there have been significant developments in decontamination practice, and revised guidance on endoscopy in patients at risk of variant CJD (vCJD). There is also good news in that endoscope manufacturers will shortly be in a position to offer centrally funded refurbishment of some endoscopes in quarantine. This ring-fenced funding will also make it less likely that “invasive” endoscopy (such as biopsy and diathermy) will be denied to patients at risk of vCJD (for example patients with haemophilia and related disorders).

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European Group for Endoscopic UltraSound

EGUS is organising the 3rd European Congress of the EGEUS, to be held in Barcelona in September 2009 and are pleased to inform you that in June 15-17th, 2008 they will have the First International EGEUS Course, joint together with the IVth National EUS Course of the Italian Endosonographic Club (IEC) in Italy, Castel San Pietro Terme (Bologna).

EGEUS is an Association of National EUS Clubs, Groups of interest or Committees. It also accepts individual membership mainly from Countries that don't have yet an established EUS Club or Group.

The aim of the EGEUS is to spread the knowledge of EUS and to share programs of education and training and also clinical researches and studies.

For further information please visit www.egeus.org or call +39.011.505900

BSG Webcast

View the WebCasts taken at the BSG Annual Meeting at the following link:

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Autumn Neurogastroenterology and Motility Section Symposium

Neurogastrogastroenterology:
New Frontiers
Friday 19th September 2008,
Royal College of Physicians, London

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The Mattu Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Symposium

'Minimally invasive approaches to oesophageal and gastric cancer'

8th -10th December 2008

Tel: 00 44 [0]1483 688 691 or book on line at www.mattu.org

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BSG/Cook Short-term Advanced Endoscopy Fellowships

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, USA

Four grants of £1500 each are available to allow selected British gastroenterologists and trainees to spend 2 weeks studying advanced endoscopy techniques and applications with Dr Peter Cotton and colleagues at the Digestive Disease Center of the Medical University of South Carolina, in Charleston, SC.

The program will feature observation of ERCP, EUS and other advanced techniques, case presentations and discussions, didactic lectures, teaching rounds and research conferences, but does not include “hands-on” training.

The Fellowship runs from 27 October - 7 November 2008.

Details of the Digestive Disease Center can be found on www.ddc.musc.edu, and a guide to Charleston at www.Charleston.net

This program is supported by a grant from Cook and requires submission of a 400 word report within 1 month of completion of the Fellowship.

Application letters with a brief CV (and testimonial from Educational Supervisor for trainees) should be sent before May 19th , to Dr Stuart Cairns: stuart.cairns@bsuh.nhs.uk

Successful applicants will be informed before August 1st 2008

Bupa Foundation Awards 2008 - *Call for entries.*

The annual Bupa Foundation Awards, now in their 29th year, are made to healthcare and medical professionals in recognition of excellence in healthcare. Current award categories are:

- **Care Award** – for excellence in the development of care for older people;
- **Research Award** – for the best emerging medical researcher in the UK;
- **Epidemiology Award** – for excellence in the epidemiological study of human disease;
- **Clinical Excellence Award** – for work that demonstrates an improved clinical outcome for patients;
- **Health at Work Award** - for excellence in occupational medicine;
- **Communication Award** – for effective communication between health care professionals and patients;

MD Linx

MD Linx provides a weekly newsletter containing links to recent stories and articles related to the world of gastroenterology. If you would like to look at the site or sign up for the weekly newsletter, visit: <http://www.mdlinx.com/GILinx/>

Screening and Management of Colorectal Cancer in Europe - Actual Practice and Future Trends

To be held in Prague on 13 & 14 June, 2008.

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The 26th Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition

2 - 5 September 2008 at St James's University Hospital Leeds

For further information on the course, please contact:
Jo Robinson,
Course Co-ordinator,
Tel: 0113 343 2494, or visit www.clinical-nutrition.co.uk



- **Patient Safety Award** – for outstanding contribution to patient safety.

Awards are £15,000 each, divided into two parts: £5,000 will be paid direct to the individual or team members and £10,000 will be for use to further the award winners' research. Applications are open to healthcare professionals who are resident and working in the UK.

Closing date for entry is 1 July 2008

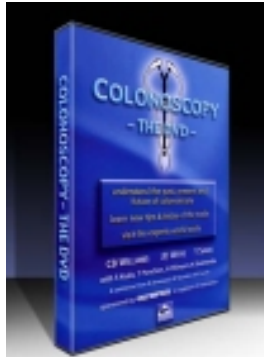
For full details visit: www.bupafoundation.co.uk

For an application form please call: **020 7656 2246** or E-mail: iona.chessells@btinternet.com

St. Mark's Hospital - Educational CDs and DVDs

St. Mark's Hospital is a leading provider of medical training materials in gastro-intestinal care, catering for students, doctors, nurses, research scientists, surgeons and patients to a professional standard.

A variety of educational CDs and DVDs and interactive DVD-ROMs have been produced by an international line-up of top endoscopic professionals and surgeons.



The library contains everything from practical colonoscopy, nutrition, nurse training in endoscopy, fistula in ano, laparoscopic surgery and advanced polypectomy to new techniques and methods such as Narrow Band Imaging and ESD (endoscopic submucosal dissection).

You can find out more about the St. Mark's range of DVDs at this website: <http://www.wolfsonendoscopy.org.uk/st-mark-multimedia.html>

NHD (Network Health Dietitians)

The NHD publishing a monthly magazine for nutrition professionals entitled NHD (Network Health Dietitians) and are about to launch a new interactive digital version online.

BSG members will have free access to the digital version as a resource. Although the magazine covers a wide breadth of nutrition topics we have a regular focus on Coeliac disease from Coeliac UK as well as ongoing Crohn's disease content and digestive issues articles across the breadth of clinical and community sectors.



PAX Society / PAX Meeting

Conference for Surgeons in Gastroenterology
18-20 September 2008
Polydome, Clermont, Ferrand (France).

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German Journal of Gastroenterology

We have received 30 copies of the German Journal of Gastroenterology (English version). Should anyone require a copy please email John Rother at the BSG: jrother@bsg.org.uk

1st International Interuniversity Gastroenterology Congress

29th - 31st May 2008

The Congress will be held at Thraki Palace Hotel in Alexandroupolis, Greece.

[Programme](#), [Registration Form](#), [Booking For](#)

Visit <http://nhdmag.com/SurveyForm/1208856516495-6367/> to investigate further.

Dr Falk / Core Pharma Presigious Bursary Awards - Winners Announced

Dr Falk Pharma and CORE (formerly the Digestive Disorders Foundation) are pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Bursary Awards and Essay Prize. Six students and two F1 and F2 grade clinicians were selected by a panel comprising Dr Falk Pharma and CORE representatives and have each been awarded £1,000 (£2,200 to the F1 & F2 grade clinicians) to fund their individual research projects. In addition, a £1,000 Essay Prize was awarded for outstanding research personally undertaken by a medical student.

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The AGA Institute

As part of its mission to advance the science and practice of gastroenterology, the AGA Institute is committed to fostering international collaboration among the research community. As chair of AGA Institute's International Committee, I would like to bring to your attention an important opportunity for a trainee in your society to obtain research training in the United States.

The [Jon I. Isenberg International Research Scholar Award](#) provides a total of \$50,000 to a non-U.S. citizen young investigator for one year of study in the U.S.: \$25,000 from the AGA Institute and \$25,000 in matching funds from a U.S.-based laboratory or international GI society.

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Registration for KBA in Gastroenterology is now open

Registration for the KBA in Gastroenterology is now open – candidates can register online at www.mrcpuk.org

Once eligibility has been checked and payment received, candidates are directed to contact Pearson VUE to select their test venue. We understand there is a hitch with the online selection process at the moment, so candidates should use the telephone option.

Please forward any queries to Marcus Roome 7935 1174 ext 579 Or myself or Kba.queries@mrcpuk.org

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