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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.

### RSM Meeting on Functional Gut Disorders

3rd February 2016

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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### Portsmouth Advanced Endoscopy Symposium 2016

4th – 5th February 2016

Action Stations – Portsmouth

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## Applications for BSG President (2018–2020) and President Elect (2016–2018)

Applications are now open for the role of BSG President from June 2018 until June 2020, succeeding Professor Martin Lombard. The successful candidate will serve as President Elect from June 2016 until June 2018. The President Elect 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. During this period, the President Elect also chairs the Joint Specialty Committee for Gastroenterology of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and attends the RCP Medical Specialties Board.

This is the principal leadership role in BSG, with 2 years of close involvement in the Society's activities and decision making before the main role commences. For informal discussions and questions about the role, please email [President@bsg.org.uk](mailto:President@bsg.org.uk). There is a 4 year total commitment to the role with fairly frequent attendance required at committee meetings.

Please send a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) and a statement of

RCPE 20th Advanced  
Gastroenterology & Hepatology  
Course

4th – 5th February 2016

Royal College of Physicians of  
Edinburgh – Edinburgh

➤ [Further Information](#)

5th M1 Gut Club Meeting – IBD  
and Endoscopy (from the  
ground up!

5th February 2016

East Midlands Conference  
Centre – Nottingham

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Cystic Fibrosis Research Sandpit  
Workshop

8th – 9th February 2016

Oxford Belfry Hotel – Oxford

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Managing Capacity and Demand  
in your Endoscopy Service

10th February 2016

Maple House – Birmingham

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PGHTNCON 2016

application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role, to Richard Gardner ([r.gardner@bsg.org.uk](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk)). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 29 February 2016. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in April 2016 (exact date tbc).

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## Applications for BSG Vice President, Hepatology (2016–2018)

Applications are now open for the role of BSG Vice President, Hepatology, succeeding Dr Steve Ryder. A 2 year appointment, the Hepatology 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.

This is the principal leadership role for the hepatology interested community of BSG and a vital support role to the President on key matters and decisions in this important part of our specialty. The role must also lead BSG engagement and interaction with partner Societies, such as BASL and EASL. For informal discussions and questions about the role, please email [President@bsg.org.uk](mailto:President@bsg.org.uk) or [Stephen.Ryder@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Stephen.Ryder@nuh.nhs.uk). There is a 2 year total commitment to the role with fairly frequent attendance required at committee meetings. By convention, the Vice Presidents for Hepatology and Endoscopy serve as Trustees on alternate years.

Please send a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role, to Richard Gardner ([r.gardner@bsg.org.uk](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk)). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 29 February 2016. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in April 2016 (exact date tbc).

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## Applications for CSSC Secretary

Applications are now open for the role of Secretary of the Clinical Services and Standards Committee (CSSC), succeeding Dr Tony Tham, and commencing after the annual meeting in June 2016. An initial 2 year appointment, the Secretary of CSSC will usually progress to become Deputy Chair (2 years) and then Chair (2 years) as part of a 6 year total commitment. The Secretary is a key member of the committee and will be closely involved in the BSG's clinical and wider activities for a number of years. The CSSC Chair is a member of the BSG's key committees (Executive, Council and Strategy Group).

The Secretary role is principally associated with managing the process for BSG guidelines, and as part of the role is the Guidelines Editor of Gut. The Secretary will also support the Chair and Deputy Chair, deputising as required. If active in private practice, the post holder will also chair the BSG's Independent Practice Committee.

This is a vital role in a key committee of the BSG that has a material impact on clinical practice in the UK. For informal discussions and questions about the role, please email [tctham1234@gmail.com](mailto:tctham1234@gmail.com). There is a 2 year total commitment to the role with attendance required at twice yearly committee meetings and additional email

12th – 14th February 2016

NIMS University – Jaipur

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Oesophago-gastric Cancer: The MDT Survival Guide

12th February 2016

Guy's Hospital, Roben Suite – London

[Further Information](#)

APASL 2016

20th – 24th February 2016

Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa – Tokyo

[Further Information](#)

5th Edinburgh Clinical Methodology Course

25th – 26th February 2016

John McIntyre Conference Centre – Edinburgh

[Further Information](#)

3rd Transnasal Endoscopy Workshop

25th February 2016

Royal Free Hospital – London

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and telephone correspondence as required.

Please send a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role, to Richard Gardner ([r.gardner@bsg.org.uk](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk)). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 1 February 2016. Interviews will take place in March 2016 (exact date tbc).

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## Register now – Joint SSG/BSG meeting

The Joint SSG/BSG meeting will take place on 4th March 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. This meeting will include sessions on functional GI disease, endoscopy, inflammatory bowel disease and liver disease. There will be free paper sessions and poster displays. Abstract submission forms are available on the SSG website.

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## BSG Oesophageal Section Stand Alone Symposium

The BSG Oesophageal Section Stand Alone Symposium will take place on 7th March 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

Learning objectives

By the end of the day attendees will have:

- learned about the up-to-date methods of oesophageal dilatation to be used in gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures, including patient safety, standardisation of technique, and new methods of prevention and treatment.
- learned new methods of performing medical investigations of manometry using new high resolution equipment, and in using impedance monitoring alongside pH monitoring.
- learned performance of procedures, patient education, analysis, clinical interpretation and reporting skills.
- built guideline-development skills.

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## BSG Annual Meeting 2016

We are delighted to announce that the BSG Annual Meeting 2016 will once again return to Liverpool from Monday 20 – Thursday 23 June 2016 at the ACC, Liverpool.

The four day annual meeting will begin on Monday with the Gastroenterology Masterclass, which will host world renowned speakers from the UK providing cutting-edge updates, state-of-the-art lectures and interactive sessions on managing endoscopic complications.

### BSG Management and Leadership Weekend

26th – 28th February 2016

Hilton Hotel – Warwick

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### National Gastroenterology Collaboration Event

26th February 2016

Heriot Watt University – Edinburgh

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### Canadian Digestive Diseases Week 2016

26th – 29th February 2016

Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth – Montreal

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### 5th Cambridge Upper GI symposium – Spotlight on the stomach

26th February 2016

UTC Cambridge – Cambridge

[Further Information](#)

### Short Course in Lower GI Physiology 2016

29th February – 2nd March 2016

The main scientific programme (Tuesday – Thursday) will include basic and clinical science symposia, one whole day of live endoscopy, state-of-the-art lectures, clinical updates, a Translational Science Masterclass, moderated poster rounds and industry exhibition.

Abstract submission and registration are now open. The early-bird deadline is 18th March 2016. Abstract submission closes on 26th February 2016.

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## BSG Education Committee Chair appointed

We are pleased to announce that Dr Jessica Williams of the Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust has been appointed to the role of BSG Education Committee Chair, with effect from January 2016. She is well suited to the role, with a proven track record and strong interest in training and education. She has a Postgraduate Award in Medical Education, is endoscopy training lead for her trust and co-ordinates the gastroenterology undergraduate teaching within her hospital. As current Chair of the New Consultants Committee at the Royal College of Physicians, she has gained pertinent experience of planning conference programmes at a national level. She has also been the NCC representative on the Joint Specialist Committee for Gastroenterology and Hepatology. During her time as a registrar and chair of the Trainees in Gastroenterology (TiG) Committee, she represented the trainees on the BSG Education Committee, BSG Council, the Gastroenterology SAC and the JAG. The BSG welcomes Jess to the role and looks forward to working with her over the next few years.

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## CLINICAL

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### IBD Registry News – January 2016

#### Regional meetings update

The first of our regional workshops was chaired by Dr Keith Bodger in Warrington on Monday 7th December. 35 delegates attended and found the meeting useful. Some of the things people found especially helpful included: "*getting a better understanding of the Registry and its implications*," having "*time together as a team planning ... priorities and energising the service*," "*understanding our position relative to other services*" as well as being "*able to talk to people about the Registry system*" and developing "*strategies for removing barriers*."

One of the main benefits of the meeting was the chance to discuss topics in detail, and two areas of particular interest were consent and how to approach entering data.

Some places are still available at regional meetings in 2016

LONDON Friday 15th January 2016 Chair: Dr Stuart Bloom

Northern General Hospital – Sheffield

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Joint SSG/BSG meeting

4th March 2016

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh – Edinburgh

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BSG Oesophageal Section Stand Alone Symposium

7th March 2016

The Royal College of Physicians – London

[▶ Further Information](#)

St Mark Hospital's GastroSCE Course

7th – 8th March 2016

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

[▶ Further Information](#)

Pan London Regional BSG Meeting

11th March 2016

The Royal College of Physicians – London

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CARDIFF Thursday 21st January Chair: Dr Barney Hawthorne  
TAUNTON Friday 22nd January Chair: Dr Ian Shaw  
DARLINGTON Tuesday 26th January Chair: Dr John Mansfield  
BIRMINGHAM Friday 5th February Chair: Prof Tariq Iqbal  
GLASGOW Spring 2016 Chair: Dr Ian Arnott

We'd really encourage you to attend, 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/>

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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](http://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/nets/taking-part)

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## NICE Guidance on Hep C

NICE have released guidance on the following treatments for chronic Hepatitis C:

- Daclatasvir
- Ledipasvir
- Ombitasvir
- Paritaprevir
- Ritonavir
- Sofosbuvir

Click the 'further information' link below to view the guidance documents on the BSG website.

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## NICE Quality Standards: Gallstone Disease

December 2015

This quality standard covers diagnosing and managing gallstone disease in adults. For more information see the [topic overview](#).

In this quality standard, the term 'gallstone disease' refers to stones in the gallbladder or common bile duct, and the symptoms and complications they cause.

8th Newcastle ERCP and EUS Course for Endoscopy Nurses

11th March 2016

Freeman Hospital – Newcastle upon Tyne

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Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course 2016

16th – 18th March 2016

Copthorne Hotel Newcastle – Newcastle

[▶ Further Information](#)

3rd International Conference on Nutrition and Growth

17th – 19th March 2016

Reed Messe Wien Exhibition & Congress Center – Vienna

[▶ Further Information](#)

15th Bill Owen Oesophago-Gastric Symposium 'Meet-the-experts'

18th March 2016

Royal College of Surgeons of England – London

[▶ Further Information](#)

The 3rd Leeds Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

18th March 2016

## Consultant Fee Arrangements in the Independent Sector

Fee Compliance and Competition Law – December 2015

In the light of the large fine on Consultant Eye Surgeons Partnership (CESP) [see here](#) FIPO met with the CMA. Following this FIPO has produced two documents to explain the legal issues behind fee charging by consultants. A Newsletter to consultants can be seen here ([click here](#)). FIPOs two information documents on Competition Law Compliance are:

- Consultant Fee Setting and Information Exchange ([click here](#))
- Annex 1 – Competition Law Affecting LLPs, Companies and Sole Traders ([click here](#))

The CMA has published a Press statement acknowledging the help of FIPO, along with some further documentation about Fee Compliance and Competition Law. The CMA Press Statement contains links to further information. ([click here](#)).

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## PHE survey of specialist alcohol services in secondary care

Public Health England (PHE) is repeating its survey of specialist alcohol services in secondary care. Gaining a national picture of the specialist alcohol care delivered in hospitals in England is key to understanding how services improve patient care and making the case for how and where these services might be most efficiently and cost effectively deployed. The first national survey in 2013 informed the PHE consensus guidance document '[Alcohol care in England's hospitals](#)'. The results of this survey will be compared with the findings of the baseline survey and a summary will be published in 2016.

This year PHE is asking the leads of the services to complete the survey and, where these leads are known to PHE, will send a link to the online survey by email. PHE has asked that leads in hospital alcohol services be on the look-out for this contact and, if not invited to participate, contact their local PHE centre health improvement team or local authority commissioner. If BSG members who are service leads have not received information on how to complete the survey then please follow the link below:

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## Survey: Palliative care in advanced chronic liver disease

Dr Ben Hudson, Professor Julia Verne, Dr Anne McCune

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

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EASL 2016

13th – 17th April 2016

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

[▶ Further Information](#)

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

15th – 16th April 2016

Andel's Hotel Berlin – Berlin

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ERCP Basic Training Course 2016

21st – 22nd April 2016

European Endoscopy Training Centre (EETC) – Rome

[▶ Further Information](#)

3rd European Update Congress in Gastroenterology

29th – 30th April 2016

National House of Vinohrady – Prague

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Digestive Disease Week® 2016

Despite an ever increasing trajectory of deaths from liver disease across the UK, specialist palliative care services are seldom involved in its management. The importance of high quality palliative care was highlighted by the Lancet Standing Commission on Liver Disease in its most recent report, however there is a paucity of research into if, how, and when it should be integrated into patients' care.

This short survey aims to assess the current attitude of the UK hepatology community to the use of specialist palliative care in patients with liver disease. It is supported by BASL, the BSG liver section, and the British Liver Trust, and will inform wider research in this area.

It should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

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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 motility studies, GI physiologists and clinical scientists.

Your input in this short survey would be much appreciated.

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## The BMJ Awards 2016 – Gastroenterology Team

The BMJ Awards 2016, in association with MDDUS, recognises and celebrates the inspirational work being carried out by UK doctors and their teams. We are delighted to have an award for gastroenterology team of the year. Share with The BMJ the great work you are carrying out to improve healthcare and make a difference to the lives of patients.

View the complete list of categories and enter today at [thebmjawards.com](http://thebmjawards.com).

Entries close on 22 January 2016.

Please contact The BMJ Awards Team on [awards@bmj.com](mailto:awards@bmj.com) if you have any questions.

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21st – 24th May 2016

San Diego Convention Centre – San Diego

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Birmingham Liver Course 2016

26th – 27th May 2016

Centre for Professional Development, Edgbaston – Birmingham

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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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## EDUCATION

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### BSG Survey: How is gastroenterology taught in UK Medical Schools?

Dr [Vincent Cheung](#) (SpR Gastroenterology, John Radcliffe Hospital) & Dr [Gavin Johnson](#) (Consultant Gastroenterologist UCLH)

Very little is known about how gastroenterology teaching is delivered at an undergraduate level in the UK. The aim of this project is to inform how the BSG could support undergraduate teaching and to build links with students with an interest in gastroenterology.

We are inviting anyone with involvement in undergraduate teaching from Consultant to FY1 to complete a questionnaire about how gastroenterology/hepatology teaching is delivered at your medical school. The survey should take no longer than 5-10 mins to complete.

Your valuable participation will be greatly appreciated and will contribute towards identifying current practice and highlight how we can deliver best practice. All responses are anonymous. Thank you very much for giving your time to help us with this important BSG project.

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### 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/](http://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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### Frontline Gastroenterology: Twitter Debates – Frontline Travel and IBD: Advice from the IBD Passport – 19th January 2016

Frontline Gastroenterology is pleased to update you regarding the 'Frontline Gastroenterology Twitter Debates' hosted by expert clinicians and academics from around the world. Remember, this is your chance to ask the experts directly about clinical issues that affect you on the 'Frontline'.

The debates will be held monthly, typically on Tuesday evenings at 8pm-9pm GMT and lead by [@FrontGastro\\_BMI](#) using #FGDebate. If you are new to Twitter or need to join, don't worry it takes 2 minutes

The King's Liver Golden Jubilee: International Summit 2016

16th – 18th June 2016

King's College Hospital – London

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BSG Annual Meeting 2016

20th – 23rd June 2016

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

[▶ Further Information](#)

48th meeting of the European Pancreatic Club

6th – 9th July 2016

St George's Hall, Liverpool – Liverpool

[▶ Further Information](#)

3rd Athens International Symposium

8th – 9th July 2016

Athens Hilton Hotel – Athens

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Indonesian Society of Internal Medicine (PAPDI)

22nd – 25th August 2016

Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center – Nusa dua

([www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)) and is very easy to use and follow! For those of you not currently on Twitter, please don't be afraid: you can easily edit your profile so that you won't be committed to interactions you don't want.

Our next #FGDebate is on Tuesday 19th January 2016, at 8–9pm GMT with IBD Nurse Specialist ([@IBDPassport](https://twitter.com/IBDPassport)) and will discuss, 'Frontline Travel and IBD: Advice from the IBD Passport'.

Please follow [@IBDPassport](https://twitter.com/IBDPassport) and [@FrontGastro\\_BMJ](https://twitter.com/FrontGastro_BMJ) as well as #FGDebate and join in the debates! More information will be posted on <http://fg.bmj.com> and <http://blogs.bmj.com/fg/> in the next few weeks. We look forward to you joining the debates and remember to add #FGDebate to your tweet!

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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](mailto: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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## ECCO'16 Amsterdam – Online registration is open

Please be informed about the upcoming Annual Congress of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands from March 16–19, 2016. The online registration is now available – [click here to register now](#).

ECCO'16 Congress website: [www.ecco-ibd.eu/ecco16](http://www.ecco-ibd.eu/ecco16)

Scientific programme:  
View the scientific programme on the [ECCO Congress website](#).

Educational programme:  
Browse through the educational programme on the [ECCO Website](#).

Deadline to register for all courses: March 1, 2016

The number of participants for each educational activity is limited. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Register in advance through the online registration system, no onsite registration

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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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St. Mark's Educational CDs and  
DVDs

possible.

In case of further questions, please contact the ECCO Office at [ecco16@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco16@ecco-ibd.eu).

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## UCLH IBD Postgraduate Course

25th – 27th January 2016

A few places are still available.

The aim of the course is to provide a strong foundation of knowledge in IBD, which future gastroenterologists and allied health care professionals can use as a springboard to becoming specialists within this field.

Course objectives:

- Have a comprehensive clinical knowledge of the pathways involved in the diagnosis, investigation and management of patients with IBD.
- Be able to identify all the major areas within the Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB) curriculum, which have been covered within the course and apply them to your own clinical practice and patients.
- Have the confidence to be able to contribute to the development of IBD service within your own hospitals.
- Have a good breadth of knowledge into the science underpinning IBD research today, as well as have an important insight into research technologies and landmark papers that have shaped our understanding of IBD to date.

Register at the further information link below.

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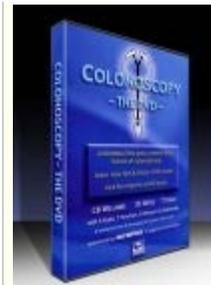
## Portsmouth Advanced Endoscopy Symposium

4th – 5th Feb 2016, Portsmouth.

This is an excellent opportunity for UK endoscopists to improve their understanding of all the current and forthcoming endoscopic techniques and technology. The faculty is carefully selected from around the world to ensure high educational value. The programme and registration form are available on the BSG website [www.bsg.org.uk/events/portsmouth-advanced-endoscopy-symposium-2016.html](http://www.bsg.org.uk/events/portsmouth-advanced-endoscopy-symposium-2016.html). BSG members receive a 10% discount on course fees. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee.

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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](#)

## Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course

16–18th March 2016

3-day clinical nutrition course covering all parts of GI curriculum, targeted to GI and surgical trainees.

This is the second year of the Newcastle Clinical nutrition course. It lasts 3 days and is delivered at the Cophorne hotel in Newcastle. All aspects of clinical nutrition in the GI curriculum will be covered. It is aimed at GI trainees in gastroenterology and surgery with a maximum of 25 delegates to allow small group teaching and interaction. Speakers are from the north-east, Glasgow and Southampton.

The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. BSG members receive a 10% discount on course fees.

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## 3rd European Update Congress in Gastroenterology

29th – 30th April 2016

Over two full days, 14 different sessions will cover the newest developments in gastroenterology. There will be time for interactivity during the lectures, in the speakers' corners, at the Friday evening Get Together and, last but not least, during the interactive case discussions. Several ePoster sessions with the latest scientific research results will give young physicians the opportunity to present their work.

The BSG has a few free registrations to offer on a first-come, first-served basis for gastroenterologists participating with an ePoster. If you plan to submit an abstract for the meeting, please send it to [Julie Solomon](#) after submission to the conference and ask if a free ticket is still available.

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## Association of Clinical Pathologists National Scientific Meeting – National Leadership Programme & GI Pathology

Hallam Conference Centre, London – 8th & 9th June 2016

Book on either day or both – limited places!

GI pathology component of the meeting features:

Lectures

Large bowel epithelial neoplasia:

- The pathology of bowel cancer screening
- Clinical trials in colorectal cancer

- Appendiceal mucinous neoplasms and pseudomyxoma peritonei

Non-epithelial pathology of the gastrointestinal tract:

- Recent developments in gastrointestinal lymphoma and lymphoproliferations
- Neuropathies and myopathies of the gastrointestinal tract

New investigations and pathologies of the gastrointestinal tract:

- Practical molecular pathology of gastrointestinal neoplasia
- IgG4-related disease and the gastrointestinal tract

Slide Seminar:

- Duodenal pathology

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## UEG Week 24/7 features all recorded scientific lectures of UEG Week 2015 Barcelona

You missed this year's congress? Don't worry!

Get access to the complete set of core scientific lectures recorded. Stream over 400 lectures and know what is to know in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology for €99!

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## Badging by the BSG Education Committee

The BSG is keen to enhance the exposure of the many excellent educational events that take place across the UK by providing BSG endorsement for the event. BSG endorsement carries many benefits to the organisers, including a presence on the BSG website & newsletter and assistance with conference calls. The guidance for BSG endorsement has been agreed by the Education Committee and is on the website [www.bsg.org.uk/education/general/in-this-section.html](http://www.bsg.org.uk/education/general/in-this-section.html). Please refer to this if you are considering seeking the advantage of BSG endorsement for your event.

Jessica Williams, BSG Education Committee Chair

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## RESEARCH

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## SysmedIBD Spring School

The SysmedIBD Consortium studies dynamic cell signalling pathways associated with inflammatory bowel disease by applying a systems medicine approach. The SysmedIBD Spring School is aimed towards young researchers (MD or PhD students, young post-docs or medical interns) as well as representatives from industry. The first SysmedIBD Spring School will take place on 9–11 March 2016 in Venice, Italy. The deadline for application is 15 January. More details are in the [file attached](#) or on [www.sysmedibd.eu](http://www.sysmedibd.eu). The number of trainees will be limited to 20. Participation will be free of charge. The organizers will reserve hotel rooms (3 nights) at convenient prices, but participants are expected to cover the costs for accommodation and travel.

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## BSG Hopkins Endoscopy Prize 2016

The Hopkins Endoscopy Prize is awarded annually at the meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology on the recommendation of the Endoscopy Committee. The prize is awarded for the best submission regarding a technical innovation in the field of endoscopy, a new method using existing endoscopic equipment or contribution to endoscopy research.

Entrants need not be a member of the Society. The successful recipient will be required to deliver a 30 minute lecture at the BSG Annual Scientific Meeting to be held at the Liverpool ACC in June 2016. Applications should be composed electronically in Word or Rich Text format and emailed as an attachment to the BSG Office ([h.ellison@bsg.org.uk](mailto:h.ellison@bsg.org.uk)) by 5pm Monday 1st February 2016.

All applications must include the following:

- A manuscript (2 A4 pages ONLY) describing the work conducted.
- A bibliography of relevant personal publications.
- An outline of the proposed content of the lecture, including title.
- A written statement confirming that all or a substantial part of the work has been personally conducted in the UK or Eire.

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## Sir Francis Avery-Jones BSG Research Award 2016

Applications are invited by the Research Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology and must include:

1. One A4 page ONLY describing the work conducted.
2. A bibliography of relevant personal publications.
3. An outline of the proposed content of the lecture, including title.
4. A written statement confirming that all or a substantial part of the work has been personally conducted in the UK or Eire.
5. A written statement confirming that the applicant will be aged 40 years or less OR will have held a Consultant/Honorary Consultant post for less than 5 years (or whole-time

equivalent if part time or in intermittent employment) on the date of the lecture.

Entrants need not be a member of the Society.

The recipient will be required to deliver a 20 minute lecture during the plenary session at BSG 2016, which will be held on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at the ACC, Liverpool. The winner will be entitled to full registration for the whole meeting (20–23 June 2016) and to travel and accommodation expenses as specified in their speaker entitlement letter.

Applications should be composed electronically in Word or PDF format and emailed as an attachment to the BSG Office ([research@bsg.org.uk](mailto:research@bsg.org.uk)) with the email subject line "Avery-Jones BSG Research Award 2016" by 5.00pm on Monday 29 February 2016. Applicants will be notified of the decision in mid-March 2016.

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## Bowel & Cancer Research and Core Joint Development Award

Diverticular disease is common and is the subject of 1 in 3 patient enquiries to Core, yet it is a relatively neglected area of research. This joint call from Core and Bowel & Cancer Research, under the umbrella of the Diverticular Research Campaign, is motivated by a desire to change that.

Appropriate applications for development award funding may range from basic and translational science to research for patient benefit, including but not limited to:

- Pathogenesis (including role of the microbiome and other mechanisms and relationship to IBS)
- development and validation of robust assessment tools, symptomatology and clinical impact
- early phase assessments of new therapeutic approaches
- comparison of currently available treatments or their appropriate deployment, including appropriate selection and use of surgical techniques.

Proposals need not be narrowly focused on diverticular disease as long as they have the realistic potential to advance understanding or management of this condition. For this call there is a maximum of £80,000 available for two awards.

Funded projects should be completed within 18 months of commencing. This call is only open to UK applicants. We will fund only the direct costs associated with the project and will not fund overhead allocation or other indirect costs, including senior or supervisory posts which are already covered by HEFCE, or other, funding. We will not fund equipment or capital costs. Applicants must have established academic positions.

In assessing proposals equal weight will be given to the intrinsic merits of the application and to the chances that the research will lead to a further successful application for more substantial funding. It is hoped successful applications will spearhead further fundraising.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 3rd February 2016.

To download the application form and guidelines please visit:  
[www.corecharity.org.uk/diverticular-research-campaign/](http://www.corecharity.org.uk/diverticular-research-campaign/)

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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](http://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 1 April 2016, and must be a member or fellow of RCP London.

Deadline for applications: 1 April 2016.

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## Research funding opportunities

Please go to [www.bsg.org.uk/research/articles/research-funding-opportunities.html](http://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](mailto: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

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### BSG Trainees Section Prizes 2016

The following prizes are awarded annually by the BSG Trainees Section:

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 scoring applicants will be entered into the 'Educational Dragon's Den' which will be held at the Trainees section symposium on Thursday 23rd June 2016 at the BSG Annual Conference in Liverpool. These applicants will have 4 minutes to present their idea with 3 minutes of questions from the Dragons.

The winner will receive the Alistair McIntyre Prize and an award of £1000. The two runners-up will receive £500 each to contribute to their project.

2. BSG Trainees Section Out of Programme Award is designed to help gastroenterology trainees in the UK access training opportunities that are not available as part of their local training rotations.

This is a single award of £1000.

3. The BSG Young Gastroenterologist of the Year – Clinical & Translational Science is designed to identify and promote talented trainee clinical scientists nationally in order to promote research and science in gastroenterology for the future.

This is a single award of £1000.

4. The 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.

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.

The closing date for applications is Friday 26th February 2016.

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## Call for Trainee Nominations for BSG Section Committee Members 2016

In January 2016 new trainee vacancies will arise on the following BSG Section Committees:

- Gastroduodenal
- Neurogastroenterology and Motility

All BSG Trainee Section Members are eligible for nomination for the above Section Committees, where there is one trainee vacancy on each committee for a 3 year term.

Please note the following terms:

- You must be a BSG trainee member
- You must be a member of the clinical section you want to nominate yourself for e.g. Gastroduodenal, NGM
- Your application must have a BSG member as your 'proposer'. This can be any BSG member including other trainees

- These positions are independent of the Trainees Section committee
- The positions are open to all trainees who are at least 24 months pre-CCT at the time of election
- Trainee representatives will stand down following their consultant appointment and should contact Howard Ellison as soon as they accept a Consultant post offer
- Trainee representatives will stand down if they go abroad during a period of OOP
- You may nominate yourself for more than one section committee position. Please fill out a separate nomination form for each application
- All applicants must have a National Training Number

In order to be nominated you MUST have already joined the relevant clinical section as a member. Only members of each clinical section will be eligible to vote in the final ballot – changing section membership is not allowed once elections are underway. If you have not already done this, please do so by logging in to the BSG website and entering the sections to which you want to belong or by emailing your request to [h.ellison@bsg.org.uk](mailto:h.ellison@bsg.org.uk).

Nominations for these positions will close on the 11th January 2016. The results will be announced on 1st February 2016.

Please provide a short statement (250 words max) explaining why you want to be on the committee and what relevant skills or training you have. Please send this information via email to Howard Ellison at the BSG office: [h.ellison@bsg.org.uk](mailto:h.ellison@bsg.org.uk) and the completed form with signatures to the BSG office by 11th January 2016. *Note: the form can be emailed by the candidate once the proposer has completed their section.*

[▶ Download nomination form](#)

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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](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk).

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## OTHER MATTERS...

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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