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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.

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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PCSG ASM and AGM 2016

4th November 2016

RCGP – London

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Endolive March 2017

Dr George Webster, Chair Endolive 2017

On behalf of the BSG I am delighted to invite you to Endolive 2017! The first Endolive meeting in 2015 was the largest live endoscopy meeting ever held in the UK, with more than 500 delegates, and with excellent feedback. The two day meeting will again be held at the Birmingham ICC, with live links to two of the UK's premier endoscopic centres, St Mark's Hospital in London, and Glasgow Royal Infirmary. The very best of diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy will be demonstrated, as well as clinical updates, breakout sessions, and symposia. We will be joined by an outstanding UK and international expert faculty.

We hope that the meeting will bring us all up to date with the latest advances in endoscopic technique, technology, and practice. We aim to learn not only "how to do it", but "when to do it".

Ensuring excellent patient experience of endoscopy is a team effort, with all involved playing a vital role. We believe that the meeting will be of interest and benefit to consultants, trainees, and endoscopy nurses. To emphasise the importance of the team approach, we have introduced the option of a team booking. We have received superb support from our industry partners, which has allowed delegate fees to be kept to extremely competitive rates.

Registration opens: 10th October 2016
Early bird registration deadline: 14th December 2016.

I very much hope that you and your teams will join us in Birmingham in March for Endolive 2017!

1st Edinburgh Transnasal Endoscopy Workshop

4th November 2016

Leith Community Treatment Centre

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TVEG & GENIE Group Meeting 2016

5th November 2016

University College Hospital, London

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European Capsule Endoscopy Lumley Training Programme Autumn 2016

10th – 11th November 2016

Lumley Castle Hotel – County Durham

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Falk Forum on IBD – Nutritional complications and intestinal failure in IBD

11th November 2016

RCGP – London

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King's Live 2016

BSG Annual Meeting: June 2017

Join us at BSG 2017 at the Manchester Central Convention Complex, UK – 19th–22nd June 2017

BSG 2017 will be a multidisciplinary meeting covering all aspects of medical and surgical gastroenterology and hepatology with cutting edge clinical and basic science research. We hope to see you there...

- Online Abstract Submission Opens/ Call for Abstracts Fri 28th October 2016
- Registration Live Thurs 3rd November 2016
- Abstract Submission deadline Fri 24th February 2017
- Earlybird Registration Deadline Ends – Regular Rate Begins (Delegates) Fri 17th March 2017
- Abstract authors notified (successful authors can still register at early bird rate until 8th May) Fri 28th April 2017

BSG Position Statement: Straight To Test Pathways for lower GI endoscopy

The BSG has been actively engaging with NHS England on behalf of members around proposals for a Best Practice Tariff (BPT) for lower GI endoscopy through a Straight To Test (STT) pathway. As a result of these discussions a position statement was agreed to both support members locally and put forward the views of the Society to the consultation process around the proposed BPT. In any consideration of a STT pathway, be it with managers or commissioners/payers) for lower GI endoscopy members are urged to have regard for the points made in the statement to ensure patients receive the best possible care and resources are used effectively. While the specifics of the tariff relate to colleagues in England the same issues should be considered in all UK systems.

 [Read the BSG Position Statement](#)

 [Tariff Consultation proposals \(now closed\)](#)

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

12th – 13th November 2016

King's College Hospital – London

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The Invention of Capsule Endoscopy

15th November 2016

Royal College of Surgeons of England

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International Feeding Conference 2016

15th – 16th November 2016

UCL Institute of Child Health – London

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Lower GI Polypectomy Skills Course

17th November 2016

Newcastle Surgical Training Centre – Newcastle upon Tyne

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EGHS–WGO International Congress 2016

17th – 19th November 2016

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre – Abu Dhabi

benefit of patients, we hope that this inducement will encourage even more authors to submit their work to Frontline Gastroenterology.

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Survey: Online readership for Gut/ FG and BMJ OpenGastro

As a BSG member, you get access to the journals Gut, Frontline Gastroenterology and BMJ Open Gastroenterology. Let us know what you think about the journals. We are keen to hear your views, as this will help us shape and improve the service we provide to you in future.

Gut - https://bmj.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zRaKOOzvfWsuUZ?Origin=Society

FG - https://bmj.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bCTBOe0iTnkcwKh?Origin=Society

BMJ OG - https://bmj.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cXQJNGFvefflfz?Origin=Society

The surveys should take around five minutes to complete, and as a token of appreciation for your time we will donate £1 to charity once you have completed the survey.

The surveys end on the 30th of October

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APPEAL: Send us your service success stories

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

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Apply to be a member of the BSG International Committee

The BSG Council has agreed to move forward with the establishment of an International Committee and is seeking applications from BSG members to form its inaugural membership. Many BSG members have established links internationally and undertake various educational

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BSG National Introduction to Gastroenterology 2016

18th November 2016

Royal College of Physicians, London

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19th TECNA Course

18th November 2016

Manchester Conference Centre – Manchester

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RCPE Gastroenterology Symposium 2016

18th November 2016

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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The Why, What & How of Endoscope Decontamination

22nd November 2016

Royal Berkshire Conference Centre – Reading

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Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease

and training projects in these countries. The BSG continues to support many projects led by members through its grants programme and wishes to establish a committee to embed and expand productive partnerships internationally so that patients and professionals can benefit from UK expertise and reciprocal links are maintained. Committee members will be appointed by competitive application and interview process (valid for an initial term of 3 years) and will report to BSG Council and Trustees through the International Secretary. Applications are sought from members of all categories in any area of practice related to gastroenterology and hepatology. Experience of international projects or established international links is welcome but not essential. An active track record in education, training, research or clinical practice is equally valid.

A job description is available below. Please send a brief CV (2 pages max.) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the committee to Christine O'Shea (c.oshea@bsg.org.uk). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 31st October 2016. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in early December 2016 (exact date tbc).

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ESGE/ESPGHAN Joint Paediatric Endoscopy Guidelines

Professor Mike Thomson, BSG Adolescents & Young Persons Section

'The first ever ESGE/ESPGHAN Joint Paediatric Endoscopy Guidelines have just been e-published ahead of print in 'Endoscopy' and the 'Journal of Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition' (JPGN) simultaneously. This is unique in that it involved a focussed group of paediatric AND adult Gastroenterologists from both Societies (including a number of BSG Members) and represents the culmination of a 3 year period of collaboration with a rigorous interrogation of the evidence base available in the following areas, not previously covered by Guidelines for this age group: diagnostic upper GI endoscopy and ileo-colonoscopy; upper and lower GI bleeding; foreign body endoscopy management; stricture and achalasia endoscopy management; EUS; and ERCP. PEG/Js, IBD endoscopy and training have been dealt with in other Guidelines. These Executive summaries will be followed by the publication of the full text shortly in JPGN.'

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Commissioning: Action Plan Report published

Further to the series of commissioning workshops the BSG ran in Birmingham, Newmarket, Manchester and London in May, please follow the link below to the final feedback Action Plan Report

22nd – 25th November 2016

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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London IBD SPR teaching group

24th November 2016

Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton – London

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London Live Endoscopy (UCLH)

24th – 25th November 2016

UCH Education Centre – London

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Coventry Colonoscopy
November Course – Sharing
Good Practice

25th November 2016

University Hospital Coventry –
Coventry

[▶ Further Information](#)

Frontiers of Oncology:
Gastrointestinal Oncology

28th November 2016

Royal College of Physicians,
London

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'Achieving a Winning Business Case to Improve Outcomes in Gastroenterology & Hepatology Services'.

Those who also attended our Satellite Symposium on Thursday 23rd June at the BSG Annual Conference will know this Action Plan contains 'Ten Top Tips for Success' on the first page of the Report and in Appendix 1, Page 11 a 'Business Case Check List'. Appendix 2 on Pages 12 – 16 has two very useful Business Case Examples.

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BSG statement on the proposed removal of prescriptions for GFD

The proposed removal by CCGs of prescriptions for Gluten Free Diets (GFD) is an important issue for the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) as it poses a direct impact on the care of patients with coeliac disease, as well as wider cost implications for the health economy.

Please go to the further information link below to read the full statement on the BSG website.

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BSG statement on the findings of the IBD Audit Report

Commenting, Dr Barney Hawthorne, Chairman of the IBD Section at the BSG, said:

The British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) welcomes the findings of the latest round of the UK IBD Audit published today by the Royal College of Physicians, particularly noting the data on the use of biosimilar versions of infliximab in the NHS, and welcomes the contribution of BSG members to the findings.

In February this year the BSG has published [a guidance document](#) supporting their use in IBD patient care. The guidance advocates their use when prescribed by brand name, and emphasises the importance of ongoing pharmacovigilance for patients receiving these drugs through ongoing data collection through the UK IBD Registry.

With the NHS facing significant increasing financial pressures, biosimilars contribute towards improving IBD patient care and outcome while creating efficiency savings of up to £3million annually in this therapeutic area alone. We are encouraged by the reports key findings, including biosimilar versions of infliximab being shown to be as effective as other originator versions. It is vital that the reductions in costs to the NHS are used to reinvest in improvements to IBD services.

The BSG have worked hard with partners to develop a wider IBD programme in the UK – encompassing the IBD Audit, BSG's IBD Registry and IBD Standards – and hope that this collaboration will continue to benefit patients with IBD.

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4th NREG Symposium – Endoscopy at the Coalface – SAVE THE DATE

28th November 2016

The Sage, Gateshead

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Annual European Microbiome Congress

30th November – 1st December 2016

Kensington Close Hotel, London

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42nd Annual Meeting of PSGBI – joint with EUS Users' Group

30th November – 2nd December 2016

Hilton Manchester Deansgate – Manchester

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Cytopathology Study Day 2016

2nd December 2016

Hodgkin Building, Guy's Hospital – London

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Winter Conference: Diet, Nutrition and Mental Health and Wellbeing

IBD Registry: October Update

The final report produced by the UK IBD audit at the Royal College of Physicians has been published and data collection to support audit and quality improvement is moving to the IBD Registry. Teams can participate using a choice of data entry systems including existing local systems. Being part of the IBD Registry will give teams:

- Local data to manage their biologics patients and IBD service more effectively
- The chance to be part of ongoing national audit of the safety and appropriate use of biologics and biosimilars

In time the Registry will become a unique resource for real-world clinical effectiveness and health economic studies in IBD care. The goals for 2016/17 are:

- Transfer data collection from the RCP biological therapy audit web tool, which will be closing, to the IBD Registry.
- Develop a near-complete UK Register of IBD patients on biologics by the end of 2017

Over 160 teams have now registered to be part of the project. If you haven't registered yet and would like to, please contact IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk

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Parliamentary Constituency (England) Liver Disease Burden Profiles

As part of its mission to increase awareness of liver disease amongst parliamentarians and policy makers the Lancet Commission for Liver Disease, of which the BSG is an active contributor, has been working to produce profiles of the burden of liver disease across England. The profiles have been customised to show data including Years of Life Lost, Mortality Rate and Hospital Admissions that is specific to each of the 533 parliamentary constituencies in England.

To view the profiles for your area please visit the Foundation for Liver Research website at the links below.

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Follow-Up of Coeliac Disease

Guidelines set out by The British Society for Gastroenterology and the American Gastroenterological Association outline that people with coeliac disease should receive long term follow up. However, practices vary and the evidence on which these guidelines are based is scarce. Researchers from the University of Nottingham (Dr Manpreet Bains, Professor Joe West and Kathy Whittamore) are carrying out a study exploring healthcare professionals' and patients' views on the long term follow-up of coeliac disease, which is funded by Coeliac UK. We are keen to hear the views of gastroenterologists

6th – 7th December 2016

Royal Society of Medicine

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2016 Advances in IBD, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's Clinical & Research Conference

8th – 10th December 2016

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel – Lake Buena Vista

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Guy's PACES Course 2017

10th – 13th January 2017

The Education Centre Guy's & St Thomas', London

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10th Portsmouth Advanced Endoscopy Symposium 2017

12th – 13th January 2017

Action Stations – Portsmouth

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21st Advanced Gastroenterology & Hepatology Course

19th – 20th January 2017

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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involved in the clinical management and treatment of patients with coeliac disease.

If you are interested in taking part in an informal 30 minute telephone, skype or face-to-face interview, at your convenience, or would like more information, please contact Kathy Whittamore (Email: kathy.whittamore@nottingham.ac.uk Tel: (0115) 823 1364).

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Survey: Repetitive strain injury in Non-Medical Endoscopists

Jenny McPhillips, Lead Nurse Endoscopist, Aintree University Hospital Liverpool.

I am conducting a small research study on behalf of the BSGNA and also as part of my MSc in Advanced Practice.

The primary aim of the study is to examine repetitive strain injury in Non-Medical Endoscopists. I would appreciate if practising NME's would complete the survey via the link below.

The survey will close on 21st October 2016.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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EDUCATION

The 9th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

20th – 21st October 2016

The programme includes lectures, live endoscopy transmission, 'how I do it', course dinner and a dedicated full day for nurses' education.

View [course video](#) online.

For further information, programme and registration, please email: bethany.robinson@nottingham.ac.uk (Tel. +44 (0) 115 823 1149) Or access link below:

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London Live Endoscopy

24th – 25th November 2016

BSPGHAN Annual Meeting 2017

25th – 27th January 2017

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel – Glasgow

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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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Cancer Research UK Early Diagnosis Research Conference

23rd – 24th February 2017

Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton, London

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Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

All aspects of the 2 day meeting are aimed at demonstrating, discussing, and debating not only *'how to do it'*, but *'when to do it'*. The course aims to address all areas of usual clinical practice, but also introduce important new techniques and technological innovations. As previously, the course is tailored to appeal to consultants, trainees, and endoscopy nurses.

Activities include:

- 3 room live endoscopy
 - ERCP/EUS (cholangioscopy; lumen-opposing stents)
 - Oesophagogastric (early neoplasia; ESD; stenting)
 - Colonoscopy (difficult polyps; EMR; stenting)
- What's New In... technical updates
- 'Tricks & Tips' breakout sessions
- Interactive mini clip video learning
- Hands-on Suite (models; simulators)

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Gastroenterology SpR/StR Management & Leadership Weekend

The BSG Trainees Section's two-day Management & Leadership Weekend will run again on 24th – 26th February 2017 in Warwick. It will cover all requirements for postgraduate managerial training in gastroenterology. Registration opens for BSG members only on 10th October.

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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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UEG fellowships 2017 for young clinicians and researchers

ICC Birmingham

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CDDW 2017

3rd – 6th March 2017

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Clinical Leadership and Management Course for Medical Specialties

6th – 8th March 2017

Keele, Staffordshire

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4th Leeds Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

24th March 2017

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

[▶ Further Information](#)

The Principles of Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block 1

27th March – 31st March 2017

Torbay Hospital

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Stoke ERCP Symposium

27th – 28th April 2017

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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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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RESEARCH

Research Funding Opportunities

Please go to <http://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

Royal Stoke University Hospital
– Stoke-on-Trent

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The Principles of
Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block
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8th May – 12th May 2017

Torbay Hospital

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The Sheffield Dietetic
Gastroenterology Symposium
2016

12th May 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria
Sheffield

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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

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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the website – go to <http://www.bsg.org.uk/research/news/index.html> for additional articles.

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BSG member wins NIHR CRN research prize

BSG member Dr Shaji Sebastian, of Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust, has won the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN) research prize, which is run in partnership with the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). Seb is a consultant gastroenterologist specialising in IBD and is the CRN's gastroenterology specialty Co-Lead for Yorkshire and Humber. He said: "This award for the whole IBD team. We have an integrated model within the IBD service where the clinical team and research team work side by side, with every member of the team contributing to and promoting the value of research in patient care." More information on the award and on Seb's research can be found on [the NIHR website](#).

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Prof Colin Rees and team shortlisted for HSJ Annual Awards

Prof Colin Rees and his team at South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust have been shortlisted in the Clinical Research Impact category of the Health Service Journal annual awards, for their entry "Delivering High Quality Gastroenterology Research". HSJ announced "Judges had a tough job scoring and have commended the high quality of entries this year so to be shortlisted is a fantastic achievement!" Judging will take place in mid October in London. Details of the shortlist can be found on the HSJ website <https://awards.hsj.co.uk/2016-shortlist>. The BSG wishes Prof Rees and his team the best of luck for the competition.

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Trainee member of the CRN: Hepatology National Specialty Group

Applications are invited from any UK Hepatology SpR to be the Trainee representative on the Hepatology National Specialty Group of the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) for a term of two years. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about clinical trials feasibility and delivery, as well as gain valuable experience in research leadership. The Trainee will join the 15 Local CRN (LCRN) Leads on the Group and will work with/obtain mentorship from the LCRN Lead for his/her geographic region of work. Prior experience/involvement in clinical studies on the UKCRN Portfolio is desirable, as is a desire to work in the future as a Principal Investigator and potentially take on a role in the CRN. The Trainee member will also be expected to take an interest in one of the

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Manchester Central Convention Complex – Manchester

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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Stoma Care Module Course

19th – 23rd June 2017

Torbay Hospital

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 2

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

Group's themes (Industry studies, patient and public involvement [PPI], Communications). The Trainee will be expected to write a short report for review by the CRN and BSG on his/her involvement in the Group at the end of the tenure.

Expenses for travel to National meetings (3x/year) will be covered by the CRN.

Applications should take the form of a research CV and a maximum 200 word description of the reason(s) for applying and expected individual gains. Please send applications and queries to research@bsg.org.uk by 5pm Friday 5th November 2016.

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The Core – Amelie Waring 3 year fellowship for research in pancreatic inflammation or injury

Applications are invited for a 3-year full-time fellowship for research into any aspect of pancreatic inflammation or injury. Preference will be given to candidates who intend to pursue research in the future. In making the award, emphasis will be placed not only on the project itself, but also on the candidate's potential and the quality of the training proposed.



The total value of the fellowship is £180,000 to cover salary costs and consumables over 3 years.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 16th December 2016. Interviews will be held towards the end of February 2017.

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The Core – Derek Butler 3 year fellowship for research in GI tract diseases and conditions

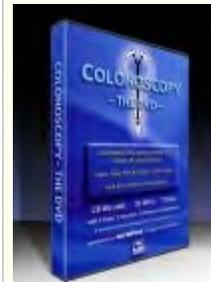
Applications are invited for the Core – Derek Butler Fellowship. This is a 3-year full-time fellowship for research into diseases of the upper gastrointestinal tract including cancer. Research should be on the oesophagus, stomach or duodenum. Studies on the liver and pancreas are excluded as funded elsewhere. Preference will be given to candidates who intend to pursue research in their future. In making the award, emphasis will be placed not only on the project itself, but also on the candidate's potential and the quality of the training proposed.



The total value of the fellowship is £210,000 to cover salary costs and consumables over 3 years.

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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs



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

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

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

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

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 16th December 2016. Interviews will be held towards the end of February 2017.

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NIHR – Revised DH contract will benefit researchers and patients

The Department of Health (DH) and the Health Research Authority (HRA) have been working together to review the standard DH contract for NIHR funded research. From 4th August 2016 research funded by an NIHR research programme will be able to receive payments for start-up in advance of ethical approval. This enables more rapid, efficient and streamlined set-up of research and quicker translation of research into patient benefit.

This change will enable the appointment of skilled research staff earlier in the project leading to better quality applications for HRA Approval, fewer protocol amendment applications early on in the project, and a quicker and more efficient start up process.

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Basic and translational research at UEG Week 2016

Follow the [Basic and Translational Science Pathway](#) at UEG Week 2016 and attend sessions tailored specifically to interests of scientists in digestive health. Start planning your itinerary; e.g. by marking sessions like [Immunotherapy in cancer](#) and learn about immunotherapy and the mechanism of action by Stefan Kubicka and colleagues.

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PRO–MC Collaboration: establishment of a European prospective data registry, and follow-up for microscopic colitis

UEG promotes closer ties with and between all its 46 national member societies by funding cross-border scientific and professional activities. Programmes such as the LINK Award initiative foster this exchange and target supporting underserved areas in gastroenterology and underprivileged regions to improve and harmonise the quality of care across Europe.

Coordinated by the National Societies Committee, a particular focus with these support programmes is put on promoting and disseminating appropriate guidelines and standards in various formats together with member societies to encourage their uptake.

The PRO–MC Collaboration, led by the Svensk Gastroenterologisk Förening (Sweden) and the Asociación Española de Gastroenterología

(Spain), is endorsed and co-funded by the UEG.

The main focus of the PRO-MC Collaboration is to collect data on the disease course of MC prospectively from a large, international patient cohort and to search for markers for disease course prediction. Expectations of this registry are better insight into the number of patients with spontaneous remission, the frequency and characteristics of budesonide refractory cases, and the long-term remission rates. Pathologists will also be involved and will not only enhance data quality, but will also lead to the better identification of MC cases. For the PRO-MC Collaboration to succeed on all fronts, dedicated centres are needed to participate in this project. All interested investigators are invited to join the common interest group on Sunday, 16 October 4 p.m. within the UEG Week 2016.

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Commercial IBD research – 5-minute survey

Over the past few years, the BSG IBD Clinical Research Group (CRG) has been focussed on increasing the number and quality of UK-funded investigator-led clinical trials in IBD. In addition to continuing this strategy, we want to enhance the recruitment from UK centres into commercial clinical trials. This will be the focus of a session at the IBD Investigators' meeting in Birmingham in November, which has been organised by the CRG. In order to inform this discussion we would be very grateful if you could complete this brief survey – it will take less than 5 minutes of your time and is completely anonymous. The survey closes on 31 October at midnight.

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2017 Cancer Research UK Early Diagnosis Research Conference

Registration is now open for this meeting, which was formerly known as the NAEDI Conference. It will take place on 23rd and 24th February 2017 at the Radisson Blu Portman Hotel, 22 Portman Square, London W1H 7BG. The 2017 conference aims to bring together researchers, clinicians, patients and policy makers to share and discuss the latest research findings, their impact on policy, and future implications for early diagnosis.

This year's conference will focus on new data and outputs within the following themes:

- Cancer screening
- Patient factors in timely presentation and diagnosis
- Optimising clinical practice and systems
- Risk assessment and risk stratification
- Inequalities
- Cancer data to achieve new insights in cancer control
- Health economics

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Shire Innovation Fund cancelled for this year

We regret to inform you that since publishing details of the Shire Awards we have been informed that this year's round of awards has been cancelled. Please contact [Sarrah Martin](#) for further information.

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TRAINING

BSG National Introduction to Gastroenterology 2016

18th November
The Royal College of Physicians, London

The BSG is holding its second introductory day for newcomers into higher specialist training. Our main aim is to welcome you to our great specialty but particularly to encourage you to look into the future not so much as the training programme ahead of you but beyond that into a career in gastroenterology. We feel that many trainees focus on their training years that lie ahead and so don't take a long view about training as a pathway to prepare them for their eventual career as a specialist.

The morning comprises a series of introductory talks from senior gastroenterologists who have wide experience of training. In the afternoon there will be a series of 'Musical Tables', which will commence after lunch and continue after tea. Between 8-12 trainees will rotate around separate tables which will be hosted by a gastroenterologist and a trainee where a series of relevant topics will be presented and discussed in a more informal manner.

The BSG Training Committee, the BSG Trainees' Section and your regional Training Programme Director all support this very important day and strongly encourage you to come along. It may very well be that the consultants where you are working are aware that you won't be in the hospital that day but we do advise you to check this and book your study leave for the day.

Please contact Christopher O'Shea (christopher.oshea@bsg.org.uk) to reserve your place.

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Guy's PACES Course 2017

Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills (PACES) Revision Course – Tuesday 10 January to Friday 13 January 2017

The MRCP (UK) Part 2 Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination (PACES) course is designed to test the clinical knowledge and skills of

trainee doctors who aim to enter higher specialist training (ST3).

This highly practical course combines small group work, with interactive lectures, case studies and practical demonstrations. The course concludes with a mock examination and individual feedback on performance.

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Results of the BSG Endoscopy Training Survey 2016

Dr Sujata Biswas, Dr Laith Alrubaiy and Dr Louise China – BSG Trainees Section

Many thanks to trainees who responded to our 2016 survey on endoscopy training. An Executive Summary was published in May. The findings have been brought to the attention of the BSG and JAG executive committees as well as individual Training Programme Directors.

In particular, we noted trainees' concerns regarding quality of training lists, technical issues with the JETS portfolio, and lack of experience in upper GI bleeding therapy. These issues and the results have been highlighted to respective committee leads and TPDs, and we are awaiting responses with regards to an action plan and outcomes which will be detailed in the next trainees e-newsletter.

Special congratulations to Dr Hanson Kwok and Dr Farhad Peerally who both won Amazon vouchers in the survey competition – we hope that they enjoy spending them!

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OTHER MATTERS...

Receiving Your Journal(s)

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

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

Please help the BSG to ensure you receive your copies to the correct address by logging into your Aptify account and keeping your contact details up to date, you will also need to mark your preferred address to receive your journals. You can e-mail the BSG office at

membership@bsg.org.uk if you need a reminder of your USER ID and Password for the BSG's membership database. If you have updated your contact details and taken the BMJPC'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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