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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.

Food: The good, the bad and the ugly

1st February 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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Enteral Feeding Masterclass

1st – 2nd February 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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An opportunity to make a difference to Gastroenterology at a National Level

NHS Improvement and the 'Getting it Right First Time' (GIRFT) Programme is seeking a Clinical Lead for Gastroenterology (including hepatology) in England. This is an important national role.

The first GIRFT report, published by Professor Tim Briggs, suggested that changes could be made to improve pathways of care, patient experience, and outcomes – with significant cost savings. This approach now forms a key part of the roll-out of the recommendations in Lord Carter's report (February 2016) into operational performance and productivity in acute hospitals.

Following its success in surgical specialties, gastroenterology has been added to the programme roll out in a range of medical specialties, and the GIRFT programme is now looking for a skilled and effective clinical leader, who is recognised as expert with a wide breadth of experience by their clinical colleagues and with the endorsement of the BSG to undertake the Clinical Lead role for Gastroenterology.

For further information about GIRFT, the role of Clinical Lead, and details of how to apply please visit: www.rnoh.nhs.uk/GIRFT

Please contact President@bsg.org.uk if you would like to discuss this

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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Immunogenomics of Disease: Accelerating to Patient Benefit

6th – 8th February 2017

Wellcome Trust Genome Campus – Cambridge

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12th ECCO Congress 2017

15th – 18th February 2017

CCIB – Centre Convencions International Barcelona

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ENDO 2017 – The future in focus

16th – 19th February 2017

Novotel & HICC Complex, Hyderabad, India

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – February 2017

22nd February 2017

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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role further with the BSG President or Chief Executive.

Closing dates for applications: 5th February 2017

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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 specialty. 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 2016 (exact date tbc). The post commences 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

Cancer Research UK Early Diagnosis Research Conference

23rd – 24th February 2017

Radisson Blu Edwardian
Grafton, London

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St Mark's Gastrointestinal Histopathology Workshop

24th February 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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6th Cambridge symposium on upper GI diseases

24th February 2017

CRUK Cambridge Institute –
Cambridge

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Cook Medical ERCP Skills Lab – Basic Training Course

27th – 28th February 2017

Queens Medical Centre Campus
– Nottingham

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AGIP Upper GI Physiology Masterclass in Good Practice

1st March 2017

Queen Elizabeth Hospital,
Birmingham

take place in early May 2016 (exact date tbc). The post commences following the annual meeting in June 2017.

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BSG Annual Meeting: 19th–22nd June 2017

Dr Jayne Eaden – BSG Senior Secretary & Chair, BSG 2017 Organising Committee

We are pleased to announce that abstract submission and registration for the BSG Annual Meeting 2017 is now OPEN!

To submit an abstract for consideration, please visit the dedicated abstract page by clicking [here](#).

Abstracts are welcome on the following topics, for both oral and poster presentation:

1. Endoscopy (including video)*
2. Inflammatory Bowel Disease
3. Liver
4. Oesophagus
5. Gastroduodenal
6. Pancreas and neuroendocrine
7. Small bowel
8. Nutrition
9. Colon and anorectum
10. Neurogastroenterology: functional disorders, motility and clinical physiology
11. Gastroenterology service: development, delivery, IT
12. Education and training

* The Endoscopy Section encourages submission of videos with a focus on novel therapies or stenting in the GI tract.

Abstract submission closes: 24 February 2017.

For full abstract guidelines please click [here](#) to download.

For any abstract related questions please do not hesitate to contact the BSG 2017 secretariat at bsg2017abs@mci-group.com.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

[Click here to register](#) and take advantage of preferential rates, including a new unit registration fee for nurses.

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BSG Endolive UK 2017 – 2–3 March 2017

On behalf of the BSG we are delighted to provide the full programme for Endolive UK 2017, and invite you and your endoscopy team to sign up! This 2 day meeting will build on the success of the inaugural Endolive UK 2015, and will be the largest live endoscopy course ever held in the UK. The meeting will be held at the Birmingham ICC, with live links to 2 of the premier endoscopy centres in the UK, St Mark's Hospital in London, and Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

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Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

ICC Birmingham

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CDDW 2017

3rd – 6th March 2017

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Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Training Weekend

3rd – 5th March 2017

Holiday Inn – Stoke on Trent

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Homerton SETS – Screen-based Endoscopy Technical Skills Course

3rd March 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Clinical Leadership and Management Course for Medical Specialties

6th – 8th March 2017

Keele, Staffordshire

A real focus of the meeting is for all of us to improve the clinical endoscopic practice that we offer, with an emphasis on quality. The live cases, discussions, lectures and meet the expert sessions will aim to help all of us better understand not only 'how to do it', but 'when to do it'. Safe and effective endoscopy is a team effort, and to reflect this we would encourage all members of your service to attend. Very competitive registration fees include a team registration to support this.

Please note from the first 100 paid BSG trainee member registrations we'll be randomly selecting 50, so that half of BSG trainees get a complete refund!

As previously, we expect Endolive UK 2017 to be challenging, inspiring and fun – we will be absolutely delighted to see you there!

Please find the full programme and online registration at:
www.endolive-uk.org.uk

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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 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 will open on 9th January and will close on Feb 22nd at close of business. Submission guidelines are available through the link below and further details will be available shortly.

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

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New metrics for the Lancet Standing Commission on Liver Disease in the UK

The format for this third report of the Lancet Commission follows the same pattern as in 2015 in concentrating on the main recommendations, all of which are evidence based and have been most carefully considered in terms of their ability to reduce the current burden of liver disease in the UK and its financial cost. The working groups set up around the recommendations have concentrated this year on producing a set of the main metrics, which will enable further charting of disease prevalence and consequences on an annual basis. BSG members contributed significantly to the final publication.

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Supporting Gastroenterology
Trainees in Careers in Research
and Academia

20th March 2017

Birmingham Conference and
Events Centre – Birmingham

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Liver Disease in Primary Care

21st – 22nd March 2017

Centre for Professional
Development – Birmingham

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Injury in Childbirth: raising
awareness and restoring dignity
for mothers 2017

22nd March 2017

Royal Society of Medicine –
London

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Newcastle Clinical Nutrition
Course 2017

22nd – 24th March 2017

Copthorne Hotel Newcastle –
Newcastle

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FG Twitter Debate: Endoscopic training in the UK: the trainee perspective–am I doing enough to get signed off?

Date: Thursday 12th January 2017

Time: 8–9 BST

Guest: Dr Brian Mckaig, West Midlands Regional Endoscopy Training Centre

Dr Brian Mckaig is our featured guest for this month's Frontline gastroenterology debate. Brian has a highly active role in endoscopic training and serves as the director of the West Midlands endoscopic training centre, and QA lead for the bowel screening programme. Amongst other things Brian will be discussing how both trainers and trainees can make sure they can achieve the most from their local endoscopy training programs, when should trainees aim to be signed off and where the future of endoscopic training in the UK lies.

For those who are new to Twitter please visit www.twitter.com, joining is very easy and takes only a few minutes. Please follow [@FrontGastro_BMI](https://twitter.com/FrontGastro_BMI) as well as #FGDebate and join in.

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!

PS if you have any suggestions for future debates drop us a tweet [@FrontGastro_BMI](https://twitter.com/FrontGastro_BMI)

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British Gastroenterologists named as UEG Rising Stars for 2017

The BSG would like to extend its congratulations to Dr Shishir Shetty and Dr Charlotte Hedin for being selected as UEG Rising Stars for 2017. This is a highly competitive process and is in recognition of their outstanding achievements in their careers to date.

Dr Shetty is a clinical fellow at the Centre for Liver Research in Birmingham's NIHR Liver Biomedical Research Unit. Dr Hedin now works at the Karolinska Institutet but undertook her early training and PhD in the UK.

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BSG funding opportunities for educational projects in low income countries 2016

Continuing the activity we have supported in recent years, the BSG wishes to fund a number of educational projects to promote the practice of gastroenterology and hepatology in the developing world and low income settings (eg sub-Saharan Africa). The project must

The Korea International Gastric Cancer Week 2017 (KINGCA Week 2017)

23rd – 25th March 2017

Busan Exhibition and Convention Center – Busan

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4th Leeds Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

24th March 2017

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

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NGM State-of-the-Art Symposium 2017

24th March 2017

The Royal College of Physicians – London

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The Principles of Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block 1

27th March – 31st March 2017

Torbay Hospital

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Homerton STIG – Simulation Training In Gastroenterology

30th March 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre –

take place within 12 months of funding being awarded. Potential projects might include an educational or training course or a meeting on, for example, the practice of gastroenterology and/or endoscopy. However, other types of educational projects will also be considered.

The project can address the needs of medical undergraduates up to senior gastroenterologists. Similarly, projects for nurses and other AHPs will also be considered. Projects that offer strong prospects of sustainable and long-term partnerships will be particularly welcome. It can cover the full range of gastroenterological and hepatological disease in adult or paediatric practice, including infectious and non-communicable diseases. Costings are expected to be reasonable (eg, economy airfare, etc). The maximum budget for each project should be no more than £10,000. The funding is NOT intended for equipment other than that which is required for training or is purely educational in its use.

Eligibility: The applicant partnership must include a current member of the BSG. At least one member of the partnership will usually be in current practice in the UK.

Applications: Please complete an application which you will find under 'Funding opportunities' on the 'International' section of the website and send to John Hayward (j.hayward@bsg.org.uk) by Monday 23rd January 2017.

You can see recent examples of the work funded on the 'Past workshops' section, also under the 'International' section of the BSG website.

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Survey: An opportunity to share your thoughts with us – Core

As a member of the BSG you will want to see Core develop and grow income for research into digestive diseases. And you will also appreciate we must aim for a transformational change if we are to achieve the levels we need to make a real difference in this area of research. So please, let Core have your input with this short survey. We want to gather input and insight from far and wide to inform the charity's new strategy, new brand and new proposition. Your thoughts are important. Your views and feedback will help us know more about what you think and help the charity communicate better in the future. Thank you in advance for this vital 10 minutes of your time.

With best wishes, Julie Harrington CEO jharrington@corecharity.org.uk
0207 4860341.

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Gastroenterology SCE Course 2017

3rd – 4th April 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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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

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Endoscopy Assistant 3 Day Master Class 2017

25th – 27th April 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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British-Irish Gastroenterology Meeting 2017

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)

[▶ Download Best Practice example template](#)

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NICE Quality Standard: Transition from Children's to Adults' Services

This quality standard covers all young people (aged up to 25) using children's health and social care services who are due to make the transition to adults' services. It includes young people:

- with mental health problems
- with disabilities
- with long-term, life-limiting or complex needs
- in secure settings
- under the care of local authorities

For more information, see the [topic overview](#).

[▶ Access documentation on NICE website](#)

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UK IBD registry ends year on a high note

We approach the end of the year with 60 sites actively participating in the IBD Registry, and over 21,000 patient records submitted. 80 sites in total have a 'live' system for data capture, and 21 additional sites are in the process of setting up, so we expect patient numbers to increase steadily.

Members of the Registry's industry working group have generously contributed to a fund specifically to support sites with data entry. For more information please contact support@ibdregistry.org.uk by 20th January 2017.

Many thanks to our colleagues at AbbVie, Allergan, Dr Falk, Janssen, Napp, Pfizer, Takeda, Tillotts and Vifor for their contributions to this fund. If you have not yet registered to participate in the IBD Registry, would like help uploading your data, or have any other registry related queries please contact support@ibdregistry.org.uk

*Grants may be higher depending on the number of sites applying.

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27th – 28th April 2017

Europa Hotel, Belfast

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Stoke ERCP Symposium

27th – 28th April 2017

Royal Stoke University Hospital
– Stoke-on-Trent

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Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2017

6th – 9th May 2017

McCormick Place – Chicago

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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

12th May 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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10 years of the UK IBD audit: framing the future

The UK inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) audit event will take place on Friday 3 February 2017. 10 years of the UK IBD audit: framing the future will take place at the Royal College of Physicians between 10am and 4pm.

Join us to celebrate 10 years of the IBD audit programme as it comes to an end

Hear about its successes and the future for the Registry and opportunities for continued quality improvement

Network and learn how other teams achieved improvements

Learn more about the transition to the IBD Registry – what this means to you and how the IBD Registry will continue to support improvements in care.

Share and help shape the future of IBD planning.

Click here to book your free ticket:

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/10-years-of-the-inflammatory-bowel-disease-ibd-audit-framing-the-future-tickets-29648427244>

The first 30 people who register for this event will be eligible for a £50 reduction against their travel arrangements if booked by 15th December. If you would like to take advantage of this early booking offer, please select the General admission – Early bird £50 voucher ticket (details on claiming this offer are provided on the ticket).

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News from the Association of GI Physiologists (AGIP) Section

The AGIP section is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. It exists to ensure the highest standards of GI physiology by supporting the education and accreditation of practitioners, as well as doing our best to ensure the unique role of the GI Physiology practitioner is recognised within the healthcare community.

You can find out more about AGIP from their pages on the BSG Website at: www.bsg.org.uk/sections/agip-committee/index.html

On this page you can find a link to past and present editions of NewWave, the on-line journal of AGIP which is published four times a year.

Highlights of the most recent edition include:

- An appreciation of Margaret Marples, one of the founders of AGIP
- An example study by Rami Sweis
- Review of the 2nd 2nd London Masterclass: Emerging concepts in the management of faecal incontinence (15th and 16th September, Queen Mary University of London)

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DOPS training and assessment tool for

The Sheffield Dietetic Gastroenterology Symposium 2016

12th May 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

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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

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20th TECNA Course

10th June 2017

manual cleaning processes in endoscopic decontamination

Dr Helen Griffiths – Decontamination lead, BSG Endoscopy Committee

Following collaboration between the Olympus, Pentax and Aquilant, the BSG and the Decontamination Professional Expert Communication Forum (DPECF) we are pleased to announce the launch of this DOPS training and assessment tool.

There have been numerous reports on the potential transmission of multi resistant bacteria with particular reference to duodenoscopes and the manual cleaning of these instruments.

There is the potential to transmit infection via any endoscope through poor adherence to manual cleaning processes and to date there has been no single way of assessing and validating these processes. Knowledge and practice varies significantly between departments and indeed individuals and there is a need to have a standardised approach and pathway that can be quality assured and validated to minimise the risk to patients and staff from endoscopically transmitted infection.

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Survey: Biosimilar medicines and potential barriers to their prescribing

You are invited to participate in a brief web survey as part of a research study on biosimilar medicines and potential barriers to their prescribing. The purpose of this survey is to study UK healthcare professionals' opinions, attitudes and experiences regarding biosimilars.

The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

To access the survey online, please go to the URL (<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/keelebiosimilars>) and follow the online survey instructions. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Mohammed Aladul at (m.i.m.aladul@keele.ac.uk) or Professor Stephen Chapman at (s.r.chapman@keele.ac.uk) or Tel: 01782 734131.

[▶ Download invitation to survey](#)

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Survey: Acute severe alcoholic hepatitis

Alcoholic hepatitis remains a difficult condition to treat with conflicting evidence as to its best management. The recent STOPAH trial results have had a mixed reception among the gastroenterology and hepatology community and there is a variation in clinical management across the country. We would like to document this variation and determine how to improve care for this group of patients.

This short survey will take 5 minutes of your time. Please use the following link: goo.gl/forms/OTI6vaSEqYfH4N0O2

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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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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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 2

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EDUCATION

BSGtv

Presentations from the BSG's 2016 Annual Meeting are now available through BSGtv. For the first time, most sessions (all four days) were recorded! To access the recordings, log in at www.bsg.org.uk/component/option.com_rsform/Itemid.657/ and use the left-hand navigation to access BSGtv.

As always, speakers were asked to give their consent for their presentations to be uploaded to BSGtv. If you're looking for a particular talk and can't find it, there could be three reasons why not. Either it was one of the free papers (which weren't recorded), or the speaker didn't want their talk to be available after the conference, or they didn't let the conference secretariat (MCI) know that their talk could be included. If you're a speaker in the last category and would like your presentation to be available along with the others, [please email the BSG](#). Include your full name, the day, date, time and title of your presentation, and a statement of explicit consent for your presentation and slides to be made available to BSG members on the BSG website. BSGtv is a membership benefit from the BSG.

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BSG 2016 winning posters published in Gastroenterology Today

The latest edition of Gastroenterology Today (Oct 2016) focuses on 'Luminal Gastroenterology' and can now be viewed online, free of charge, at www.gastroenterologytoday.com. The issue includes several of the winning posters from BSG 2016.

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Stream UEG Week Lectures

UEG Week 24/7 brings the congress to your home: the majority of talks at UEG Week 2016, over 600, is available for you to stream anytime of your convenience. Acquire the complete congress set which will keep you up-to-date with everything that's new in GI this year, or choose a UEG Week Pathway bundle fitting your speciality.

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Plymouth University

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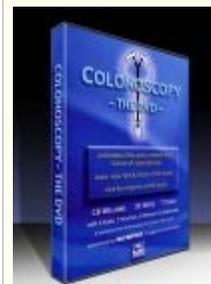
21st Therapeutic Endoscopy course for Endoscopy Nurse Assistants and Nurse Consultants (TECNA)

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs



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

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

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

UEG fellowships 2017 for young clinicians and researchers

You can find out more about the St. Mark's range of DVDs at this website: [Click Here](#)

UEG are supporting 25 young clinicians and 5 researchers below 40 with up to €1,000 each. Don't miss this unique opportunity to spend two weeks in a top-class European training centre in 2017:

- [Apply for a Fellowship for Clinicians](#)
- [Apply for a Fellowship for Researchers](#)

Application deadline: January 31st 2017

Learn more about UEG fellowships – meet next year's host centres in the Young GI Lounge at UEG Week on October 18th

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Report to the BSG Education Committee on the Train The Trainers Workshop 21 – 25 November 2016, Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE

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Thank you to the BSG and the World Gastroenterology Organisation for the opportunity to attend the excellent Train The Trainer (TTT) workshop at Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE.

The WGO TTT workshop team, led by Prof Bizos with a faculty of international experts, had arranged a full 4-day programme for the visit, packed with useful seminars on medical education, how to do critical appraisal, using social media to promote research and to network, using simulators to teach clinical skills etc. Every day, arrangements had been made for us to review what we had learned and apply it in practical hands-on sessions or group activities, all of which were incredibly helpful. The TTT programme has been running for many years, with around 1000 participants across the world; most of them are now leaders in their societies or their local hospitals. The course was sponsored and hosted by the Emirati Gastroenterology and Hepatology Society (EGHS), which was very generous with its hospitality, allowing us to enjoy some informal evenings with good company and experience the Arabic culture. We were also honoured to be invited to have tea with his Royal Highness the Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasim of Ras Al- Khaimah. Also, we quite enjoyed a thrilling desert safari and camel rides before having dinner at starlight.

Above all, the TTT Workshop has helped me to build a professional network with colleagues across the world. It was interesting to meet and chat with more than 30 gastroenterologists from Asia, Africa, the Americas, Australia and Europe and learn more about other health systems and training programmes worldwide. An interesting noteworthy learning point was how to develop MCQ and podcasts to support teaching. I found a few differences from our clinical practice in the UK, such as the structure of training programmes, the use of and access to national guidelines, payment for health services schemes, the wide use of ultrasound as part of training, staff attitudes and various levels of job satisfaction driven by financial private sectors in some countries. Almost without exception, all faculty, administrative and support staff could not have been more friendly and helpful. Developing such a programme in the UK would

be very valuable. Thank you to all who helped in this course.

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Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Training Weekend

Hosted by the NGM Section of the British Society of Gastroenterology and endorsed by the BSG Education Committee

3rd – 5th March 2017, Holiday Inn, Stoke on Trent

This training weekend will cover the basic pathophysiology and treatment of functional gastrointestinal disorders (FGIDs). The training will be complemented by break-out sessions covering the indications and basic interpretation of motility testing as well as a perspectives session covering the view point of patients, GPs and dieticians. Trainees will be invited to submit abstracts of difficult cases which they will be able to present to an expert panel for discussion. The weekend will be free of charge for trainees to attend (including travel and accommodation). It is anticipated that 25–30 places will be offered. To register, contact Dr Adam Farmer at adam.farmer@uhnms.nhs.uk

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RESEARCH

Supporting Gastroenterology Trainees in Careers in Research and Academia

This [one-day workshop](#), organised by the BSG Research Committee, is aimed at gastroenterology and hepatology trainees. It aims to inspire them 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 at CT2 level or beyond, or know someone who is and could be interested, please come along! The workshop is also for new academic trainees and late developing clinical researchers, so 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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RfPB Programme Director

The DH Director of Science, Research and Evidence wishes to contract with an institution/NHS body for the part-time services of a person to be appointed Programme Director of the NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme, in succession to Professor David Armstrong, who retires in March 2017. The successful applicant could be from either an NHS management, clinical or academic research background. Closing date for applications is 16 January 2017. [Further information about the vacancy and how to apply is available](#) from the [RfPB's website](#).

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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 IJA's Alcohol-Related Liver Disease Priority Setting Partnership \(PSP\)](#). Read the full story [on the PSP website](#).

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Help and advice on applying to EME

To support applicants to either the researcher-led or commissioned EME workstream, two webinars (12 and 16 January 2017) are being offered to provide an outline of the programme, tips for a successful application and an opportunity to ask questions of the team. Go to the [registration page](#) to register for your preferred date.

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Dame Sheila Sherlock travelling fellowships in hepatology

The fellowships offer consultants and trainees the opportunity to learn new techniques and acquire new experiences, ideas and stimulation through travel and the exchange of ideas.

Two travelling fellowships are available, covering a period of 1 month each, and will be offered to one consultant and one trainee. Each fellowship will be for a maximum of £2,000, with the recipients being responsible for funding any additional costs.

How to apply

Please email your completed application form and any supporting papers for the attention of the academic vice president to fundingandawards@rcplondon.ac.uk by Monday 16 January 2017. Application forms can be downloaded at the link below.

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BSG Hopkins Endoscopy Prize 2017

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 Manchester Central Convention Complex, 19th–22nd June 2017. 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) by 5.00pm Monday 6th February 2017.

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 2017

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

- One A4 page ONLY describing the work conducted.
- A bibliography of relevant personal publications.

- The title and an outline of the proposed content of the lecture.
- A written statement confirming that all or a substantial part of the work has been personally conducted by the applicant in the UK or Ireland.
- 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 2017, which will be held on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at the Manchester Central Convention Complex. The winner will be entitled to full registration for the whole meeting (19–22 June 2017) 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) with the email subject line "Avery-Jones BSG Research Award 2017" by 5.00pm on Monday 20 February 2017. Applicants will be notified of the decision by 10 March 2017, a week before the early bird registration deadline.

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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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Frontline Gastroenterology will now be citable from PubMed Central

The editorial board of Frontline Gastroenterology, the BSG's clinical journal, is delighted to announce that articles in the journal will now be citable from PubMed Central (the US National Library of Medicine's online repository of open access biomedical journal literature). All Frontline Articles will be available from PubMed Central one year after publication in an issue, and this will be retrospectively enabled. Whilst the priority for inclusion in the journal will remain the potential impact of the work on influencing peer practice for the benefit of patients, we hope that this inducement will encourage even more authors to submit their work to Frontline Gastroenterology.

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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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New animation from the Royal Society – What is gene editing and how does it work?

Gene editing allows scientists to change gene sequences by adding, replacing or removing sections of DNA. [This animation](#) explains how this technology works, as well as its possible ethical and societal implications. The animation was produced jointly with the Wellcome Trust.

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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.

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TRAINING

Trainees Section prizes 2017

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 ranked applicants will compete in the 'Educational Dragon's 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.

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.

3. 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. BSG Trainees Section Out of Programme Award 2017 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

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.

This year the prizes will be presented in the main plenary session at the BSG annual meeting by the BSG President, Prof Martin Lombard.

Further information and examples of previous awards are also available via the Trainees Section pages of the BSG website:

 www.bsg.org.uk/sections/trainees-awards/index.html

All completed applications and questions should be emailed to Howard Ellison h.ellison@bsg.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm Friday 24th February 2017.

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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 and ESBGH Exams

Registration for the ESBGH exam is now open through the EBGHE website (www.ebghe.eu) which provides detailed information about the exam.

Last applications: January 26th 2017
Examination date: April 27th 2017

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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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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