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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.

Gastroenterology SCE Course 2017

3rd – 4th April 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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Alcohol Research UK Annual Conference 2017

5th April 2017

Friends House – London

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APASL – Prevention of HCC Development

10th – 12th April 2017

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The ACCEA 2017 Award Round is Now Open

DEADLINE for applications for BSG support for NEW ACCEA AWARDS is 09:00 WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH 2017

The 2017 ACCEA success round opens on Tuesday 28th February 2017 and closes on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 17:00

The BSG will need to have completed the process of selecting those applicants who will receive our support well before then.

If you wish to be considered for a national award in the 2017 round and you would like to seek BSG support, you should submit a CVQ to Janet Bassett on j.bassett@bsg.org.uk at the BSG. The closing date for applications for BSG support will be 09:00 Wednesday 15th March 2017. Please understand that in fairness to all applicants, late submissions will not be considered.

When submitting your application to the BSG, please provide the name of an individual who has agreed to write your supporting citation. Please note: we will need to request a citation for every applicant even if the member is not successful in gaining BSG support, in order to meet the tight deadlines which ACCEA impose.

Hotel Okura – Nagasaki

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The International Liver Congress 2017

19th – 24th April 2017

Amsterdam RAI

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Homerton SETS – Screen-based Endoscopy Technical Skills Course

21st April 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

✦ [Further Information](#)

Pregnancy and Liver Disease: Research Development Meeting

24th April 2017

BMA House – London

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Endoscopy Assistant 3 Day Master Class 2017

25th – 27th April 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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The 4th National Capsule

ACCEA regard the citations provided by the BSG as important: they give added value to the process. The citation helps clarify information in the application and can put an individual's contribution into the wider context.

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BSG 2017 Early-Bird Deadline: 17th March – Register Now!

Dr Jayne Eaden, BSG Senior Secretary

The deadline for securing your early-bird discount for BSG 2017 is fast approaching. If you sign up before Friday 17th March you will receive a significant discount and it's even more of a bargain if you have attended Endolive UK. Endolive UK delegates get a further 20% discount off the early bird rate for BSG 2017. Either way, you can start this process by [registering now with this link](#).

If you want to know more about this year's Annual Meeting, [check out my video explaining what is on and why you should come!](#) You can also get a more granular understanding of what to expect by looking at the interactive programme on the [Annual Meeting website](#).

For those of you interested in specific BSG sections and what they will offer in terms of sessions, symposiums and new research, we have created a selection of infographics detailing the highlights below. These are being shared over the BSG's Facebook page and Twitter account every week to help give members an idea of what to expect. Please do share them over social media and via email with colleagues!

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Apply to be Vice President for Endoscopy

Applications are now open for the role of BSG Vice-President for Endoscopy succeeding Professor Colin Rees. A two year appointment, the Vice-President is a member of the BSG's key committees (Executive, Council and Strategy Group) and is a member of the BSG's board of trustees for the second year of their term. In addition the Vice-President also serves as Chair of the BSG's Endoscopy Section Committee.

This is the principal leadership role for the endoscopy-interested community of BSG and a key support role to the President on key matters and decisions in this important part of our speciality. The role must also lead BSG engagement and interaction with partner organisations such as JAG, ESGE and various NHS fora pertinent to endoscopy/diagnostics. For informal discussions and questions about the role please email r.gardner@bsg.org.uk or Colin.Rees@stft.nhs.uk. There is a two year total commitment to the role with fairly frequent attendance required at committee meetings.

Please send a brief CV (2 pages max.) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role to Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 6th March 2016. A job description is available on request. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in early May 2017 (exact date tbc). The post commences

Endoscopy Symposium

25th April 2017

The Sage – Gateshead

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SpR Management Skills Workshop 2017

26th – 27th April 2017

Boston Scientific Clinical Education Centre – Hemel Hempstead

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British-Irish Gastroenterology Meeting 2017

27th – 28th April 2017

Europa Hotel, Belfast

▶ [Further Information](#)

Stoke ERCP Symposium

27th – 28th April 2017

Royal Stoke University Hospital – Stoke-on-Trent

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Jeremy Nightingale's Scientific Day

27th April 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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following the annual meeting in June 2017.

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Apply to be BSG Secretary

Applications are now open for the role of BSG Secretary. A total four year appointment, the Secretary is a member of the BSG's key committees (Executive, Council and Strategy Group) and is a member of the BSG's board of trustees for the second part of their term. The role is split between two years as Secretary and two years as Senior Secretary. The Senior Secretary is in overall charge of the BSG Annual Meeting with the Secretary contributing significantly to the organisation. In addition the Senior Secretary also serves as Chair of the Programme Committee.

This is a crucial role for the Society and its principal meeting. The role also involves active contributions to a range of key membership issues and areas such as education and clinical services. For informal discussions and questions about the role please email r.gardner@bsg.org.uk, Jayne.Eaden@uhcw.nhs.uk or Nick.Thompson@nuth.nhs.uk. The role requires fairly frequent attendance at multiple committee meetings.

Please send a brief CV (2 pages max.) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role to Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 6th March 2016. A job description is available on request. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in early May 2017 (exact date tbc). The post commences following the annual meeting in June 2017.

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Apply to be BSG Workforce Lead

Applications are now open for the role of BSG Workforce Lead. This is a three year appointment and is a crucial role for both the Society and the specialty. The role reports to BSG Council and also attends a variety of key committees as a co-opted member, including the Clinical Services and Standards Committee, the Training Committee and joint RCP committees such as the Joint Specialty Committee and the Specialty Advisory Committee. The appointed position works closely with the BSG office and the RCP to deliver an annual survey of the gastroenterology workforce.

For informal discussions and questions about the role please email r.gardner@bsg.org.uk. The role requires fairly frequent attendance at, or reporting to, multiple committee meetings. Please send a brief CV (2 pages max.) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role to Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 6th March 2016. A job description is available on request. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in early May 2017 (exact date tbc). The post commences immediately after appointment.

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BASL School of Transplantation Meeting 2017

28th – 29th April 2017

University of Birmingham – Birmingham

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The Past, Present and Future of Colorectal Cancer Management: The Legacy of Dr Basil C Morson

2nd May 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

[Further Information](#)

Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2017

6th – 9th May 2017

McCormick Place – Chicago

[Further Information](#)

The Principles of Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block 2

8th May – 12th May 2017

Torbay Hospital

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Homerton HiFIVE – Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy

Vacancy: Lead Specialist and Chair of the Gastroenterology SCE Board

The British Society of Gastroenterology and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a new Chair/Lead Specialist of the Gastroenterology Specialty Certificate Examining Board.

We welcome all applications and would be very grateful if you could make any colleagues, who you think may be interested in applying, aware of these vacancies.

A full list of the post's responsibilities is set out in: The Responsibilities and Duties of the Chair of a Specialty Certificate Examining Board. A copy of the remit and responsibilities of the examining board and further information can be found on the [Get Involved pages of the MRCP\(UK\) website.](#)

Expressions of interest (including a brief CV and a maximum of a single side single of A4 outlining your suitability for the post) should be submitted to Rachel Stephenson (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org) by 6 March 2017.

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BSG Regional Endoscopy Quality Improvement Leads

As part of the Endoscopy Quality Improvement Programme the BSG are looking to appoint regional Endoscopy Quality Improvement Leads. These individuals should have a passion for endoscopy and a desire to support improvement in the quality of endoscopy in their region. The leads will work with the national EQIP team to promote quality and QI measures. Each lead will be encouraged to enlist regional colleagues to support them in championing QI in the various different endoscopy disciplines. These are non-remunerated posts but resources will be available to support QI measures. If you wish to apply for one of these posts please send a single page CV and a covering letter explaining why you would like to undertake this role by 27th March to h.ellison@bsg.org.uk

Wales	South London
North London	Yorks & Humber
North East	South East Coast
North West	South Central
South West	East Midlands
West Midlands	East of England
Scotland	Northern Ireland

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Survey: Stress in Gastroenterologists

Dermot Gleeson, BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee Chair

12th May 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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MGS Spring Conference

12th May 2017

Holywell Park Conference Centre – Loughborough

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The Sheffield Dietetic Gastroenterology Symposium 2016

12th May 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

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MIRCIM 2017

12th – 13th May 2017

ICE Krakow Congress Centre – Kraków

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UCL Royal Free Hepatology Postgraduate 3 Day Course

17th – 19th May 2017

Royal Free Hospital – London

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As Gastroenterologists we have demanding jobs which, although often fulfilling, can sometimes be stressful. The pressures on UK Gastroenterologists – and indeed on UK doctors in general may be increasing. There are many potential reasons for this, including increased clinical workload, depletion of support staff, increased clinical exposure and greater scrutiny. However, there are only limited data on the frequency, severity and actual drivers of stress in UK doctors and, as far as we know, none in UK Gastroenterologists.

The BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee plan to hold a Symposium on: "The Pressures arising from being a Consultant Gastroenterologist" at next year's annual BSG Meeting. To establish the size of the problem and to understand its main causes better, we have designed the attached questionnaire, which we are circulating to all medically qualified UK-based BSG members.

We would be very grateful indeed if you would take the time to complete and return this questionnaire. The higher the % response rate, the more meaningful the results are likely to be. We emphasise that your reply will be completely anonymous and, in effect, untraceable. We place great store on this, as some might find a few of our questions intrusive, we are asking them because we seek to find out what are the things that "really" cause people to lose sleep and not those that simply irritate them from time to time.

This survey is only intended for medically qualified members (Consultants and Trainees only)

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Survey: BSG Nurses Association – help us to help you

Irene Dunkley, BSGNA Chairperson & Laura Dwyer, BSGNA Vice Chairperson

The BSGNA want to hear your views on how we can improve value to our membership. Please can you take a little time to complete a quick survey to help inform us about your views, this should only take a few minutes.

The BSG conference is coming up in June and we invite BSGNA members to submit applications (see attached form below) to join our committee. Our overall aim is to improve patient care by working with our medical and nursing colleagues, both within the BSG and externally with other organisations who share the interests of our patients. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a national group and work with like-minded people to help, support and develop professional practices to improve patient care within endoscopy and gastroenterology.

You would be committing your time to attend meetings twice a year, one in London at BSG Headquarters and again at the BSG conference meeting in June. We also arrange teleconference calls to allow our committee to progress committee work. As a committee member you will be expected to chair sessions at conference, help with poster rounds and promote good practice and quality patient care.

Members will be elected by a ballot at our AGM on the 20th June in Manchester and will serve for a period of three years.

This survey is intended for Nurse members only.

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Birmingham Liver Course 2017

25th – 26th May 2017

Centre for Professional Development – Birmingham

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The 7th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy Course

25th – 26th May 2017

Queens Medical Centre Campus – Nottingham

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – May 2017

31st May 2017

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

[▶ Further Information](#)

20th TECNA Course

10th June 2017

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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The Viral Hepatitis & Liver Disease Congress 2017

11th – 16th June 2017

Radisson Blu Hotel – Frankfurt

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Supporting Gastroenterologists Developing Careers in Research and Academia

This [one-day workshop](#), organised by the BSG Research Committee, is aimed at gastroenterology and hepatology trainees but is open to all specialties and levels of training. It aims to inspire people to develop their own national research network by building an understanding of what is involved in research and confidence in undertaking it. If you're interested in research, or know someone who is, please come along and don't be shy.

Reserve your place now by sending a cheque for £50 made out to BSG (address it to BSG Research, 3 St Andrews Place, London NW1 4LB). Include a covering note stating your full name and contact details and specifying that it's to reserve a place on the Research Workshop in Birmingham. Cheques will be cashed for those delegates who do not attend (and haven't cancelled a week in advance); delegates who do attend will be given their cheques back on the day.

Any questions? [Contact BSG Research](#).

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British-Irish Gastroenterology Meeting – 27th & 28th April 2017

This year will again see the coming together of the British, Irish and Ulster Societies of Gastroenterology for the British-Irish (BIG) Gastroenterology meeting. It will take place at The Europa Hotel in Belfast on 27th & 28th April 2017 and will be a 1.5 day meeting. The Gala Dinner will be held in the Great Hall at Queens' University Belfast on Thursday 27th April.

The programme is available through the link below and was drawn up by an organising committee from all three organisations.

Abstract submissions are now closed.

Preferential delegate rates for accommodation are available at The Europa Hotel.

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Obituary: Dr Tim Heymann

Professor John Williams

Tim Heymann died on the 18th October 2016, shortly after his 55th birthday. He had been a consultant gastroenterologist at Kingston Hospital for 20 years, but had pursued an eclectic career, dedicated to improving clinical services and outcomes for patients.

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BSG Annual Meeting 2017

19th – 22nd June 2017

Manchester Central Convention
Complex – Manchester

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Stoma Care Module Course

19th – 23rd June 2017

Torbay Hospital – Torquay

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ACPGBI Annual Meeting 2017

3rd – 5th July 2017

Bournemouth International
Centre – Bournemouth

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GIHep Singapore 2017

7th – 9th July 2017

Changi General Hospital –
Singapore

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18th International Congress of Mucosal Immunology (ICMI 2017)

19th – 22nd July 2017

Tim was a natural leader and educator who used his eclectic skills and talent for organisation and management to redesign and improve local services in his Trust. At Imperial College Business School, he developed courses at both undergraduate and masters level that were focused on helping clinicians and managers work together to tackle the challenges of delivering healthcare in an efficient, effective manner.

At a national level he served on the board of NHS Direct as a non-executive director, and on the Prime Ministers' Better Regulation Commission and on its smaller successor body, the Risk and Regulation Advisory Council. In that role he contributed to cross Governmental work on obesity, arguing for a rational, risk orientated approach. In 2015 his expertise in healthcare management and regulation was recognised when he was appointed to the board of Monitor as a non-executive director.

At the BSG he chaired the Society's Information Committee, coordinating the Society's contributions to work on HRGs, Choose and Book and Payment by Results, and promoting the development of minimum reporting standards for endoscopy and inflammatory bowel disease. He also served on the Society's Clinical Services and Standards, Programme and Independent Practice committees.

It was typical of his altruistic nature that he asked Christ's College set up a fund in his memory to support travel projects for their medical students. The web page for donations is <http://cafdonate.cafonline.org/2260#/DonationDetails>

He is survived by his wife Amanda, and their three children, Theo, Jo and Nicholas.

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Thanksgiving service for Dr Basil C Morson

A service of thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 10.30 am at St James' Church, Spanish Place in London to commemorate the life and works of Dr Basil C Morson.

All are welcome to attend. Please indicate your intention to attend this Service, which will be fully choral with the Choir of St James' Church with Iestyn Evans, Director of Music to – jamespsthomson@aol.com (Subject – BCM Service)

This Service precedes the Scientific Meeting The Past, Present and Future of Colorectal Cancer: The Legacy of Dr Basil C Morson to be held later on 2 May 2017 at The Royal Society of Medicine from 1.00 pm.

Further details may be obtained from the RSM:
Tel – 020 7290 3941
Email – events@rsm.ac.uk

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Renaissance Downtown Hotel – Washington DC

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The 4th International Course MIBE 2017

20th – 21st July 2017

HM Sanchinarro University Hospital – Madrid

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Kenneth Rainin Foundation 2017 Innovations Symposium

24th – 25th July 2017

Palace Hotel – San Francisco

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INHSU 2017

6th – 8th September 2017

Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson – Jersey City

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The Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition 2017

13th – 15th September 2017

University of Leeds – Leeds

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and

BSG Guideline: UK guideline on transition of adolescent and young persons with chronic digestive diseases from paediatric to adult care

The risks of poor transition include delayed and inappropriate transfer that can result in disengagement with healthcare. Structured transition care can improve control of chronic digestive diseases and long-term health-related outcomes. These are the first nationally developed guidelines on the transition of adolescent and young persons (AYP) with chronic digestive diseases from paediatric to adult care. They were commissioned by the Clinical Services and Standards Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology under the auspices of the Adolescent and Young Persons (A&YP) Section.

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BSG position statement on a Rapid Colorectal Diagnostic Pathway

Following extensive discussion and a multi-stakeholder workshop with NHS England in late 2016 a set of principles has been agreed for a Rapid Colorectal Diagnostic Pathway following the introduction of a non-mandated Best Practice Tariff in England.

The BSG recommends that members or services that are involved in the discussion of or establishment of such a diagnostic pathway follow the principles outlined in the document below and ensure they are fully evaluated. Wherever possible the BSG would like to be kept updated of the development of services to ensure successes and learning can be shared nationally.

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NICE Guidance on molecular testing strategies for Lynch syndrome in people with colorectal cancer

An estimated 175,000 people have Lynch syndrome in the UK, however 95% of those do not know they have it. NICE recommends that microsatellite instability (MSI) testing or immunohistochemistry (IHC) should be used on all colorectal cancers, when first diagnosed, to detect abnormalities that might mean the presence of Lynch Syndrome. Where these tests show the person has a risk of having Lynch syndrome, the guidance recommends that further tests are carried out to confirm the diagnosis. Because Lynch Syndrome is an inherited condition, a positive test can also lead to testing for family members. While these tests have been available for a while, there is currently wide variation in the provision of testing for Lynch syndrome and other inherited colorectal cancers. Expanding testing to all people with colorectal cancer will increase the detection of Lynch syndrome and identify families who could benefit from genetic

related procedures for nurses – Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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EUS-ENDO International Live Course

28th – 29th September 2017

Villa Mediterranee – Marseille

[▶ Further Information](#)

NCRI Cancer Conference 2017

5th – 8th November 2017

BT Convention Centre – Liverpool

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 2

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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21st Therapeutic Endoscopy course for Endoscopy Nurse Assistants and Nurse Consultants (TECNA)

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

testing to determine if other family members have the condition. This could lead to increased surveillance and consequently improved patient outcomes through earlier diagnosis and treatment.

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NICE Guidance on Integrated multiplex PCR test

NICE has published guidance on Integrated multiplex PCR tests for identifying gastrointestinal pathogens in people with suspected gastroenteritis (xTAG Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel, FilmArray GI Panel and Faecal Pathogens B assay). Their key recommendations are:

1. *.1 There is currently insufficient evidence to recommend the routine adoption in the NHS of the integrated multiplex polymerase chain reaction tests, xTAG Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel, FilmArray GI Panel and Faecal Pathogens B assay, for identifying gastrointestinal pathogens in people with suspected gastroenteritis.*
2. *.2 The tests show promise but further research is recommended on their effect on health outcomes and resource use in clinical practice.*

Further information may be viewed on the NICE website by following the link below.

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Trusts in England – 40% Discount on IBD Registry Biologics Audit Subscriptions by 15th March

We've had an encouraging response to the request for subscriptions from Trusts in England to help the BSG maintain the Biologics Audit now that NHS England funding has been withdrawn.

At £2,500 per annum, the subscription is significantly less than the cost of one patient on biologics treatment for a year. Subscribers will receive benchmarked quarterly reports on the Biologics Audit KPIs focusing on quality improvement topics recommended in the last RCP Biologics Report. Later in the year, it is our intention to include reporting of HES data in relation to the Biologics data.

The BSG has offered to reduce the cost in the first year by 40% if a Trust provides a purchase order by 15th March 2017. We have written to the Chief Executives of all Trusts in England explaining the new arrangements for the Biologics Audit, putting the subscription cost in the context of overall expenditure on biologics for IBD, and reminding them that participation in the Audit is part of the NHS England Quality Accounts requirement.

Some teams have contacted us about submitting data to the IBD Registry if their Trust decides not to subscribe to the Audit. At present, you will still be able to submit data, but the Registry will not be able to provide the Trust with the benchmarked Biologics Audit reports. A copy of the letter to CEOs is available on request to support@ibdregistry.org.uk

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Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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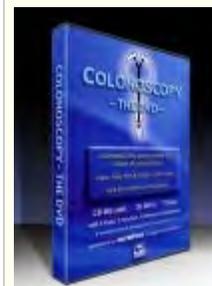
Intestinal Failure Study Day and Workshop in Home Parenteral Nutrition

11th – 12th December 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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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,

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New appointments: BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee regional representatives

The following BSG Members have been appointed as BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee regional representatives.

- London North – Dr Geoff Smith
- London South – Dr David Reffitt
- North East (& North Cumbria) – Dr Roisin Bevan
- South Central – Dr John Ramage
- South East Coast – Dr Andrew Piotrowicz

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APPEAL: Send us your service success stories

The BSG is eager to learn from the experiences and successes of members nationally where they have been successful in implementing service innovations or improvements that have resulted in benefits for patients, clinicians and organisations. No matter how large or small the change we would like to hear more details (approach, business case, outcomes, shared learnings, cost savings, gain shares etc.) so that colleagues nationally might learn from experience and improve their own services. We are interested in all sub-specialty areas and our objective is make resources available through the BSG website. Please email Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk) and Simone Cort (s.cort@bsg.org.uk)

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Survey: International Survey of Polypectomy Practice

Professor Michael Bourke – Director of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Westmead Hospital, Sydney, Australia

I wish to formally invite you to collaborate with myself and my research team at Westmead hospital in Sydney on a project to better understand the international practice of polypectomy. As you will be aware there are a number of high quality guidelines based on robust evidence emerging that describe in detail the recommended techniques for polypectomy.

In order to better understand practice in different settings globally and to understand the scale and type of change required, we plan an international collaboration to distribute a survey amongst endoscopists (gastroenterologists and surgeons) via national societies' mailing lists.

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](#)

The survey is short, will take less than 10 minutes and is based on the latest available evidence regarding polypectomy best practice. We welcome any comments or suggestions as to content and/or structure prior to release.

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Survey: UK Practice of chromoendoscopy for colitis surveillance

Chromoendoscopy for colitis surveillance is accepted worldwide as the standard of care, but– anecdotally– practice in the UK is patchy and often limited to specialist centres.

We would be very grateful for no more than 2–3 minutes of your time to complete an anonymous 10–question survey to determine who, where and how chromoendoscopy is practiced. We hope that this will form the basis of a future study to determined and address barriers as well as potentially informing training for this technique.

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EDUCATION

BSG Education Committee – endorsement policy update

From 1 September 2017, the Committee will not consider for endorsement any meeting taking place within a month each side of the BSG Annual Meeting. In 2018, the meeting will be held in Liverpool from 4–7 June; therefore, no endorsements will be given for meetings taking place from 4 May through 7 July 2018. If you would like your meeting to be endorsed, please bear this timing in mind. The endorsement process and policy will be updated on the Education section of the website as soon as possible. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email the [Education Committee](#).

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Regional Gastroenterology Training Day for London & the South East

Taking place on Friday 17th March 2017 at the Royal College of Physicians in London, this regional training day covers a broad spectrum of gastrointestinal disease relevant to clinical practice for registrars and consultants, with regional speakers with international reputations in their specialist fields of interest. The meeting is free to attend, has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and has

been awarded 6 CPD credits by the RCP.

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The 3rd Annual Nottingham Gastroenterology SCE Course

23–24 March 2017 at the Postgraduate Education Centre, Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham

The organisers are pleased to invite you to register for this comprehensive course in Gastroenterology & Hepatology. This course is specifically targeted at gastroenterology trainees of all grades, showcasing the latest clinical developments in the field, up to date guidelines and bringing together an impressive range of expert clinical and academic speakers. The aim of the course is to provide a strong foundation in Gastroenterology & Hepatology to prepare trainees for the speciality certificate examination (knowledge based assessment) which is now a mandatory component of higher specialist training (HST).

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St Mark's GastroSCE Course

3–4 April 2017 at St Mark's Hospital, Harrow

St Mark's Hospital is running its highly rated GastroSCE course for the fourth year. The course covers the majority of the curriculum in a highly interactive MCQ format, as per the format of the exam. For further details, please contact Dr Bahman Nedjat-Shokouhi, bahman.shokouhi@nhs.net, 07946132666

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Stoke ERCP Symposium

The Stoke ERCP Symposium is taking place on 27–28 April 2017 at Royal Stoke University Hospital. The two-day event will aim to address the clinical and technical issues faced during ERCP, using a combination of interactive lectures and live case discussion guided by expert faculty. There will be live ERCP from three centres (Royal Stoke University Hospital; Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad; St Thomas Hospital, London). The meeting has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee; an application has been made to the RCP for CPD credits.

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UCL–Royal Free Postgraduate Hepatology Course

17–19 May 2017 at The Royal Free Hospital

The organisers are pleased to invite you to register for the UCL Hepatology Postgraduate Course. The aim of the course is to provide a strong foundation in hepatology, which future gastroenterologists can use as a springboard to becoming specialists within the field. It is also a useful update for Gastroenterology Consultants. This three 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; a strong focus on interactive learning, including SCE style SBA questions with audience key pads, and dedicated sessions for clinical cases, questions and discussion to re-enforce learning; 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. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee.

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The 7th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy Course

25–26 May 2017 at the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham

Professor Krish Ragunath writes: It is my pleasure to invite you for the 7th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy course. This course, with a panel of national and international expert faculty, will be in the form of didactic lectures, case discussion, live demonstration, video demonstration, panel discussion and hands-on training with the Cardiff Endotrainer. I am grateful to our sponsors Cook Medical, Medtronic and Olympus-Keymed for supporting this event with an unrestricted educational grant, since the cost of organising an event of this nature is in excess of the registration fees. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and Royal College of Physicians CPD accreditation has been applied for. I do hope that you will be able to register and attend this event.

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The 5th Annual Birmingham Liver Course

25–26 May 2017 at the Medical School, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston

The University of Birmingham and Queen Elizabeth Hospital are pleased to welcome you to the 5th Annual Birmingham Liver Course. The meeting will cover practical and pressing issues in the management of advanced liver disease with speakers from around the country who are experts in their field. Using an interactive approach, we are sure this course will prove to be very popular and of interest to trainees, consultants, nurses and allied health professionals. BSG Members will receive a 10% discount on the registrations fee by quoting BhamLiver2017 during the registration process. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and 5 CPD credits have been assigned by the Royal College of Physicians.

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United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Week: Barcelona, October 28 – November 1, 2017

United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Week will take place in Barcelona from October 28 – November 1, 2017. Leading scientists and clinicians will come together to discuss the latest advances in the field, from new digestive health research to developments in clinical practice.

As in previous years there will be a large number of sessions dedicated to oral presentations of original research, and printed posters will also be presented as E-Posters on E-Poster Terminals all over the congress centre. Moreover, small group sessions, entitled "Posters in the Spotlight" will give the poster presenters possibilities to discuss their scientific findings in depth with experts in the field. Finally, the UEG Week Hotspot will represent a most interactive format of fast-paced oral presentations where best scoring abstracts or most controversial research data will be presented. This also includes the 'Abstracts on FIRE' series, where UEG Week's leading abstracts are examined, explored and clinically reviewed by experts.

In addition to that, all abstracts are permanently featured in UEG's Education Library (<http://www.ueg.eu/education/library>), the biggest resource for gastroenterologists in the world. Abstracts, Clinical and Video Cases for UEG Week 2017 may be submitted until April 27, 2017. Note that abstracts presented previously at national or international meetings may be submitted providing this is declared but that we particularly welcome work not previously presented at international meetings.

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RESEARCH

The Core-Dr Falk Pharma UK Awards 2017

To celebrate 10 years of collaboration, promoting research and investing in young researchers, Core and Dr Falk are pleased to announce the 2017 awards. In addition to the awards below, a new award for specialist gastroenterology/hepatology registrars will be announced early in 2017.



The Core – Dr Falk awards recognise the achievements of those who bring new knowledge and insight to the field of gastroenterology and hepatology. For those committed to furthering research or patient care, these awards provide an opportunity to achieve national recognition as well as the financial support for career progression.

Awards include:

- A £1,000 prize for the best essay on gastroenterology or hepatology research personally undertaken by medical students who were on an intercalated BSc/MRes/MBPhD/MSc/MPH course during the previous academic year (2015/16)
- Four £1,500 prizes for medical students taking full-time science degrees (BSc/MRes/MBPhD/MSc/MPH) focusing on gastrointestinal or liver-related disease in the current academic year (2016/17)
- Two £2,500 awards for F1/F2 doctors to facilitate prospective research in an area relevant to gastroenterology or hepatology
- A £1,000 award for primary and secondary care gastrointestinal / liver nurses for initiatives that have advanced patient care.

The application deadline is 5pm on Friday 3rd March 2017. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

For further information and to apply:

www.corecharity.org.uk/research/research-awards-information/the-core-dr-falk-awards/

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forCrohn's Innovation Grant 2017

Background

forCrohn's 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. They fund £80,000-100,000 basic science and clinical research annually in various specialist institutions.

Aim of the Innovation Grant

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

Funding

forCrohn's 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 2017 – 13 March 2017.

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 <http://bit.ly/forcrohnsinnovation>

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Call for Proposals – NCRI SPED Workshop to help Investigators develop ideas for studies in Screening, Prevention or Early Diagnosis

SPED will be holding a workshop on Wednesday 17 May 2017. The aim of this workshop is to help investigators with ideas for studies develop them into an application which can subsequently be submitted to a funding committee. SPED are therefore inviting brief outline proposals from investigators in the areas of screening, prevention or early diagnosis to discuss at the workshop. To allow sufficient discussion time, we hope to discuss approximately 6 proposals at the workshop. Investigators will be invited to give a presentation, followed by a discussion on how the proposal might be developed. The outline proforma is not onerous and will be treated in confidence. If we receive more applications than we can include in the workshop, we shall prioritise based on how developed the proposal is and prioritisation will be decided by the SPED members. The deadline for preliminary applications is Friday 24 March 2017. Please send completed applications and all queries to leanne.murphy@ncri.org.uk.

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Basic Science Course: Gut microbiota: Relevance, analysis, modulation

UEG will be holding their next [Basic Science Course](#) on 22–24 June 2017 in Rome, Italy. This course is an educational activity for young PhDs and basic science oriented MDs in the field of gastroenterology across Europe and combines state-of-the-art lectures with hands-on training in the laboratory. The course is focused on the relevance of gut microbiota in health and disease, on different tools for microbiota analysis, and on available therapeutic avenues to manipulate gut microbiota. The application deadline is 4 March 2017; please note the BSG's Annual Meeting in Manchester concludes on 22 June 2017.

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NIHR and BSG launch top 10 research priorities for alcohol-related liver disease

'What are the most effective ways to help people with alcohol-related liver disease stop drinking?' is the top priority question for alcohol-related liver disease research, according to [new results from the JLA's Alcohol-Related Liver Disease Priority Setting Partnership \(PSP\)](#). Read the full story [on the PSP website](#).

Graham Bull prize in clinical science and Goulstonian Lectureship 2017

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
- 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 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.

Researchers must be under the age of 45 on the application closing date (as per the terms of the original bequest), and must be a member or fellow of RCP London.

Deadline for applications: Friday 31st March 2017

Further information, including details of how to apply, may be found on the RCP website at the link below.

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Research Funding Opportunities

Please go to www.bsg.org.uk/research/research-funding-opportunities/index.html for updates on research funding; there are a lot of opportunities from many sources, from fellowships to grants to bursaries!

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Research news on the BSG website

More news items than those included here are added frequently to the website – go to www.bsg.org.uk/research/news/index.html for additional articles. Read about clinical trials in IBD and IBS, research career development opportunities, investment in research and more!.

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TRAINING

Trainees Section Prizes 2017 – extended submission deadlines

The following prizes are awarded annually by the BSG Trainees Section and in 2017 will be presented by the BSG president in the main BSG plenary at the annual conference in Manchester:

1. The Alistair McIntyre Prize for Improving Gastroenterology Training is designed to support work that may improve gastroenterology training in the UK. The top 3 ranked applicants will compete in the 'Educational Dragons' Den' at the BSG Trainees Section Symposium in June 2017, Manchester. The winner will be awarded the prize plus £1000 and two runners up will be given £500 towards their projects. All you need is a good idea in order to improve training – write your application now! Applicants must be BSG members.
2. BSG Young Gastroenterologist of the Year – Emerging Leader is designed to identify and promote talented trainee leaders nationally in order to promote leadership in gastroenterology for the future. This is a single award of £1000. Have you led a team/project to completion? Do you have new ideas you act upon in order to improve services/training? Then you're a leader – tell us what you've done! The awards are open to any doctor training in gastroenterology in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Applications are welcomed from doctors in LAT posts as well as those in numbered posts. Applicants must be BSG members.

Further information, examples of previous awards and video interviews with last year's winners are available at the further information link below.

All completed applications and questions should be emailed to Howard Ellison h.ellison@bsg.org.uk by 5.00pm on Monday 6th March 2017.

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Workforce Report 2016

The BSG Workforce Report for 2016 is now available to view on the BSG Training page. Please follow the further information link below to view the report from 2016 and previous years.

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Athena – a development programme for women leaders

The Office of the Chief Scientific Officer is committed to developing clinical leadership within healthcare science. [The Athena programme](#), delivered by the Kings Fund, is designed to support women to fulfil their potential as leaders. Starting in February 2017, the programme is open to senior level leaders passionate about, and committed to, improving not only their own performance, but also that of their team and their organisation. Each of the four three-day modules looks at different aspects of leadership discourse and is supported by coaching, peer-to-peer support, reflective learning journals and action learning sets, with a particular focus on developing the personal, political and strategic awareness needed to become a successful leader.

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SCE Exam Date

Date of SCE Examination: The next Gastroenterology SCE Examination will take place on 27th April 2017.

UK registration period: 29th December 2016 – 23rd March 2017.

(European registration period: 29th December 2016 – 26th January 2017).

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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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