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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.

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Call for CSSC Regional Representative Candidates

This is a call for nominations from Consultant members for the role of BSG Regional Representative/ RCP Regional Specialty Advisor in the following regions:

East of England
 London (North)
 London (South)
 North East
 South Central
 South East Coast

The Regional Representatives sit as members of the BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee (CSSC). The CSSC brief incorporates how things actually are in regard to delivery of GI and Liver health-care: what progress is being made, what the challenges are, if there are any major concerns and how these might be addressed both generically, and in regard to specific areas, such as endoscopy capacity, recruitment, 7 day services, out of hours GI Bleed services and alcohol services. The development of Quality Improvement indicators and processes has also become an important part of the remit of the CSSC. We will be working with BSG Sections to develop KPIs and look at how these might be rolled out through the regions. For clinical services in all parts of the UK we depend critically on our Regional Representatives to report back to our committee. Any BSG consultant member from any specialty is eligible to become the regional representative but will need to be nominated by two full members of the Society. The BSG Regional Representatives are also by convention the gastroenterology/hepatology RCP Regional

6th December 2016

The Silken Berlaymont Hotel - Brussels

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Winter Conference: Diet, Nutrition and Mental Health and Wellbeing

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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Specialty Advisers.

Please contact Simone Cort s.cort@bsg.org.uk for further information and a job description.

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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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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 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

21st Advanced Gastroenterology & Hepatology Course

19th – 20th January 2017

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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2nd Annual Human Microbiome Congress

24th – 25th January 2017

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BSPGHAN Annual Meeting 2017

25th – 27th January 2017

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel – Glasgow

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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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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!

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BSG Endolive 2017 – registration now open

On behalf of the BSG we are delighted to provide the full programme for Endolive 2017, and invite you and your endoscopy team to sign up! This 2 day meeting will build on the success of the inaugural Endolive 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. We will be joined by an outstanding UK and international faculty, and highlights will include:

- Live endoscopy. Cases will be transmitted over the 2 days from up 6 rooms in high definition, and the full range of procedures will be covered, including diagnostic and therapeutic OGD, colonoscopy, small bowel enteroscopy, EUS and ERCP. Procedures demonstrated will include those widely experienced in clinical practice, as well as new and advanced techniques.
- State of the art lectures, with short punchy updates on topical areas of common endoscopic scenarios.
- Clinical symposia, at which selected areas of practice are discussed in enhanced detail.
- Meet the expert sessions. These popular morning meetings allow delegates to interact and discuss technical aspects of endoscopic procedures with international experts in the field.
- A dedicated nurses forum, aimed at addressing technical and training aspects of endoscopy nursing.
- Delegates at Endolive 2017 will receive a 20% discount on early bird registration fees for the annual conference in Manchester (June 19–22).

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

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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

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

to support this.

As previously, we expect Endolive 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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Obituary: Dr Basil C Morson, CBE

Professor Neil A Shepherd, Professor of Gastrointestinal Pathology & Consultant Histopathologist

Dr Basil Morson, one of the most eminent (if not the most eminent) gastrointestinal pathologists world-wide, died peacefully at home, in West Sussex, on 13 October 2016. He was exactly one month shy of his 95th birthday. He had been a long-term member of the British Society of Gastroenterology and he was the first pathologist to be President of the BSG.

His achievements in gastrointestinal pathology and surgery are almost legendary. This is extraordinary, given that he was the only Consultant Pathologist in a small specialist hospital, St Mark's Hospital, in London. He achieved this fame by dynamism and commitment to clinical research in gastro-intestinal pathology. Indeed, it is hard to find a disease of the gastro-intestinal tract about which Basil Morson has not been an initial describer or has not had a major influence in the understanding of its pathology. This particularly applies to colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, intestinal polyps and diverticular disease but his earlier work was also very influential in our understanding of the development of cancer in Barrett's oesophagus and in the stomach.

[➤ Read the full obituary](#)

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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)

Keele, Staffordshire

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4th Leeds Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

24th March 2017

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

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The Principles of Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block 1

27th March – 31st March 2017

Torbay Hospital

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The International Liver Congress 2017

19th – 24th April 2017

Amsterdam RAI

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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



BSG Quality Improvement Project

The mission of the BSG is to support its members to provide the best care and achieve the best outcomes for patients with gastrointestinal and liver diseases. As one of the ways to achieve this, the BSG has embarked on a quality improvement project through the Clinical Services and Standards Committee (CSSC). Read about the quality improvement project on www.bsg.org.uk/clinical/quality-improvement/index.html. The recent Future Hospital Journal, a Journal of the Royal College of Physicians has presented a series of articles that offer readers the opportunity to view quality improvement from multiple perspectives including theory, educational requirement, delivery and intended outcomes of quality improvement, futurehospital.rcpjjournal.org/content/3/3/3.toc.

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IBD Registry Update: Upload your patient data in November!

We are asking all sites that have any patient data live on a Registry-compatible system to upload their patient data to NHS Digital (HSCIC) during November. This is really important as we want to be able to show the good progress the Registry is making by reporting the maximum possible numbers of sites contributing and the numbers of patients in the central Registry. Every upload, even if the patient numbers on your database are relatively low, will help. Please ask for our support to do this if you need it – support@ibdregistry.org.uk

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1st European Digestive Health Summit

The first European Digestive Health Summit will be hosted by UEG on December 6, 2016 at the Hotel Silken Berlaymont in Brussels.

The one-day conference is being held in cooperation with UEG Member Societies such as European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL), European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO), European Society of Digestive Oncology (ESDO), European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN), and the surgical block European Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (ESSAT). Up to 100 delegates from the European Institutions, Member States, public health organisations, and the media will discuss key horizontal challenges to European healthcare systems with a focus on the prevention and treatment of gastrointestinal diseases.

For further information on the agenda and registration please visit www.ueg.eu/european-digestive-health-summit, or contact UEG directly before December 2nd at publicaffairs@ueg.eu.

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6th – 9th May 2017

McCormick Place – Chicago

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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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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](#)

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NICE Quality Standards: Coeliac Disease

October 2016

This quality standard covers the recognition, assessment and management of coeliac disease in children, young people and adults. For more information, see the [coeliac disease topic overview](#).

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BSG/UK-PBC Draft Guideline on Primary Biliary Cholangitis

A final draft of 'The British Society of Gastroenterology/UK-PBC Primary Biliary Cholangitis (formerly known as Primary Biliary Cirrhosis) Treatment and Management Guidelines' is available for download on the BSG website until November 14th 2016. Please send any comments to s.cort@bsg.org.uk - Please contact membership@bsg.org.uk if you require a BSG website login to view these documents.

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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

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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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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

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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

'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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BSG guidance on the use of faecal calprotectin testing in IBD

Updated guidance document on use of faecal calprotectin – both in assessment of GI symptoms, and also in patients with known IBD.

Dr Barney Hawthorne, Chair BSG IBD Section Committee, October 2016.

Differentiation between inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and functional gut disorders, and the determination of mucosal disease activity in established cases of IBD remain the cornerstones of disease diagnosis and management. Non-invasive, accurate biomarkers of gut inflammation are needed due to the variability of symptoms, the inaccuracies of currently available blood markers and the cost and invasive nature of endoscopy. Numerous biomarkers have been used and/or considered with some in current use...

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Test and treat for Helicobacter pylori (HP) in Dyspepsia

Helicobacter pylori in dyspepsia: test and treat – consultation and guidance documents from Public Health England. Guidance for primary care/ CCGs published October 2016. This guidance has been endorsed by members of the BSG Gastrointestinal Section.

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Commissioning: Action Plan Report published

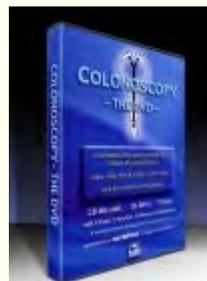
Further to the series of commissioning workshops the BSG ran in Birmingham, Newmarket, Manchester and London in May, please follow the link below to the final feedback Action Plan Report 'Achieving a Winning Business Case to Improve Outcomes in

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).

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

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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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 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: 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/OTI6vaSEqYfH4N002

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Survey: A cross-sectional study on Smoking among Healthcare Professionals in the UK in 2016: prevalence, consumption, beliefs and knowledge

Participation is voluntary and the survey is confidential and anonymous. No personal or confidential data will be collected or disclosed to the University or any third parties and questionnaires will

be numbered. Although there are no particular direct benefits to the participants, the student researcher will analyse the data collected to understand the prevalence, consumption, beliefs and knowledge regarding smoking among Healthcare professionals in the UK, and results will be used to complete MPH dissertation.

This research project is approved by UOL ethics, and there are no conflicts of interest to disclose. If you agree to help me and disseminate this research study, participants will be asked to complete an online survey about adult tobacco use, exposure to second-hand smoke, knowledge and perceptions and smoking cessation. The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete.

For further information about the study, please contact Andreia Sousa at andreia.sousa@online.liverpool.ac.uk, the Dissertation Advisor at imose.itua@online.liverpool.ac.uk or Research Participant Advocate at liverpooethics@ohcampus.com.

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EDUCATION

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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Gastroenterology update – on MAU, the ward and in the clinic

A 1-day programme with updates in managing common gastrointestinal (GI) conditions which present to the medical assessment unit (MAU) and on the ward. The programme is focused towards the generalist with practical advice on how to improve care.

The conference, co-ordinated with the British Society of Gastroenterology, is targeted at any clinician looking after patients with gastroenterology or hepatology problems – on the MAU, on the ward, or in clinic.

Delegates will hear updates in the early management of patients with GI bleeding, acute jaundice or decompensated chronic liver disease.

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Introducing The Essentials of Clinical

Nutrition – updated E–Learning Modules from BAPEN

Dr Simon Gabe, BAPEN President

We are pleased to announce that BAPEN has updated its Virtual Learning Environment platform and a range of e–learning modules that have been specifically designed to support nutrition education of health professionals. Although appropriate for all professions it is worth noting that they meet the requirements of the curricula for the foundation and core medical training years.

These modules are free to all those who work in the NHS.

In addition to these three modules, there are two other types of e–learning available: www.bapen.org.uk/e-learning-portal

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London Live Endoscopy

24th – 25th November 2016

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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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

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 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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NIHR Colorectal Therapies Healthcare Technology Cooperative Annual National Meeting

The National Meeting 2016 will bring together the current key players in the HTC's national network – including experts in the HTC's 3 key research themes of nanotechnology, biosensing and engineering – and introduce and welcome potential new collaborators. The day will include talks by celebrated keynote speakers who will share their personal experience of the innovation pathway. There will also be networking sessions, an industry expo, poster presentations and lots more!

This is an exciting one-day, interactive event that will identify the challenges and rewards of taking a great innovative idea all the way from concept to commercial product. This event will attract 150 clinicians, patients, academics, scientists and industry partners looking to work together to advance patient care by accelerating new science and technologies into patient benefit.

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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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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 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 4th November 2016.

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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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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.

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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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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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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SCE and ESBGH Exams

Registration for the ESBGH exam will be through the EBGHE website (www.ebghe.eu) which will also provide detailed information about the exam.

Applications open: December 29th 2016
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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Advanced Training Posts in Hepatology

These ATPs are approved for advanced training in Hepatology, including experience in a transplant unit, with a view to subspecialty accreditation providing other requirements are met. Posts will be recruited as per 2016 through a national process hosted by Health Education South London. Recruitment will open 3rd November for 4 weeks via www.oriel.nhs.uk/Web/Vacancies and interviewing will take place during the week of 23rd January with interviewers from the host centres. Posts will commence in line with the national rotation date – Monday 4th September 2017. Around the time of the Gastroenterology PYA a separate electronic PYA form is filled in to inform the JRCPTB to expect subspecialty accreditation in Hepatology and with any outstanding requirements.

The posts are aimed primarily at trainees who will be entering ST6 in September 2017 although entry at ST5 or ST7 is also permissible. If a trainee exits a post early due to unforeseen circumstances (eg pregnancy, but not research) every attempt will be made to re-accommodate the trainee at a later date without the need for re-application. Trainees should not apply if their CCT date will not allow post completion. Regarding LTWT, at 60% a trainee would need to sit in the post for 2 years whereas at 80% a trainee could complete in a year providing other accreditation requirements are met (24 m total). Trainees who leave their parent deanery need to complete an OOPT form.

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

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

Please help the BSG to ensure you receive your copies to the correct address by logging into your Aptify account and keeping your contact details up to date, you will also need to mark your preferred address to receive your journals. You can e-mail the BSG office at membership@bsg.org.uk if you need a reminder of your USER ID and Password for the BSG's membership database. If you have updated your contact details and taken the BMJPG's schedule into account, then enquiries about delays or delivery failures should be directed to support@bmj.com.

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BSG's Aptify Membership System

The BSG introduced members to the BSG's Aptify system in the summer of 2014. This is where your contact and other information relevant to your membership is held by the BSG. If you are still having problems logging into the system and the BSG website please contact membership@bsg.org.uk giving your preferred e-mail address and we will resend the information to you.

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