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Regional and Local Gastroenterology Meetings

If you have a local Gut Club or hospital meeting that focuses on any aspect of GI medicine and is open to a wide audience please send details through to [Howard Ellison](#) at the BSG for inclusion in the BSG website's events calendar.

The 10th National Barrett's Symposium

8th April 2016

UCH Education Centre – London

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EASL 2016

13th – 17th April 2016

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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Nominations for BSG Council and Section Elections 2016

There will be a number of vacancies on the BSG Council and on several Section Committees from June 2016. We will be inviting nominations for the positions shortly and encourage you to consider standing for election or nominating a colleague. If you would like to stand you will need to be nominated by a Full Member of the Society. Candidates will be required to provide the relevant forms (which will become available on the BSG website once the nomination period begins) and a personal statement in order to stand. Members of Sections will receive emails in due course calling for nominations and detailing how to apply.

Full Members may vote in Section elections, while Full Members and Senior Members may vote in Council elections.

Please note that the ability to join BSG Sections will be suspended during the elections. Please make sure that you are a member of the Sections in which you would like to vote *before* the election begins.

(All posts are 3 year terms, with the exception of those in the Pancreas Section which are 4 years)

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ACCEA – 2015 Awards and Opening of 2016 Round

ESGE /ESDO Quality in Endoscopy Upper GI Endoscopy & Neoplasia Symposium

15th – 16th April 2016

Andel's Hotel Berlin – Berlin

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The VIII Coloproctology Symposium – RCPSCG

15th April 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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IBS: The Patient's Perspective

16th April 2016

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

✦ [Further Information](#)

ERCP Basic Training Course 2016

21st – 22nd April 2016

European Endoscopy Training Centre (EETC) – Rome

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Joint ESPCG & PCSG Spring Meeting 2016

22nd April 2016

2016 award round will open on Friday 11th March and close on Monday 16th May

Further detailed advice and guidance about our role in the process will be available on the BSG website shortly.

We would encourage members to apply both to us and ACCEA. Please read the rules about applying for national awards (<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/advisory-committee-on-clinical-excellence-awards>) and if your contribution is on a wide scale (and you feel under-appreciated in your institution), please note that, at least in recent years, it has not been necessary to have reached the top of the local CEA scale to put yourself in the frame nationally.

Each year the BSG is asked to make nominations of meritorious gastroenterologists to ACCEA in support of their applications for National Level Clinical Excellence Awards. There are many worthy candidates each year but the number of nominations we can make is strictly limited and competition for our support – especially at Silver level – is intense. In 2015, there were over 2,000 applications to ACCEA from consultants in all specialties for a total of only 300 new awards at all levels. In view of that intense competition, where only one in seven applicants succeeds, the BSG was delighted to learn that 9 of its 16 nominees were successful (two at gold, three at silver and four at bronze). Every individual who receives BSG support is worthy and while warm congratulations are due to those who received their awards in 2015, we commiserate with those whose merit was recognised by their specialist society but who did not quite make the cut with ACCEA.

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Apply: Flexible Training Lead on BSG Training Committee

The Training Committee wishes to appoint a BSG member with a demonstrable interest and track record in all matters relating to flexible training to lead on the development of BSG approach to this important area. The role will report to and work with the Chair of the Training Committee and will liaise with TPDs on regional approaches. If you are interested please email Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk)

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Clinical Fellow in Gastroenterology, Advanced Endoscopy and Clinical Informatics – National Appointment

The Royal College of Physicians, British Society of Gastroenterology and Gloucester Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are seeking to make a joint appointment to a new national post in clinical informatics. This important appointment involves experience within the new and developing area of clinical informatics. The post also offers the opportunity to be trained in advanced endoscopy or specialist IBD skills and to obtain a higher degree through the University of

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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UCLH ERCP Development Programme

25th – 27th April 2016

University College London Hospitals – London

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BSG Research Workshop – Cystic Lesions of the Pancreas

28th April 2016

Barts and The London Medical School – London

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3rd European Update Congress in Gastroenterology

29th – 30th April 2016

National House of Vinohrady – Prague

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London Pancreas Workshop 2016

29th April 2016

Barts and The London Medical School – London

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Swansea. The appointment is for 12 months with the option to extend the role to 24 months. It will be based partly in Gloucester and partly in the Health Informatics Unit of the RCP, in London.

Cheltenham General Hospital and Gloucestershire Royal Hospital have strong reputations for performing high quality endoscopy and endoscopy training. The Royal College of Physicians Health Informatics Unit has nationally and internationally recognised expertise in clinical record standards and the use of new technologies in health care. The British Society of Gastroenterology is an organisation focused on the promotion of gastroenterology within the United Kingdom. It has over three thousand members drawn from the ranks of physicians, surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, scientists, nurses, dietitians, and others interested in the field. Founded in 1937 it has grown from a club to be a major force in British medicine with influence in clinical services and standards, education, training and research.

The post is ideal for senior gastroenterology trainees or CCT holders, wanting to develop advanced skills in preparation for applying for consultant posts, and who would like to develop their clinical informatics skills.

Closing Date: Sunday 6th March 2016

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Apply: Member of the Gastroenterology Specialty Certificate Examining Board

The British Society of Gastroenterology and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a member to the Gastroenterology SCE Examining Board. The Examining Board has the responsibility of selecting the questions for the Gastroenterology SCE Examination so previous experience in other roles in the SCE is desirable.

Closing date for application is 4th March 2016.

For details, please see the advert on the MRCP (UK) website <https://www.mrcpuk.org/get-involved-examiners/how-become-involved> and also <https://www.mrcpuk.org/news/vacancies-members-gastroenterology-specialty-certificate-examining-board-and-specialty>

The next Gastroenterology Examining Board takes place on 29–30 June 2016 and the successful applicant will be required to attend.

Dr Mounes Dakkak
Lead Specialist for Specialty Certificate Examination in Gastroenterology

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Apply: Member of the Gastroenterology Specialty Certificate Examination – Standard Setting Group

The British Society of Gastroenterology and the Federation of the

Autoimmune Liver Disease: An Update for Consultants, Trainees and Specialist Nurses

4th May 2016

Holiday Inn – Rotherham

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Hepatology Perspectives Expert Forum 13 – Advancing care: impacting patient outcomes

7th May 2016

Sheraton Roma Hotel & Conference Center – Rome

[▶ Further Information](#)

The 6th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy Course

12th – 13th May 2016

Queens Medical Centre Campus – Nottingham

[▶ Further Information](#)

Advances in Clinical Measurement and Management of GI Motility Disorders

20th May 2016

University of California, San Diego – La Jolla

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Digestive Disease Week® 2016

21st – 24th May 2016

Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a member to the Gastroenterology SCE Standard Setting Group. The Standard Setting Group has the responsibility of determining the pass mark for the Gastroenterology SCE Examination so previous experience in other roles in the SCE is desirable.

Closing date for application is 4th March 2016.

For details, please see the advert on the MRCP (UK) website <https://www.mrcpuk.org/get-involved-examiners/how-become-involved> and also <https://www.mrcpuk.org/news/vacancies-members-gastroenterology-specialty-certificate-examining-board-and-specialty>

The next Gastroenterology Standard Setting Group meeting takes place in November 2016 and the successful applicant will be required to attend.

Dr Mounes Dakkak
Lead Specialist for Specialty Certificate Examination in Gastroenterology

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BSG Annual Meeting 2016

Take advantage of registration rates held at 2014 values and register now at the early-bird rate for your Society's Annual Meeting (Liverpool, 20-23 June 2016).

View the whole programme and more online at www.bsg2016.org.uk! World-class speakers, cutting-edge updates, interactive sessions and a social programme to round off the experience are all on offer at BSG 2016.

The early-bird deadline is 18th March 2016.

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IBD Registry News – March 2016

Latest data submission

We now have information from 11 hospitals on 12,246 IBD patients (up from 8 hospitals and 8,037 IBD patients last quarter). 3 additional teams have registered with HSCIC, so are ready to contribute their data next time.

We're making steady progress with participation and importantly, we have now successfully uploaded data not only from sites using the IBD Registry Patient Management System (PMS) but also sites using the Emis system, 2 web tool sites and one hospital using an in-house database, demonstrating the infrastructure for all the different data capture options. That infrastructure will also allow us to deliver other projects.

San Diego Convention Centre – San Diego

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UCL–Royal Free Hepatology Postgraduate Course 2016

24th – 25th May 2016

Royal Free Hospital – London

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Birmingham Liver Course 2016

26th – 27th May 2016

Centre for Professional Development, Edgbaston – Birmingham

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Gastroenterology Update for Primary Care 2016

7th June 2016

Centre for Professional Development – Edgbaston – Birmingham

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ACP NSM 2016

8th – 9th June 2016

The Hallam Conference Centre – London

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The Registry is currently recruiting a Data Manager who will enable us to begin providing a standard report back to sites when we receive their data. Meanwhile, Keith Bodger and his team at the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Liverpool are busy analysing the Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) for IBD as part of a Crohn's and Colitis UK research project. We will begin to see some of the results of this analysis soon; later in the year we will extract the HES data for all patients in the Registry database and be able to analyse the demographics, clinical and HES history for that group.

Colleagues at the sites have worked really hard to upload their data on time – thank you to everyone. We are happy to help any IBD team that needs support to begin collecting and submitting their data. Please contact simone.cort@ibdregistry.org.uk if you have any queries at all.

Regional meetings update

We've almost completed our initial series of regional meetings and have now met and developed action plans with over 170 members of IBD clinical teams across the country. Slides from the meetings are at <http://ibdregistry.org.uk/workshops/>

The Scottish regional meeting will take place in Glasgow on Wednesday 20th April and will be chaired by Dr Ian Arnott. We'd really encourage you to come along, and to bring your team if you can. There is no charge to attend, thanks to support from Tillotts, Takeda, Janssen and Shire. For more information and to register please go to <http://ibdregistry.org.uk/>

IBD Audit news

As you may know, there is an exciting future ahead for IBD services in the UK. The UK IBD Audit as you know it is moving towards an improved system for data capture and quality improvement, using the IBD Registry. This new programme of work remains on both the quality accounts list and the national clinical audit and patient outcomes programme (NCAPOP) in England. Your ongoing participation is very important, and you'll be hearing from the IBD Audit team at the RCP very soon, with a registration form for you to sign up to join this new initiative.

To find out more about joining the Registry [click here](#) or email simone.cort@ibdregistry.org.uk

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RCP Excellence in Patient Care Awards – Shortlist Announced

The shortlist for the debut RCP Excellence in Patient Care Awards has now been announced. The winners will be revealed at the awards ceremony and dinner on the first day of [Medicine 2016: RCP annual conference](#), on Tuesday 15 March 2016. Tickets for the dinner and/or conference can be booked online on the RCP website now.

The mission of the awards is to recognise and promote the impressive work that physicians are doing around the world to deliver patient-centred care through education, policy, clinical practice and research.

We are pleased to announce that Dr Matthew Kurien has been nominated for the Specialty Trainee award for his work in "Raising the standards for Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG)

International Symposium on Pancreatic Cancer

9th – 12th June 2016

University of Glasgow – Glasgow

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ACP NSM 2016 (Association of Clinical Pathologists)

9th June 2016

The Hallam Conference Centre – London

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18th TECNA Course

10th June 2016

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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Warwick University Short Course 2016 – 'Laboratory Skills'

13th – 24th June 2016

University of Warwick – Coventry

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The King's Liver Golden Jubilee: International Summit 2016

16th – 18th June 2016

King's College Hospital – London

feeding across the United Kingdom".

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Shortlisted Teams for The BMJ Awards 2016

The shortlist for the 2016 BMJ Awards has been published. Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on the evening of Thursday 5 May 2016. Our congratulations go to those shortlisted below. Please view the shortlist in full at the further information link below.

Gastroenterology

- Guy's & St Thomas' NHS FT – *IMPACT: IBS Dietary Management*
- Royal Free London Foundation NHS Trust – *IBD Passport travel resource*
- Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust and NHS Wakefield CCG – *FCP Testing in Primary Care*
- City and Hackney CCG and Homerton University Hospital – *DA Colonoscopy & Sigmoidoscopy*
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals – *Novel small bowel endoscopy*
- MRC Cancer Unit and University Cambridge Hospitals NHS Trust – *Cytosponge: find cancer early*

Cancer Care

- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – *Oesophageal cancer Prevention*

Clinical Leadership

- Croydon University Hospital – *Nutrition Support Team*

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Treatment Recommendations for the Management of Patients with Chronic HCV Infection

These recommendations were developed at a consensus meeting of clinicians and interested parties on 5 January 2016. Therapies that are NICE approved are presented in bold and those that are NICE unapproved are italicised.

The prices of the different regimens vary considerably. Clinicians should use the most cost effective treatment option taking account of the individual patient's requirements.

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BSG Guidance on the Use of Biosimilar Infliximab CT-P13 in IBD

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20th – 23rd June 2016

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

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St Mark's Postgraduate Gastroenterology Course 2016

27th June – 8th July 2016

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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48th meeting of the European Pancreatic Club

6th – 9th July 2016

St George's Hall, Liverpool – Liverpool

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3rd Athens International Symposium

8th – 9th July 2016

Athens Hilton Hotel – Athens

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Warwick University Short Course 2016 – 'Techniques and Applications of Molecular Biology'

The BSG IBD Section has just issued a new guidance on the use of biosimilar infliximab in IBD.

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New BSG/ESGE Guideline on Antiplatelet & Anticoagulant Usage in Endoscopy

BSG/ESGE have produced guidelines on antiplatelet and anticoagulant usage in endoscopy. It focuses on P2Y12 receptor antagonists (clopidogrel, prasugrel, ticagrelor), Warfarin and Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOAC).

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Published MHRA and HTA guideline on FMT

Please find below the recently published MHRA and HTA (Human Tissue Authority) guideline on FMT (Faecal Microbiota Transplantation) for information. This specifically states that FMT must be considered as a CTIMP (medicinal product) and that MHRA approval for any trial utilising FMT should be now sought.

[▶ HTA Policy on the Regulation of Faecal Microbiota Transplant](#)

[▶ MHRA's position on FTM](#)

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NICE Quality standards on Irritable Bowel Syndrome in Adults

This quality standard covers the diagnosis and management of irritable bowel syndrome in adults. It does not cover other gastrointestinal disorders such as non-ulcer dyspepsia, coeliac disease and inflammatory bowel disease. For more information see the irritable bowel syndrome topic overview.

[▶ Access documentation on NICE website](#)

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Federation of Independent Practice Organisations Newsletter

Please follow the link below for the latest newsletter from the Federation of Independent Practice Organisations (FIPO) giving updates on the following topics: FIPO appeal against CMA report, a

11th – 14th July 2016

University of Warwick – Coventry

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Methods for Evaluating Medical Tests and Biomarkers

19th – 20th July 2016

University of Birmingham

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Indonesian Society of Internal Medicine (PAPDI)

22nd – 25th August 2016

Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center – Nusa dua

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The Leeds course in Clinical Nutrition 2016

14th – 16th September 2016

University of Leeds – Leeds

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ISDE 2016

19th – 21st September 2016

Singapore EXPO – Singapore

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new Consultant survey by FIPO, private medical insurers, private hospitals, Private Hospitals Information Network (PHIN), competition law affecting fees and commercial practice.

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Do you Treat Children with Hirschsprung's or Gastroschisis?

Would you be interested in sharing your expertise, improving the quality of research, and helping to improve outcomes in both conditions? NETS (Next stage in Evidence-based paediatric surgical Treatment Strategies), are developing core outcome sets for Hirschsprung's Disease and gastroschisis, and need doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, parents and patients to help us by completing three online questionnaires over the next 6 months. For more information and to register your interest, please go to www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/nets/taking-part

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Survey: Assessment and Treatment of NAFLD

On behalf of the UK NAFLD group, we invite all BSG members to complete a short survey on the assessment and treatment of NAFLD in your local unit. This 10 question survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and is accessed by the web link below.

We will use the findings to obtain a snapshot of current variation in practice for diagnosis, assessment and treatment of NAFLD in the UK.

Your support is greatly appreciated to enhance the validity and relevance of this survey to your future practice.

For any questions or more information please contact [Dr David Sheridan](#), Consultant Hepatologist, Plymouth.

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Survey: GI Physiology and Motility

Dr Dipesh Vasant, Dr Nerukav Radhakrishnan, Prof Shaheen Hamdy, Kumud Solanki, Lynne Smith and Dr Josephine Barlow.

Due to increasing clinical demands and advances in diagnostics and therapeutics, there has been a rapid growth in GI physiology and motility services. A wide range of specialist investigations are now offered in most centres. There is now an acute need to assess the practice, training and attitudes towards GI physiology and motility services nationally to determine if these aspects have kept pace with the expansion and to identify areas for development.

With this in mind, we have created this short questionnaire to be completed by all clinicians who refer patients for GI physiology and

Advanced ERCP Nursing Workshop 2016

21st September 2016

Liverpool Medical Institution – Liverpool

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UEG 2016

15th – 19th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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APDW 2016

2nd – 5th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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JDDW 2016

3rd – 6th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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19th TECNA Course

18th November 2016

Manchester Conference Centre – Manchester

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motility studies, GI physiologists and clinical scientists.

Your input in this short survey would be much appreciated.

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EDUCATION

BSG TV

Presentations from DDF 2015 are now available through BSGtv. For the first time, all main-programme sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have been recorded! To access the recordings, log in at www.bsg.org.uk/component/option.com_rsform/Itemid.657/ and use the left-hand navigation to access BSGtv. BSGtv is a membership benefit from the BSG.

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UEG Training Support – Funding for Educational Activities

The UEG spends €1.8 million per year on grants, prizes and support programmes, a fifth of their total spending, according to Erik Schruppf, UEG Treasurer. Supporting collaborative efforts between national and specialist societies is at the core of UEG's long-term strategy. The UEG is offering funding support of up to €25,000 to support educational activities. If you have an idea for a CPD-accredited meeting, course, workshop, symposium or other educational event in 2017, start planning now. Make sure you [read the conditions and requirements](#) and note that the application must be made by the BSG, NOT by individuals.

Further information on what is required in the application can be obtained from Ms Julia Kasper in the UEG Secretariat at j.kasper@medadvice.co.at. The application deadline is 20 April, 2016. Organisers of activities selected for funding will be contacted by July 5, 2016.

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UCLH ERCP Development Programme: Enhancing Performance and Outcomes at ERCP

University College Hospital, London
25 – 27 April 2016

There is increasing focus on performance indicators and outcomes

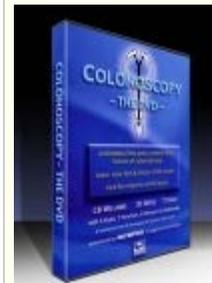
Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

ICC Birmingham

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St. Mark's 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: [Click Here](#)

for patients undergoing ERCP. This is a twice yearly, hands on course for consultants looking to advance their performance and improve outcomes for their patients. The venue will rotate between London and Liverpool. It will run over two and a half days and will concentrate on hands on cases mentored by expert trainers. There will be a maximum of six delegates, undertaking at least two cases each.

The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee.

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Achieve a Winning Business Case to Improve Outcomes in Gastro & Hep Services – An Action Plan

When: Birmingham 6th May (TBC), London 20th May (TBC), Manchester, Leeds or York week commencing 16th May (TBC) & East of England (TBC)

Where: TBC with dates

Category: Special Gastroenterology / Hepatology Workshop

Interactive, practical FREE half day workshop for Consultants, SPRs, GPwSIs, NwSIs, Commissioners (CCGs, Specialised), Medicines Management Leads, Hospital Service Managers, Pharmacists and Patient Representatives.

Briefly understand commissioning and NHS priorities, explore with case examples how to develop a business case to maximise NHS value and identify in local teams with commissioners and patients local challenges, priorities to improve services.

Please complete the 'Registry of Interest' form below and return it Freepost to Medical Management Services (UK) Ltd, FREEPOST RTRT-KBGH-SHJZ, 12 Claremont Road, Bath, BA1 6Lx or email Linda Smith at l.smith@medman.co.uk with your interest.

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UCL–Royal Free Hepatology Postgraduate Course 2016

24–25th May 2016

Royal Free Hospital

To register or enquire, contact lorraine.hawes@amethyst-cme.com

We are pleased to invite you to register for a comprehensive course in hepatology to be held at The Royal Free Hospital from the 24th to 25th of May 2016. The aim of the course is to provide a strong foundation in hepatology, from which future gastroenterologists and allied healthcare professionals can use as a springboard to becoming specialists within the field. It is also a useful update for Gastroenterology Consultants.

Course Objectives

This two day course aims to provide:

- Clinically focused updates

- Comprehensive coverage of the pathogenesis, diagnosis, investigation and management of patients with acute and chronic liver disease
- Topics mapped to the (JRCPTB) curriculum in hepatology with learning outcomes that can be uploaded to the JRCPTB e-portfolio
- A deeper understanding of the basic science of liver disease
- Interactive teaching focusing on SCE style SBA questions and real cases

[▶ Download programme](#)

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RESEARCH

New Wilson Disease Trial Recruiting Now

[A phase 2, multi-centre, international therapeutic trial](#) has been approved in the UK for patients with Wilson's disease. The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham are the two UK sites, both of which have begun recruiting. Please refer to the [letter to physicians](#) for more detail and to get involved.

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NIHR Call for Research into National Clinical Audit Outcomes

The National Advisory Group on Clinical Audit and Enquiries has identified areas where research could provide evidence to improve the conduct and use of National Clinical Audits (NCAs). It identified there is a need to develop understanding and evidence to support improving the output of audits for the wide array of users who can now access the outputs of publicly funded audits. The research need is for evidence that can be applied across NCAs and potentially to contribute to international research on enhancing the impact of audit to stimulate quality improvement. Primary research is required that involves the experimental manipulation of real audit data for end users (clinicians, providers, commissioners, and the public).

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UEG Research Prize 2016

The prize will be awarded for excellence in basic science, translational or clinical research. The recipient must be able to demonstrate that the previous work has had an impact in its field and that its quality has been recognised internationally. The recipient will have produced a substantial body of basic science, translational or clinical research in a focused area of gastroenterology, hepatology

or related disciplines. Priority will be given to applications where science has had crucial impact on clinical practice and management, or is very likely to have it in the near future. Furthermore, the recipient must have been mentioned at least once as (co-)author of an abstract submitted to UEG Week in the past 3 years.

A detailed prospect of more than 5 years of future research activity is required in the application form and must be guaranteed by the recipient when the prize is awarded. The prize money of €100,000 will be paid to the recipient's department.

Furthermore, UEG expects the UEG Research Prize Winner to

- submit a review article to the UEG Journal by end of October 2016 (<https://www.ueg.eu/journal/>)
- accept potential UEG Week Faculty invitations in subsequent years.

In order to apply for this prize please visit the [UEG Website](#) and complete the online application by May 13, 2016 at the latest. Hard copies will not be accepted. In order to guarantee that your submission process was successful, UEG will acknowledge the receipt of each application via return email.

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Core Research Essay Prize 2016

[Core](#) is offering a £1,000 award for the best essay based on gastroenterology or hepatology research undertaken by a clinical or basic science researcher during their MD or PhD. The work must be the subject of at least one abstract submitted for presentation at the 2016 British Society of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting in Liverpool. Further information and the application form are available [to download](#). The closing date is 4th March 2016.

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Dr Falk Pharma UK/Core Awards 2016

The Dr Falk/Core awards recognise those who bring new knowledge and insight to the field of gastroenterology and hepatology. For those committed to furthering research or patient care, the 2016 awards are an opportunity to achieve national recognition as well as the financial support to take your career further.

This year's prizes consist of the following:

- A £1000 prize for the best essay on gastroenterology research personally undertaken by medical students who were on an intercalated BSc/MRes/MSc/MPH/MBPhD* course during the previous academic year (2014/2015)
- Four £1500 bursaries for medical students taking full-time science degrees (BSc/MRes/MSc/MPH/MBPhD*) focusing on gastrointestinal or liver-related disease in the current academic year (2015/2016)
- Two £2500 bursaries to support research for F1/F2 doctors who are undertaking research in an area relevant to gastroenterology.
- A £1,000 award for primary and secondary care nurses for initiatives that have advanced patient care.

*PhD students should note that they may apply for a bursary only once during their three-year studentship and that they may apply for the essay prize when their PhD has been completed.

The application deadline is 17:00 on Friday 4th March 2016. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

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£10,000 for Crohn's Innovation Grant

forCrohns is the UK's only charity solely dedicated to Crohn's disease. Their mission is to fund research that helps those with the condition today and contributes to finding a cure for Crohn's disease in the future whilst making more people in the UK aware of the disease and its symptoms. Last year they funded approximately £80,000 of basic science and clinical research in various specialist institutions. They have also now created a new Innovation Grant to focus more on the shorter term.

Aim

The aim of the Innovation Grant is to support gastroenterology healthcare professionals to find new ways to immediately improve the lives of patients with Crohn's disease.

Funding

forCrohns new innovation grant will be used to fund projects that demonstrate a clear and immediate benefit for Crohn's disease patients. Up to £10,000 will be awarded to successful applicants. The application process is open from 1 January 2016 – 10 March 2016.

Criteria of Grant

All projects must meet the following criteria and will be judged against them:

- An outcome which demonstrates a clear and immediate benefit for Crohn's patients (Whilst it is appreciated that many projects may have a dual benefit for those with UC, the charity's main aim is focused on the output for Crohn's)
- A short expected time between study and implementation
- Robust assessment of outcomes
- Potential to scale nationally for pilot projects

For more information about the Innovation Grant and to download an application form, please go to bit.ly/forcrohnsinnovation

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Graham Bull Prize and Goulstonian Lecture 2016

The Graham Bull prize was established in 1988 in honour of Sir Graham Bull, who was the first director of the Clinical Research Centre at Northwick Park. A trust for the Graham Bull Prize was set up to provide money for young research workers under the age of 45 who feel that they have made a major contribution to clinical science. The prize as designed by the trust is specifically for an application and not for nomination of individuals. The work can cover a wide

range of expertise, such as molecular and cellular biology, imaging technology, psychiatry, or health sciences. The award is open to RCP members and fellows who must apply for their own work to be considered. The sum of £1,000 is offered on a competitive basis each year.

The winner of this prize will also be invited to deliver the Goulstonian Lecture, an annual lecture endowed in 1635 by Mrs Ellen Goulston in memory of her husband, Dr Theodore Goulston FRCP.

Restrictions:

Researchers must be under the age of 45 years on 1st April 2016, and must be a member or fellow of RCP London.

Deadline for applications: 1st April 2016.

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Research Funding Opportunities

Please go to www.bsg.org.uk/research/articles/research-funding-opportunities.html for updates on research funding; there are a lot of opportunities!

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Join the PANTS STUDY – Inclusion of Patients Receiving Biosimilar Infliximab – Remsima™ & Inflectra™

The latest version of the PANTS protocol allows the inclusion of Crohn's disease patients receiving Biosimilar Infliximab. Specifically this allows

- Inclusion of anti-TNF naïve Crohn's disease patients starting Remsima™ or Inflectra™
- Existing PANTS study participants receiving Remicade™ to switch to Remsima™ or Inflectra™

The PANTS study will report the initial UK experience of Biosimilar Infliximab in Crohn's disease, providing important post-authorisation data on efficacy (at week 14, 30 and 54), safety (to 3 years) and pharmacokinetics. We aim to include 225 patients treated with Biosimilar Infliximab as first-line anti-TNF treatment and 100 PANTS "switchers" over the next 12 months

For further information please contact Claire.bewshea@nhs.net or 01392 406850

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Recruitment for PPALM Study

Refer your patients with radiotherapy-induced bleeding.

This randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, NIHR-approved trial is recruiting patients with new-onset rectal bleeding affecting quality of life and due to radiation-induced telangiectasia who are free of other abnormal GI symptoms.

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TRAINING

BSG Workforce Report Oct 2015

On the 30th Sept 2015 there were 1,414 substantive gastroenterologists and hepatologists in the UK, a 6.6% expansion from 30th Sept 2014. Gastroenterology and hepatology represents the second largest medical specialty (with geriatric medicine the largest). Most consultants are aged between 45-49.9 years. Nearly one in five (18%) of consultants are women, with a higher proportion of women among younger consultants (28.0% of 35-39.9 year olds, 10% of 55-59.9 year olds) and regional variation. Consultants are contracted for 11 PAs on average but actually work 12 PAs. Consultants working less than whole time (LTWT) comprise 14% of the workforce (31% of women and 11% of men) and, on average, are contracted for 7 PAs but work 8 PAs per week. This compares to 18% of all medical specialties (39% of women and 6% of men) working LTWT. Over three quarters (80%) of gastroenterologists have a commitment to acute general internal medicine (but only 52% of hepatologists) compared to 63% of medical specialties overall. The remainder support the acute take by seeing patients with gastroenterology or hepatology problems in the medical admissions unit.

Please read the full report via the further information link.

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Notification of Vacant Posts

A number of trainees who are nearing CCT have registered with the BSG for details of Consultant posts that are to be advertised in the coming year. If you are planning a new appointment, or indeed, know of a vacancy that will become available in the foreseeable future please either complete the form (available below) or send in a job description for circulation. Trainees have also indicated that they would like to hear about locum posts. We would be happy to circulate details of those too - r.gardner@bsg.org.uk.

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OTHER MATTERS...

GastroCycle 2016

GastroCycle 2016 will again be raising funds for Core, the BSG's sister charity, and the only national charity fighting all digestive diseases. Join us as we ride from Newcastle to Liverpool over four fantastic days in June. We'll have overnight stays in Harrogate, Sheffield and Manchester, passing through the stunning scenery of Yorkshire and Derbyshire on the way, before arriving into Liverpool in time for the BSG conference. GastroCycle is a great way to enjoy and challenge yourself, as well as raising much needed funds for research into digestive disorders.

GastroCycle is open to everyone – all you need to do is pay a one-off registration fee of £99 and commit to a minimum sponsorship of £1,500. The route is designed to be achievable by anybody with a bit of training and Core will support you every inch of the way with fundraising help and training plans.

To find out more about GastroCycle 2016, or to sign up, [click here](#). Places are limited so sign up soon to avoid disappointment!

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Receiving Your Journal(s)

The BMJ Publishing Group (BMJPG) manages production and distribution of Gut, Frontline Gastroenterology and BMJ Open Gastroenterology, NOT the BSG. The BMJPG uses a mailing list provided by the BSG to post copies of the printed journals to BSG members; this mailing list is not held or maintained by BMJPG.

The journals' publication schedule means that there is a period of 3–4 weeks between the time the BMJPG needs the mailing list and when the journals are posted; in addition, the journals are always distributed during the month before the cover date. As an example, the mailing list for the January issue of Gut is required towards the end of November, but dates change from issue to issue.

Please help the BSG to ensure you receive your copies to the correct address by logging into your Aptify account and keeping your contact details up to date, you will also need to mark your preferred address to receive your journals. You can e-mail the BSG office at membership@bsg.org.uk if you need a reminder of your USER ID and Password for the BSG's membership database. If you have updated your contact details and taken the BMJPG's schedule into account, then enquiries about delays or delivery failures should be directed to support@bmj.com.

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BSG's Aptify Membership System

The BSG introduced members to the BSG's Aptify system in the summer of 2014. This is where your contact and other information relevant to your membership is held by the BSG. If you are still having problems logging into the system and the BSG website please contact membership@bsg.org.uk giving your preferred e-mail address and we will resend the information to you.

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BSG Section Membership

Full BSG members are eligible to belong to 3 clinical sections and Trainees may belong to 2 sections on the following list:

- Adolescent & Young Persons
- BSG Endoscopy
- Colorectal
- Gastroduodenal
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Liver
- Neurogastroenterology & Motility
- Oesophageal
- Pancreas
- Pathology
- Radiology
- Small Bowel & Nutrition

Section members are eligible to vote on committee representation, participate in section affairs, such as research and clinical consultations, and will receive communications on matters relevant to that sub-specialty of GI medicine.

If you wish to check to which sections you belong, or update your section membership, please contact the [BSG office](#).

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