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## Reminder: BSG Endoscopy Section Trainee Representative Election 2017

Elections remain open for one Trainee member to sit on the BSG Endoscopy Section Committee. The ballot will be open until 17:00, 5th October 2017.

Only Trainee members of the BSG Endoscopy Section are eligible to vote in this election and should have already received their UVC code. If you believe you should have received a voting code but have not yet done so please contact [Christopher O'Shea](#).

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## CLINICAL

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### Quality standards in upper gastrointestinal endoscopy: a position statement of the BSG and AUGIS

This document represents the first position statement produced by the British Society of Gastroenterology and Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, setting out the minimum expected standards in diagnostic upper gastrointestinal endoscopy. The need for this statement has arisen from the recognition that while technical competence can be rapidly acquired, in practice the performance of a high-quality examination is variable, with an unacceptably high rate of failure to diagnose cancer at endoscopy. The importance of detecting early neoplasia has taken on greater significance in this era of minimally invasive, organ-preserving endoscopic therapy. In this position statement we describe 38 recommendations to improve diagnostic endoscopy quality. Our goal is to emphasise practices that encourage mucosal inspection and lesion recognition, with the aim of optimising the early diagnosis

3rd – 4th November 2017

The Bristol Hotel – Bristol

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PCSG Annual Scientific Meeting and AGM 2017

3rd November 2017

RCGP – London

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NCRI Cancer Conference 2017

5th – 8th November 2017

BT Convention Centre – Liverpool

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Southampton Practical Nutrition Support Course 2017

5th – 7th November 2017

Chilworth Manor Hotel – Southampton

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 2

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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of upper gastrointestinal disease and improving patient outcomes.

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## GI and Liver Transformation and Sustainability Network

Midlands launch: 14.11.2017 – Holiday Inn Coventry, Coventry  
North West launch: 21.11.2017 – Holiday Inn Haydock, Haydock

The GI and Liver Transformation and Sustainability Network will be launched in the North West and the Midlands in November. The network aims to support STPs and local stakeholders from all parts of the health and care system with an interest in gastrointestinal and liver conditions to embrace a Quality Improvement led approach to improving patient outcomes and experience within available budgets. This follows the continued success of the Regional Transformation and Sustainability Network meetings already established in Mental Health, Diabetes and Rheumatology.

Developed by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and Wilmington Healthcare, the network will bring together like minded people from across healthcare, local authorities, the third sector and other relevant stakeholders to demonstrate how the expertise within the BSG can support the transformation and sustainability of services for people with GI and liver problems. The meeting will provide a platform to showcase good practice, foster focused local discussion and closer collaboration between all parties who can make a difference through integrated planning and care delivery.

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## CRUK Campaign: Early Diagnosis Workforce

Early diagnosis could help thousands more survive their cancer. Every year more people are referred for diagnostic tests and services are struggling to keep up with the growing demand. Cancer patients in England are being let down. The Government needs to train and employ more NHS staff to diagnose cancer earlier.

Why take action in this campaign?

- The earlier a cancer is diagnosed the more likely it is to be treated successfully. Look at bowel cancer for example: when found at an early stage, 9 in 10 people will survive. But when diagnosed later, only 1 in 10 people will survive.
- Just over half of people are diagnosed early in England. We can do so much better.
- Right now, over 1 in 10 NHS diagnostic posts are unfilled and thousands more staff will be needed in the future. These skilled NHS staff are vital to carry out cancer tests.

Two years ago, the Government announced their ambition to improve the lives of cancer patients. They recognised how important early diagnosis is to achieve this. Since then, not enough progress has been made. Survival rates plummet when cancer isn't caught early.

### Advances in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (AIBD) 2017

9th – 11th November 2017

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel – Lake Buena Vista

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### King's Live 2017

10th – 12th November 2017

Weston Education Centre – London

[▶ Further Information](#)

### Small Bowel Capsule Endoscopy Training Day

10th November 2017

Royal Hallamshire Hospital – Sheffield

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### Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy

13th November 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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### Midlands GI and Liver Transformation and Sustainability Network

14th November 2017

Holiday Inn Coventry – Coventry

You can help give more people with cancer the best chance of survival through an earlier diagnosis. Use our template email to write to the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, and ask him to train and employ more diagnostic NHS staff to help diagnose people early.

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## Macmillan Cancer Support report on workforce pressures

The report, '[From the frontline: workforce pressures in the NHS](#)' looks at current pressures facing staff providing cancer care in the NHS today. It draws on new research including a survey of GPs and nurses in primary care, and surveys of Macmillan professionals and Macmillan GPs. It finds that staff are facing challenges which include managing growing numbers of patients with increasingly complex needs against a backdrop of rising vacancy rates and a lack of long term workforce planning. Key findings include:

- 52% of GPs and nurses surveyed in primary care are not confident, given current workforce pressures, that the NHS is able to provide adequate care for cancer patients.
- 44% said that pressures meant that patients were not always being treated as early as they should be.
- 31% said that patients are not being supported to regain a good quality of life after treatment.

The report also looks at the views of staff on what the solutions to workforce challenges are, and calls on the Department of Health and Health Education England to deliver an ambitious and long-term strategy for the cancer workforce.

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## IBD Registry News: October 2017

The latest news from the IBD Registry can be found at the further information link below. Updates include:

- Patient Consent Update
- Data & Reporting
- Resources
- Opportunities

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## RCGP IBD Toolkit Official Launch

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), in partnership with Crohn's and Colitis UK, has launched an IBD toolkit for GPs and healthcare professionals.

RCGP's Clinical Champion for Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Dr Kevin Barrett, who developed the toolkit together with the patient representative Rachel Fowler and the project's steering group,

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London Live Endoscopy 2017

16th – 17th November 2017

University College Hospital – London

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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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The 39th King's Liver Course: King's Liver Hepatology Update

17th November 2017

King's Fund, Cavendish Square, London W1 – London

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54th ECCO Educational Workshop

17th November 2017

Cardiff, Wales

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North West GI and Liver Transformation and

comments "Inflammatory Bowel Disease affects at least 1 in 250 of the UK population and the prevalence is rising. Early diagnosis, managing flares, supporting patients to stay well and monitoring long-term risks are all vital aspects of care. The RCGP's IBD toolkit is designed to help GPs better identify and manage IBD, and provide education resources for healthcare professionals and patients alike."

Jackie Glatter, Health Service Development Manager at Crohn's and Colitis UK said, "GPs play a really important role in identifying people with suspected IBD and supporting these patients throughout their lives, in conjunction with the secondary care team. We are delighted to be working in partnership with the RCGP to provide resources for GPs and to highlight the information and support we can provide for people with IBD."

The IBD toolkit ([www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/toolkits/inflammatory-bowel-disease-toolkit.aspx](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/toolkits/inflammatory-bowel-disease-toolkit.aspx)) has been produced as part of the College's Spotlight Project on inflammatory bowel disease, which will be delivering a number of free workshops and further learning resources for GPs throughout 2017/2018.

For more information on the work of the College's Clinical Innovation and Research Centre, and for tools to support your practice, please visit <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/CIRC>

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## NASBO – National Audit of Small Bowel Obstruction

Friday 1st December 2017  
The Bramall, University of Birmingham

Highlights:

First complete presentation of NASBO results

Facilitated break out sessions on:

- Implementing change
- Defining quality
- Developing clinical guidelines
- Designing trials in SBO

Target Audience:

- NASBO collaborators
- All health professionals involved in management of SBO
- All surgeons and trainees providing emergency general surgery
- Hospital nutrition teams

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## Accelerate, Coordinate, Evaluate (ACE) Programme

Improving diagnostic pathways for patients with suspected colorectal cancer

### Sustainability Network

21st November 2017

Holiday Inn, Haydock

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### 43rd PSGBI Annual Meeting

23rd – 24th November 2017

Hilton Newcastle Gateshead Hotel – Newcastle upon Tyne

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### The 2nd Nottingham IBD Masterclass

24th November 2017

East Midlands Conference Centre – Nottingham

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### Genetic conditions in colorectal cancer – study day

24th November 2017

The Liner Hotel – Liverpool

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### Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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The report looks at 10 projects in England the ACE Programme supports, each looking at forms of Straight to Test as a way of improving the diagnostic pathway for patients with suspected colorectal cancer. All projects worked towards the 28-day target (from presentation to diagnosis/ruling out of cancer) put forward in the 2015 Cancer Taskforce report with promising results. The projects achieved a shorter interval from presentation to first diagnostic test, resulting in confirmed diagnosis within 1–2 weeks. It also finds that almost 60% of outpatient appointments can be removed although for some patients, including those who are elderly or who have complex conditions, an initial outpatient appointment remains entirely appropriate.

A series of recommendations are included as well as practical resources including referral forms, support guides and STT pathway diagrams which should be useful for both clinicians and providers. All resources can be found on the ACE reports and resources page.

For more information on ACE's work on colorectal pathways, please email [Edmund.Fuller@cancer.org.uk](mailto:Edmund.Fuller@cancer.org.uk).

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## Healthcare professional survey goes online: Use of EUS for Staging Gastro-Oesophageal Cancer (GOC) – Approximately 10-minute Survey

Despite the research evidence on EUS sensitivity, specificity, and its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness, evidence on the utilisation of EUS in clinical practice is scarce. To date, only one US study exploring utilisation of EUS for staging oesophageal cancer has been performed. No UK study has ever been undertaken.

You are kindly invited to partake in a survey investigating the utilisation of EUS for staging GOC in the UK. This survey is undertaken online as part of the PhD study, funded by the Tenovus Cancer Care Charity. Members should expect to receive an email with further details shortly or alternatively the survey can be found at [http://bangor.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/healthcare-professionals-survey\\_eus](http://bangor.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/healthcare-professionals-survey_eus)

In recognition of time given to complete the online survey (approx. 10 minutes), you will be offered to enter into a prize draw to win £100 Amazon voucher at the end of your completed survey.

Please contact Seow Tien Yeo ([s.t.yeo@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:s.t.yeo@bangor.ac.uk)), the survey co-ordinator and PhD student, should you require further information.

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## Survey: Use of therapeutic drug monitoring for biologics in IBD

We are hoping to gain a better understanding of practice patterns with regards to the use of therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) for infliximab and adalimumab in IBD. This short questionnaire is designed to investigate how widely TDM is used as well as how the

### BSG Pathology Section Meeting 2017

30th November – 1st December 2017

St Hugh's College – Oxford

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### NASBO – National Audit of Small Bowel Obstruction

1st December 2017

Bramall Music Building – Birmingham

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### BSG Taster Course in Gastroenterology 2017

2nd – 3rd December 2017

UCH Education Centre – London

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### GI Lesions Diagnosis, Characterisation and Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy – Practice Like the Expert

8th December 2017

Institute of Translational Medicine Birmingham – Birmingham

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### 55th ECCO Educational Workshop

results are interpreted. We would be very grateful if you would take 4–5 minutes of your time to complete it and all responses will be collected anonymously.

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## Survey: Bowel-related side effects caused by treatment for prostate cancer

This survey is for health professionals who work with men diagnosed with prostate cancer. The aim is to find out what – if any – information resources you use with patients who are experiencing bowel-related side effects of prostate cancer treatments, and what new information you'd like to have.

Your feedback is very valuable and will help us to develop information to support men with these side effects. There are 22 questions in the survey and it should take no more than 5–10 minutes to complete.

Your answers are anonymous and you will not be contacted unless you choose to leave your email address at the end of the survey.

If you have any questions about the project, or want to know more about Prostate Cancer UK's patient information, please contact Anna Seward in the Health Information Team at [anna.seward@prostatecanceruk.org](mailto:anna.seward@prostatecanceruk.org)

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## Survey: Priority-Setting Partnership in Coeliac Disease

Coeliac UK, with the support of the James Lind Alliance, is launching a priority setting partnership (PSP) in coeliac disease and would like to invite BSG members to become partners in the PSP. The PSP's aim is to find out what research would make a difference to people living with coeliac disease, their carers and health professionals. The PSP into coeliac disease is funded by Coeliac UK; the BSG is a supporting stakeholder. Please complete the survey to get this project off the ground. More details can be found on the [Coeliac UK website](#).

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## EDUCATION

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### BSG Education Committee – endorsement policy update

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Krakow, Poland

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Intestinal Failure Study Day and Workshop in Home Parenteral Nutrition

11th – 12th December 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Pregnancy

11th December 2017

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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Screen-Based Endoscopy Technical Skills Course 'sets' Training Course

15th December 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

15th December 2017

MATTU, University of Surrey – Guildford

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

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## BSG Pathology Section Winter Meeting

The Annual 2-day BSG Pathology Section Winter Meeting will be held in the idyllic setting of St Hugh's College, Oxford this year. The college founded in 1886, boasts some of the largest college grounds with tranquil gardens and several listed Edwardian buildings.

Day 1 (30/11/2017) – The Liver Pathology Update Meeting

A great CPD day, put together by the UK Liver Pathology Group, will appeal to anyone reporting liver pathology, including senior trainees. It covers recent advances in liver pathology from around the world with updates from the AASLD and Gnomes Meeting. Choice of practical topics for reporting for this year are drug induced liver injury and the transition for young people moving from paediatric to adult liver pathology. During the National Liver EQA Scheme discussions, non -EQA members attending the meeting can also use that as learning opportunity by participating in a MCQ quiz organised for them.

Day 2 (1/12/2017) – The Gastrointestinal Pathology Update Meeting

This study day is both CPD and BCSP (Bowel Cancer Screening Programme) accredited and is suitable for specialist GI pathologists, consultants with an interest in GI pathology and senior trainees. For BCSP related topics, there will be update sessions on the guidelines on reporting (2nd edition) BCSP pathology specimens and minimum datasets, challenging diagnostic cases from the Expert Polyp Board and serrated lesions. Practical topics for reporting on the 'not so common' pathology chosen this year are appendiceal mucinous neoplasm and anal pathology. Molecular pathology on recent advances in the understanding of colitis related cancer and applied molecular diagnostics will be presented by leading experts and the latest circulation of the National GI EQA Scheme will also be discussed.

Details about the meeting and registration form can be found on the BSG website, education events calendar.

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## BSG SpR/StR Education Weekend, Newcastle

6th – 7th October 2017

Places are now available on the BSG Education Weekend course being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Newcastle upon Tyne. Course

### ERCP Basic Training Course 2017

9th – 10th January 2018

King's College Hospital – London

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### 22nd Advanced Gastroenterology & Hepatology Course

25th – 26th January 2018

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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### BSG Management and Leadership Weekend 2017

23rd – 24th February 2018

Woodland Grange – Leamington Spa

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### AGIP Upper GI Physiology Masterclass

1st March 2018

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

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Newcastle Clinical Nutrition

content will be delivered by nationally recognised experts-in-the-field.

Topics included in this year's Education Weekend include:

#### Luminal Session

- Moving on from Mebeverine in chronic abdominal pain
- Food Allergy and food intolerance

#### Endoscopy & Radiology Session

- Lesion recognition in the upper GI tract: Seek and you shall find
- Lesion recognition in the lower GI tract: Is that an adenomatous, sessile serrated or hyperplastic polyp?
- Pancreatobiliary imaging for the non-specialist

#### Hepatology Session

- Corticosteroids and Alcoholic Hepatitis (Edinburgh vs Newcastle)
- This house believes corticosteroids have no role to play in Alcoholic Hepatitis vs. steroids are a vital part of the treatment paradigm in Alcoholic Hepatitis
- Role of transplant for Alcoholic Hepatitis

To book online please visit the dedicated course website: [www.gastro-educationweekend.co.uk](http://www.gastro-educationweekend.co.uk) and follow the instructions. The website contains further information about the course including programme, faculty, details of the venue and cost. Please note the course is highly subsidised at £75/person for BSG Trainee Members, and travel costs (up to £100) are reimbursed for those travelling >100 miles.

If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact the course organiser, MCI UK Ltd, at [bsgeducationweekend2017@mcigroup.com](mailto:bsgeducationweekend2017@mcigroup.com) or telephone them on 0141 202 2888.

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## BSG Gastro Taster Course 2017 – 2nd–3rd December, UCH London

Online booking for this year's course is now available.

We would be very grateful if you could advertise the course to junior colleagues (CMT1, CMT2 and foundation doctors) who are interested in pursuing gastroenterology as their medical specialty.

The course will cost £150 to attend. There is a good mix of hands-on experience of the latest diagnostic technologies alongside interactive workshops, lectures on career pathways and how to secure higher medical training in GI medicine.

To book a place on the course, please visit [www.gastro-tastercourse.co.uk](http://www.gastro-tastercourse.co.uk) and follow the instructions on the website. If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact MCI UK Ltd at [BSG2017tastercourse@mcigroup.com](mailto:BSG2017tastercourse@mcigroup.com) or telephone them on 0141 202 2888.

Tickets are limited to 120 spaces and are sold on a 'first come, first served' basis and are likely to sell very quickly – so 'don't delay, book today'!

Free places for medical students...

### Course 2018

7th – 9th March 2018

Copthorne Hotel Newcastle – Newcastle

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### Screen-Based Endoscopy Technical Skills Course 'sets' Training Course – March 2018

23rd March 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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### The S.T.I.G. Course – April 2018

26th April 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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### Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy – May 2018

10th May 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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### BSG Annual Meeting 2018

4th – 7th June 2018

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

The BSG Trainees Section is inviting UK final year medical students to apply for one of 5 fully funded places on the fifth 'Taster Course in Gastroenterology' Applicants need to be UK-based medical students starting their final year of study this year.

Applicants should send a 2-page CV and 250 word (maximum) supporting statement (explaining why they want to do gastroenterology, their inspiration, experience and steps they have taken to gain insight into the specialty) to [BSG2017Tastercourse@mci-group.com](mailto:BSG2017Tastercourse@mci-group.com) by 5pm on the 6th October 2017. All applications must be supported by a covering letter, which is officially stamped or verified by the medical school faculty office.

An independent panel of gastroenterologists will choose the best applications. Successful applicants will be informed by the 20th October 2017. They will enjoy free registration to attend the course, have fully funded return transport to the course, and have overnight accommodation arranged for the 2nd December 2017.

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## The 10th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

2nd & 3rd November 2017, Jubilee Conference Centre, University of Nottingham

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

Course video: <http://vimeo.com/151221582>

CPD has been applied for; this course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee (subject to receipt of CPD).

For further information, programme and registration, please email [kim.brueeton@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:kim.brueeton@nottingham.ac.uk) or call Kim on +44 (0) 115 82 31031 or visit.

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## GI Lesions Diagnosis, Characterisation and Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy – Practice Like the Experts

8th December 2017, Institute of Translational Medicine, Heritage Building, University of Birmingham, UK

Optical characterisation of colonic lesions, neoplasia, dysplasia, cancer, is a hot topic. New advanced optical technologies now permit lesion characterisation with unparalleled precision. This symposium will provide participants cutting edge information about lesion characterisation from leading experts in the world. The participants will learn how to apply different endoscopic optical platforms with their distinctive characteristics to characterisation of neoplastic, dysplastic, cancerous and inflammatory lesions. The symposium will be highly interactive and make extensive use of high quality videos and images to increase the diagnostic confidence of participants.

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Gastroenterology Update: It's all a matter of nutrition!

12th December 2018

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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There will be ample opportunities to interact with leading experts from USA, Japan and Europe.

Objectives –

1. To understand the evidence supporting lesion characterisation of colonic lesions using high definition, NBI, iSCAN and BLI and confocal endomicroscopy.
2. To be able to appreciate the latest classification systems of lesion characterisation that may be applied in clinical practice to increase confidence in diagnosis.
3. To use lesion characterisation to aid decision analysis regarding feasibility of local endoscopic resection and determine completeness of resection.

The conference has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. More information is available from <http://bit.ly/2yJ0EbD>, or from [med-cpdbookings@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:med-cpdbookings@contacts.bham.ac.uk). Alternatively dial 0121 414 8606 / 8607 / 8608 for more information and to register.

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## Gastroenterology and hepatology in pregnancy

11 December 2017, Royal College of Physicians of London

Organised by BSG member Coral Hollywood, this conference will cover both common ailments associated with pregnancy as well as those patients with ongoing gut and liver conditions who become pregnant. Gastrointestinal conditions can be a concern to manage in pregnant patients. This educational day will enable physicians and obstetricians to manage common complaints as well as to be confident in when to refer to specialist centres for more complicated co-morbidity, enabling the teams looking after these women to offer more support during their pregnancy. Early bird fees are valid until 30 October 2017.

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## AGIP 2018 Upper GI Physiology Masterclass

1 March 2018, Postgraduate Education Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, B15 2GW

Following on from the success of the 2017 AGIP Upper GI Physiology Masterclass, the 2018 Masterclass will appeal to Clinical GI Physiologists, Clinical Scientists, Surgeons, Gastroenterologists with an interest in oesophageal pathophysiology and Nurse Specialists. Prominent speakers, meet the experts and tailored learning sessions are just some of the highlights of the day. CPD has been applied for; this course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee (subject to receipt of CPD).

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## Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course

7–9 March 2018, Cophthorne Hotel, Newcastle

Organised by Dr Chris Mountford and Dr Nick Thompson, this is the fourth year of the Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course. It lasts 3 days and is delivered by national and regional speakers at the Cophthorne Hotel in Newcastle. All aspects of clinical nutrition in the GI curriculum will be covered. It is aimed at GI trainees in gastroenterology and surgery, with a maximum of 30 delegates to allow small group teaching and interaction. The conference has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. For information and to register, please contact Claire Dixon, Secretary to Drs Mountford and Thompson, Level 6 Gastroenterology Secretaries Office, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle, NE7 7DN. Phone 0191 213 7209 or email [claire.dixon@nuth.nhs.uk](mailto:claire.dixon@nuth.nhs.uk).

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## Save the date in 2018 – Gastroenterology Update: It's all a matter of nutrition!

Wednesday 12 December 2018, Royal College of Physicians

Organised by BSG member David Sanders, this conference is co-badged by the Royal College of Physicians of London, the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG), the British Association of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (BAPEN) Medical and The Nutrition Society.

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## Join the global GI community at the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 in Orlando, Florida

The American College of Gastroenterology and the World Gastroenterology Organisation invite you to attend the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 (WCOG at ACG2017), October 13–18, in Orlando, Florida. This will be the first time in more than 20 years that the World Congress will be held in the U.S.

The meeting will provide state-of-the-art education and science by a global faculty focusing on a world-view of GI and hepatology diseases and treatments and will afford attendees an opportunity to present their research in an international forum. Attendees have the option to choose from one-day courses on Friday, the weekend Postgraduate Course, or the three-day Scientific Meeting, which will be held Monday–Wednesday.

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Find out what updates to expect at the

## 25th UEG Week

Take a glance at the state-of-the-art updates you can get from the top experts in digestive health

A faculty composed of renowned international experts is what makes the [25th UEG Week](#) the place to be for any doctor or researcher engaged in digestive health. Browse their interactive online programme and find out who you have a chance to meet at the anniversary congress in Barcelona!

A variety of interactive formats to best cover our multidisciplinary field

The 25th UEG Week offers so much more than just frontal lectures: Interactive formats ensure there's something for every healthcare professional! From speaker-challenging Abstract on FiRE presentations, over Posters in the Spotlight sessions to expose controversial young research, up to [expert-led Hands-On Training](#) for the practical minded.

Follow a new pathway: From guidelines to clinical practice

This pathway of 6 interactive sessions, guides you through the most recent guidelines by discussing interesting cases. It's a great opportunity to hear from experts about difficult decisions while also presenting the evidence behind. "Make sure to attend as many of them as possible" recommends SciComm Chair Magnus Simrén.

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## RESEARCH

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### Crohn's and Colitis UK releases first Research Impact Report

After awarding £5.2 million to research in the last 10 years, the patient information and support charity Crohn's and Colitis UK released a report on 21 September 2017. [The Power of Research – 10 years of Crohn's and Colitis UK research](#) details how the charity has awarded grants to over 80 ground-breaking research projects since 2008. You can find out more about the project from the [news link](#) and the [press release](#).

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### Call for Proposals: Bowel & Cancer Research

Bowel & Cancer Research is seeking high quality applications for consideration at its funding round in March 2018.

Our area of interest is lower GI/ bowel research in malignant and non-malignant, diagnostic or treatment studies or

device/intervention development for which future translation to tangible patient benefit can be anticipated. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Colorectal cancer
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease (colitis and Crohn's disease)
- IBS
- Stoma prevention/improvement in quality of life

Funding is available for research projects specifically addressing Chronic Intestinal Pseudo Obstruction/Dysmotility leading to intestinal failure via our partners at the Pseudo Obstruction Research Trust (PORT).

Funding is available through the Lucy Thomas Fund for a research project specifically addressing the BRAF mutation in colorectal cancer, particularly in relation to poor patient prognosis.

Funding is available for a research project specifically addressing the impact of diet and nutritional therapy (excluding enteral and parental) on patients diagnosed with Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS).

Awards of up to £50,000 are available for time limited (indicatively 12–18 months) proof-of-principle studies based on sound hypotheses with real future patient benefit.

Successful applicants will be expected to make a strong case for how Bowel & Cancer Research funding will be used to lever further funding to continue resulting work.

Full guidance and preliminary application forms can be downloaded from <http://bit.ly/resapp18>

This is a 2 stage process. The deadline for all preliminary applications is 5pm Friday 27th October 2017. Applicants will be notified in early December if a full application is invited and final decisions will be made in March 2018.

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## Core–Dr Falk SpR Trainee Audit/Quality Improvement Awards

The deadline for the CORE–DR FALK SPR TRAINEE AUDIT/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARDS has been extended to 5pm on Friday 17th November 2017.

The aim of this award is to engage and support trainee gastroenterologists in audit and quality improvement that will bring about real benefits for patients.

Applications can be made for the full £10,000 or for smaller amounts. Applications can come from individual trainees or from collaborators within trainee networks working across different sites regionally or nationally.

To fill out the application form for this award, [please click here.](#)

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## Core–BSG Trainee Research Network Award

Core have also re-opened the CORE-BSG TRAINEE RESEARCH NETWORK AWARD with a new deadline of 5pm on Friday 17th November 2017.

This award is open to UK-based gastroenterology specialty trainees who would like to conduct research in any area of gastroenterology, pancreatology, liver disease or nutrition.

One grant of up to £5,000 is available for collaborators within a Trainee Research Network. Applications for amounts above £5,000 will be rejected.

Applications for the network award may be for new projects for existing networks or for the development of a project within a new research network.

To fill out the application form for the Trainee Research Network Award, [please click here](#).

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## TRAINING

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### Specialty Certificate Examination

Dr Geoff Smith, Lead Specialist and Exam Board Chair

The Specialty Certificate in Gastroenterology 2018

The SCE, co-run by the Medical Royal Colleges and the BSG, is a compulsory part of the accreditation process for the Completion of Training in the UK. It is designed to test knowledge of the Curriculum, helping to ensure a safe standard of practice.

Outside the UK: The SCE is open to all doctors who are in training or have completed their training from any part of the world. Applicants are not required to hold the MRCP (UK).

The exam is a computer-based test and is held in several centres throughout the world.

2018 examination

The key dates for the Specialty Certificate Examination in Gastroenterology will be:

- application period of 27th December 2017 – 31st March 2018
- examination date 18th April 2018

Fees

- The Fee will remain £665

More information on the structure, content and application process can be found at: [www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/specialty-certificate-examinations/specialties/gastroenterology](http://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/specialty-certificate-examinations/specialties/gastroenterology)

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BSG National Introduction to

# Gastroenterology 2017

20th November 2017 – Royal College of Physicians

The BSG is holding its third 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. There is no attendance fee, lunch and refreshments are provided and the BSG will reimburse travel expenses (of journeys over 100 miles) for BSG members or those who make a commitment to become a member (but you must please take advantage of any advanced booking discounts if using the railway). Expenses claim forms MUST be returned to the BSG office by 1st December.

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## OTHER MATTERS...

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### Receiving Your Journal(s)

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

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

Please help the BSG to ensure you receive your copies to the correct address by logging into your Aptify account and keeping your contact details up to date, you will also need to mark your preferred address to receive your journals. You can e-mail the BSG office at [membership@bsg.org.uk](mailto:membership@bsg.org.uk) if you need a reminder of your USER ID and

Password for the BSG's membership database. If you have updated your contact details and taken the BMJPG's schedule into account, then enquiries about delays or delivery failures should be directed to [support@bmj.com](mailto:support@bmj.com).

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