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Remember to cast your vote in BSG Council and Section Elections BY 19th May

This is a reminder that members should cast their vote(s) as appropriate in the ongoing elections for members of BSG Council and the BSG Endoscopy, Liver and Oesophageal Sections. If you are a member of any of these Sections but have not yet received a voting code, or are a Full, Senior, International or Associate member above band 5 and have not received a voting code for the Council election then please contact: christopher.oshea@bsg.org.uk.

We greatly value member engagement in these elections. The closing date is Friday 19th May.

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BSG position statement on serrated polyps in the colon and rectum

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The Viral Hepatitis & Liver Disease Congress 2017

11th – 16th June 2017

Radisson Blu Hotel – Frankfurt

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8th International Live Endoscopy Course IMAGE 2017

15th – 17th June 2017

Humanitas Research Hospital – Milan, Italy

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BSG Annual Meeting 2017

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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5th Birmingham Upper GI and Bariatric Course

Serrated polyps have been recognised in the last decade as important premalignant lesions accounting for between 15% and 30% of colorectal cancers. There is therefore a clinical need for guidance on how to manage these lesions; however, the evidence base is limited. A working group was commissioned by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) Endoscopy section to review the available evidence and develop a position statement to provide clinical guidance until the evidence becomes available to support a formal guideline. The scope of the position statement was wide-ranging and included: evidence that serrated lesions have premalignant potential; detection and resection of serrated lesions; surveillance strategies after detection of serrated lesions; special situations—serrated polyposis syndrome (including surgery) and serrated lesions in colitis; education, audit and benchmarks and research questions. Statements on these issues were proposed where the evidence was deemed sufficient, and reevaluated modified via a Delphi process until >80% agreement was reached. The Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluations (GRADE) tool was used to assess the strength of evidence and strength of recommendation for finalised statements. Key recommendation: we suggest that until further evidence on the efficacy or otherwise of surveillance are published, patients with sessile serrated lesions (SSLs) that appear associated with a higher risk of future neoplasia or colorectal cancer (SSLs >10 mm or serrated lesions harbouring dysplasia including traditional serrated adenomas) should be offered a one-off colonoscopic surveillance examination at 3 years (weak recommendation, low quality evidence, 90% agreement).

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BSG statement on "Use of intravenous Hyoscine Butylbromide (Buscopan) during Gastrointestinal Endoscopy"

The MHRA has recently circulated a Drug Safety Update regarding the risk of serious adverse events following the use of intravenous Hyoscine Butylbromide (Buscopan) in patients with underlying cardiac disease.

Buscopan is commonly used during endoscopic procedures. It induces smooth muscle relaxation and reduces spasm in the gastrointestinal tract. It is used during upper GI Endoscopy and small bowel enteroscopy to reduce contraction and aid mucosal visualisation. During endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, it is used to facilitate access to the common bile duct during cannulation of the Ampulla of Vater. During colonoscopy, it is used to reduce haustral definition to optimise mucosal visualisation and lesion detection.

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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

25th – 26th June 2017

Heart of England NHS
Foundation Trust – Solihull

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ACPGBI Annual Meeting 2017

3rd – 5th July 2017

Bournemouth International
Centre – Bournemouth

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Liver Disease for the General
Physician

5th July 2017

The Royal College of Physicians,
London

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GIHep Singapore 2017

7th – 9th July 2017

Changi General Hospital –
Singapore

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18th International Congress of
Mucosal Immunology (ICMI
2017)

19th – 22nd July 2017

Renaissance Downtown Hotel –
Washington DC

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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 to 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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IBD Registry News: May

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

Updates include:

- Last remaining places for IBD Registry 2017 roadshow!
- New data visualisation tools for quality improvement
- Registry participation
- Quarterly data submission
- Data entry grants
- Converting your exported RCP Biologics Audit data into usable records
- IBD Registry Symposium at BSG Annual Meeting in Manchester
- Using data to improve healthcare – free, online course
- Quality improvement news
- Industry support

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Transition – moving to adult care: A new guide from CCUK

Crohn's and Colitis UK has written a brand new guide for young people with Inflammatory Bowel Disease about moving to adult care titled Transition: Moving to Adult Care – A guide for young people with IBD.

Transition to adult care if you're a teenager with Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis or another form of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) is an important milestone. This often happens around the age of 16 and 18, but it can sometimes be earlier or later. It is important for young people to find out more about what's involved and how they can get ready for the change.

Crohn's and Colitis UK has written this new booklet with the support of young people who have shared their stories with us and healthcare professionals, so we could give tips to make transition easier.

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Winners announced – RCP Excellence in Patient Care Awards

The 4th International Course MIBE 2017

20th – 21st July 2017

HM Sanchinarro University Hospital – Madrid

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Kenneth Rainin Foundation 2017 Innovations Symposium

24th – 25th July 2017

Palace Hotel – San Francisco

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Royal Free International Postgraduate Advanced Endoscopy Masterclass

31st August – 2nd September 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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International Scientific Symposium 2017

5th – 6th September 2017

University of Birmingham – Birmingham

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INHSU 2017

The winners of the Royal College of Physicians' (RCP) Excellence in Patient Care Awards have been announced. The awards aim to recognise and celebrate the impressive work of RCP members, fellows and their teams in contributing to excellent patient care both in the UK and internationally.

The Newcastle Liver Unit, including BSG members Mark Hudson and Stuart McPherson, won the Quality improvement Award for outstanding clinical activity that contributes to excellent patient care by applying best practice and aiming to improve performance through the development of a care bundle for patients admitted with decompensated cirrhosis.

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Survey: Stress in Gastroenterologists

Dermot Gleeson, BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee Chair

As Gastroenterologists we have demanding jobs which, although often fulfilling, can sometimes be stressful. The pressures on UK Gastroenterologists – and indeed on UK doctors in general may be increasing. There are many potential reasons for this, including increased clinical workload, depletion of support staff, increased clinical exposure and greater scrutiny. However, there are only limited data on the frequency, severity and actual drivers of stress in UK doctors and, as far as we know, none in UK Gastroenterologists.

The BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee plan to hold a Symposium on: "The Pressures arising from being a Consultant Gastroenterologist" at next year's annual BSG Meeting. To establish the size of the problem and to understand its main causes better, we have designed the attached questionnaire, which we are circulating to all medically qualified UK-based BSG members.

We would be very grateful indeed if you would take the time to complete and return this questionnaire. The higher the % response rate, the more meaningful the results are likely to be. We emphasise that your reply will be completely anonymous and, in effect, untraceable. We place great store on this, as some might find a few of our questions intrusive, we are asking them because we seek to find out what are the things that "really" cause people to lose sleep and not those that simply irritate them from time to time.

This survey is only intended for medically qualified members (Consultants and Trainees only)

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Survey: BSG Nurses Association – help us to help you

Irene Dunkley, BSGNA Chairperson & Laura Dwyer, BSGNA Vice Chairperson

The BSGNA want to hear your views on how we can improve value to our membership. Please can you take a little time to complete a quick survey to help inform us about your views, this should only take a few minutes.

6th – 8th September 2017

Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson – Jersey City

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17th International Coeliac Disease Symposium

8th – 10th September 2017

Hotel Le Méridien – New Delhi

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6th Exploring Human Host–Microbiome Interactions in Health and Disease

13th – 15th September 2017

Wellcome Trust Genome Campus – Cambridge

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The Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition 2017

13th – 15th September 2017

University of Leeds – Leeds

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Endoscopic Assessment and Treatment of Oesophageal Neoplasia 2017

19th September 2017

UCL London – London

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The BSG conference is coming up in June and we invite BSGNA members to submit applications (see further information link below) to join our committee. Our overall aim is to improve patient care by working with our medical and nursing colleagues, both within the BSG and externally with other organisations who share the interests of our patients. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a national group and work with like-minded people to help, support and develop professional practices to improve patient care within endoscopy and gastroenterology.

You would be committing your time to attend meetings twice a year, one in London at BSG Headquarters and again at the BSG conference meeting in June. We also arrange teleconference calls to allow our committee to progress committee work. As a committee member you will be expected to chair sessions at conference, help with poster rounds and promote good practice and quality patient care.

Members will be elected by a ballot at our AGM on the 20th June in Manchester and will serve for a period of three years.

This survey is intended for Nurse members only.

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'FIT for symptomatic patients' workshop – NHSE in partnership with the BSG and ACPGBI

NHSE in partnership with BSG and ACPGBI ran a workshop on the 8th March, with clinicians from across the colorectal pathway, to scope activity and opinions on the potential use of FIT in symptomatic patients. Discussions focused on: what data collection was ongoing already, what the gaps were in our knowledge of FIT, and how clinicians could work collaboratively to fill the gaps in a timely manner. If you would like to find out more please see the summary of the meeting on the website, or contact Sophie Lumley at NHS England sophieelizabeth.lumley@nhs.net. We are interested to hear about other projects that are either ongoing (as research or service evaluation) or currently in the planning stages, or hear from areas interested in collecting data on FIT in symptomatic patients.

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Guidance for Decontamination of Equipment for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

The BSG first published guidelines on decontamination in 1998. Over the years many changes have occurred in recommendations for the decontamination of flexible endoscopes. In order to be responsive to these changes this document was previously revised as a guidance document, allowing the flexibility to update this document in line with changes issued by Government agencies and other professional bodies. This document has recently been substantially revised and is now available on the BSG website.

9th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

22nd September 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria
Sheffield – Sheffield

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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EUS-ENDO International Live Course

28th – 29th September 2017

Villa Mediterranee – Marseille

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Definition, Therapeutic Advances and Clinical Endpoints in ALD and Alcoholic Hepatitis

30th September – 1st October 2017

Hotel Pullman, St Pancras – London

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25th UEG Week

Simethicone Residue in Endoscopes

Dr Helen Griffiths, Nurse Consultant & Decontamination Advisor
British Society of Gastroenterology
March 2017

A publication in 2016 in the American Journal of Infection control (Ofstead et al) outlined a potential risk following the identification of residual simethicone in endoscopes following the decontamination process in the United States.

At that time expert opinion in the UK concluded that the decontamination process was not well described and that bacteria found on processed scopes were suggestive of operator contamination and not compromised decontamination. Whilst not seen as a basis for modifying the use of simethicone at that time it has continued to be monitored.

Recently there has been an issue identified in the Republic of Ireland when a colonoscope was sent to Olympus for repair. Preliminary investigation showed what appeared to be signs of Simethicone residue (Hypromellose, an ingredient of Infacol) in the auxiliary water channel of that colonoscope and subsequently a further two colonoscopes. At this time investigation is ongoing but evidence suggests that scopes were reprocessed in accordance with manufacturers instructions including use of MH-946 injection tube (octopus device).

Simethicone was administered via the flushing pump at a dilution of 25mls (40mgs/ml) in 2 litres of water.

There has been no evidence of resultant infection but until further investigation and testing on compatibility and following discussion with the Decontamination Professional Expert Communication Forum (DPECF) it is advised that Simethicone is administered either orally or via the biopsy port of endoscopes and NOT via either the water bottle or flushing pump devices. This will ensure that manual brushing of relevant channels can take place post procedure. The strength of the diluent should also be kept to a minimum to achieve the desired effect.

Survey: Faecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) in the management of IBD

FMT is a medical treatment that has gained significant mainstream attention with its remarkable efficacy in treating recurrent *C. difficile* (*C. diff*) infection. FMT in IBD is an area of investigation, with several randomised controlled trials either published or ongoing. Clinician perception towards FMT within the UK has been previously investigated for *C. diff* infection. However, to the best of our knowledge, there has been no formal survey investigating the opinions of clinicians on the use of FMT in IBD. This, coupled with a recent surge in patient and public interest, has led us to create [this survey](#).

[This survey](#) has been created by a team of clinical gastroenterologists, academic researchers and medical students that

28th October – 1st
November 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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21st ESGENA Conference

28th – 30th October 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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Endoclub nord

3rd – 4th November 2017

Hamburg Messe West –
Hamburg

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NCRI Cancer Conference 2017

5th – 8th November 2017

BT Convention Centre –
Liverpool

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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

have a deep interest in the bacterial populations that flourish inside of our gut. It is intended to be completed by UK-based gastroenterology trainees and consultants. We believe that by formally assessing clinicians' views in [this survey](#), we may be able to correlate FMT uptake with current evidence. The survey should take around 5 minutes to complete and will close on the 30/05/2017.

In case of queries or problems, please email James McIlroy, 5th-year medical student at the University of Aberdeen on james@jamesmcilroy.com

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Survey: International Survey of Polypectomy Practice

Professor Michael Bourke – Director of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Westmead Hospital, Sydney, Australia

I would be grateful if you can spend just a few minutes completing this survey on your colonoscopy and polypectomy practice. This really does not take long. If you do not perform colonoscopy you do not need to complete the survey.

This survey is trying to ascertain current international polypectomy practice. The study is led by our team in Sydney in partnership with the major gastroenterology societies. Further information and details can be found at the further information link below.

If you respond (and enter your email address) we will follow up with the results in due course.

The survey contains some high quality polyp images and should be very interesting for colonoscopists. Please take a few minutes to ensure appropriate representation is collated from the UK.

Click here to [access the survey](#)

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Survey: UK Practice of chromoendoscopy for colitis surveillance

Dr Bu'Hussain Hayee

Chromoendoscopy for colitis surveillance is accepted worldwide as the standard of care, but– anecdotally– practice in the UK is patchy and often limited to specialist centres.

We would be very grateful for no more than 2–3 minutes of your time to complete an anonymous 10–question survey to determine who, where and how chromoendoscopy is practiced. We hope that this will form the basis of a future study to determined and address barriers as well as potentially informing training for this technique.

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course for Endoscopy Nurse Assistants and Nurse Consultants (TECNA)

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

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Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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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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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs

EDUCATION

BSG Education Committee – endorsement policy update

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 will be updated on the Education section of the website as soon as possible. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email the [Education Committee](#).

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BSG2017 bursaries for nonclinical scientists

Have you considered applying for a bursary from the BSG to attend the BSG 2017 annual meeting in Manchester?

A restricted education fund provided by MSD provides ten £50 bursaries to nonclinical scientists who are (1) studying towards a higher degree in a gastroenterology-related area (2) but are not members of the BSG and (3) have registered to attend the Translational Science Masterclass only (Thursday 22 June 2017, Manchester; the focus is on signalling in epithelial cancer and inflammation). Apply to the [Education Committee](#) by Monday 22 May.

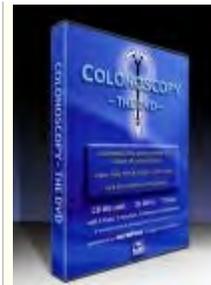
The bursaries are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Upcoming RCP events on integrated care for long-term conditions

The Royal College of Physicians is hosting two events in June 2017 that will focus on integrated care for long-term conditions. The events will bring together healthcare and other professionals from primary and secondary care, who are developing or delivering integrated care services, to reflect on the barriers and facilitators for successful integration and share learning and experience gained during the integration journey.

The events will use experience from an integration project for



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](#)

diabetes care in Oxfordshire as a starting point to highlight the general principles, key themes and learning that are applicable to integrated care across the range of long-term conditions.

Thursday 1 June 2017, 6 – 7pm: A live streamed panel discussion focusing on the barriers and facilitators to integration. The panel will discuss questions and comments from the web audience. Find out more at: www.rcplondon.ac.uk/events/integrated-care-exploring-barriers-and-facilitators

Friday 23 June 2017, 10am – 3.30pm at the RCP in London: We invite healthcare and other professionals to join us for an event that will discuss barriers and facilitators in more detail, and drill down into some of the main areas of concern for integration, including IT, patient engagement, clinical leadership, governance and finance. Find out more and book a place at: www.rcplondon.ac.uk/events/future-hospital-journey-towards-integration

Please contact the Future Hospital team at futurehospital@rcplondon.ac.uk with any questions.

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Inaugural RCP medical education conference: Supporting learning in the clinical environment

7 June 2017, Royal College of Physicians of London

Co-badged by University College London

These are times of great challenges and changes in healthcare. Healthcare organisations are facing increasing demands, not least from an ageing multi-comorbid patient population. Expectations of healthcare have never been higher.

The workforce must adapt to meet the challenges of the present and the future. Implementation of the Shape of Training report is currently being considered. Whatever happens, the tension between education, training and service will continue to be an issue.

The theme of this conference is practical measures to optimise education and training in the clinical environment. It features three nationally renowned keynote speakers and six workshops, which aim to provide attendees with practical outputs which will help them to improve the delivery of education and training in the busy service environment.

Programme highlights

- developing your career as a medical educator
- new directions in assessment
- on-the-job learning
- work-based learning and teaching.

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Royal Free International Postgraduate Endoscopy Masterclass

31.08.17 – 02.09.17

This unique London Masterclass is planned to be a comprehensive, major educational event with the participation of a stellar faculty of highly acclaimed international and national speakers to showcase the state of the art of advanced endoscopy. The Royal Free International Postgraduate Masterclass shall consist of 2 full days of didactic and interactive lectures (including dedicated hepatology and neuro-endocrine symposia) followed by a day of hands-on training on tissue models. The hands-on course will run in parallel with an IBD post-graduate symposium.

The Masterclass, which has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee, will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine (Number 1, Wimpole Street, London) under the auspices of the Royal Free Hospital (London). The hands-on session will be held at a neighbouring non-clinical facility (adjacent to the Royal Free Hospital). CPD points are being sought from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). BSG members will be offered a discounted registration fee.

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Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition

13th–15th September 2017

This 3 day course, which has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee, is aimed at all professions with an interest in Clinical Nutrition and will appeal to clinicians, SpRs (Specialist Registrars), dietitians, doctors, hospital pharmacists, nursing staff and others with an interest in patient nutrition. BSG members will be offered the reduced registration fee of £440; further information is available from www.clinical-nutrition.co.uk. Early registration is recommended.

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Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass

Taking place on 19th September 2017 at UCLH, London, the second annual Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass (ONM) live endoscopy course at UCLH is a one day masterclass exploring novel and innovative advances in the early diagnosis and endoscopic treatment of patients with oesophageal neoplasia, delivered by world renowned international experts. Further details of the programme and how to register are available from the BSG events calendar. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee; an application has been made to the RCP for CPD credits.

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9th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

22nd September 2017

This is the largest regional meeting in the UK (n>300), with a wide range of clinically relevant talks and practice-changing tips. Previous delegate evaluations give the meeting a 95% good-to-excellent rating and, best of all, the meeting is entirely free! The meeting has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and has been granted 4 CPD credits by the RCP. Please contact [Deborah French](#) to register.

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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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Podcasts from around the world

Have you looked at the Podcasts page? You might find something of interest there. Feel free to recommend relevant podcasts for inclusion by emailing [Julie Solomon](#).

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RESEARCH

€100,000 for future scientific research project: Application for UEG Research Prize 2017 is now open!

The annual Research Prize is awarded for excellence in basic science, translational or clinical research. UEG support a future scientific research project from early stage to successful conclusion. The recipient must be able to demonstrate that their previous work has had an impact in its field and its quality is recognised internationally.

Application is open until May 12, 2017

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forCrohn's announces 2017 grant recipients

The BSG is delighted to announce that the following four teams (most of whom are BSG members!) are recipients of Innovation Grants from [forCrohns](#):

- Dr Gareth Walker & Dr Tariq Ahmad (Royal Devon & Exeter): 'Identifying the genetic determinants of thiopurine toxicity'
- Prof Kevin Whelan & Dr Megan Rossi (Kings College London): 'To develop a low food-additive-emulsifier diet as a new approach to managing Crohn's Disease'
- Mr Kapil Sahnun (St Mark's Hospital): '3D printing of complex perianal Crohn's fistulas'
- Mrs Cath Stansfield (Salford Royal NHS Trust): 'Evaluation of a psycho-educational group for patients with inflammatory bowel disease'

Congratulations to all.

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International Clinical Trials Day – 20 May 2017

Every year, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) promotes International Clinical Trials Day on 20 May. This is a special day to celebrate clinical research all over the world, and highlight the important impact research has had on medicine to date.

For the NIHR, International Clinical Trials Day is an opportunity to showcase the diversity of health and social care research, how you can get involved and the benefits it brings to patients and the public.

2017 is a particularly exciting year, because they have launched a new national campaign: I Am Research.

I Am Research follows in the footsteps of OK to Ask, which has helped to raise the profile of clinical research in the NHS over the last four years. During that time, health professionals, patients and the public have told us they would like a more direct, active and inspiring campaign to rally behind. I Am Research is the result.

Get involved:

- To find out more about the campaign and how you can get involved, visit www.iamresearch.co.uk
- [Thunderclap](#) – Come together with patients, public and health professionals to celebrate the benefits of health and social care research. You'll send the same tweet or Facebook post as everyone else involved on 20 May at 12pm
- Show your support by tweet using #IAmResearch and [@OfficialNIHR](#)
- Share, like and post to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NIHRiamresearch/>
- We will be hosting a Facebook Live broadcast on 19 May at 3pm from our Facebook page, so be sure to tune in
- Tweetchat – our Twitter tweetchat about 'Why research is important to patients' is happening on 17 May 2017, 8–9pm
- Attend one of our [People are Messy events](#) happening across the country

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Trainee Research Awards: Deadline 30 June 2017

Core and the British Society of Gastroenterology are inviting applications under this new research programme which is open to UK-based gastroenterology specialty trainees who would like to conduct research in any area of gastroenterology, pancreatology, liver disease or nutrition.

Up to four grants of up to £5,000 each will be made. The following awards are available:

- Two awards will be available to individual applicants; and
- Two will be available for collaborators within a Trainee Research Network. Applications for the network awards may be for new projects for existing networks or for the development of a project within a new research network.

Please note there is a separate application form for each award stream (individual stream and network stream) and applicants should make sure that they complete the correct form for the correct stream.

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Core at CRUK's 2nd International Oesophageal Cancer Symposium

Thursday April 27th 2017

James Britton presented his poster and the findings from his Core funded research to identify the top ten research priorities for Barrett's oesophagus at the 2nd CRUK International Oesophageal Cancer Symposium in Cambridge which was well received. As oesophageal cancer is increasing there is a real need to focus research efforts and this year long study has brought together patients, carers, healthcare professionals and researchers to define the uncertainties around Barrett's oesophagus, a condition that can be a precursor to oesophageal cancer.

The Sir Francis Avery Jones Research Award Lecture 2017

This year, the award lecture will be delivered by Professor Trevor A Graham of the Barts Cancer Institute in London. Prof Graham is interested in developing and applying methods to predict the course of tumour evolution — the process whereby normal cells are transformed over time into invasive cancer cells. With a longstanding interest in gastrointestinal cancer development (primarily in Barrett's oesophagus and in the colon), Prof Graham has three major programmes of ongoing work. The first is about predicting sporadic colorectal cancer development, the second is predicting the risk of IBD-associated colorectal cancer, and the third is predicting oesophageal cancer occurrence based on patterns of clonal diversity. It is the last of these that will form the subject of the Sir Francis Avery Jones Research Award Lecture 2017. The Lecture will be delivered at the BSG's Annual Meeting on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at the Manchester Central Convention Centre.

Clinical Research Nurse nominations invited for 2017 Nursing Times Award

The Nursing Times has announced the categories and opened the award nominations process for this year's prestigious ceremony, to be held in November. The NIHR Clinical Research Network is sponsoring this year's Clinical Research Nurse category. The Nursing Times wants to hear from you – apply now!

Are you implementing projects to help give hard-to-reach groups access to the services they need to keep physically and mentally well; thinking of ways to help keep staff healthier and fitter; or devising complex technology solutions to make sure patients are kept safer or their needs are addressed more comprehensively? Now is your chance to share your story. By entering the award nominations, this is your opportunity to:

- Promote and share your work to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of your service to healthcare providers across the UK
- Inform and educate the wider profession about your initiatives to improve patient care
- Be recognised by your peers for being at the sharp-end of patient care and at the cutting edge of service improvement
- Highlight your organisation's commitment to achieving excellence

Clinical Research Nurses can [find out more and apply here](#). The deadline to apply is 2nd June 2017.

Research – Role of primary care in PBC management: Clinician perspectives needed

The University of Birmingham and NIHR Birmingham Liver BRU in conjunction with UK-PBC are conducting research into perspectives of patients, GPs and specialists around PBC care and potential future changes including an increased role for primary care. We are looking for gastroenterologists and hepatologists in the West Midlands area to take part in qualitative interviews around the role of stratification. Please see advert attached for further details or contact the study team led by Gideon Hirschfield for more details.

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IASO trial of anakinra in ASUC

Despite huge progress in the outpatient management of ulcerative colitis, there are still around 2,500 admissions for acute severe UC in the UK every year. Our current standard initial therapy (intravenous corticosteroids) is based upon the landmark trial of Truelove and Witt in the 1950s; advances since have been restricted to rescue therapy for those failing this initial care. Led by Tim Raine and Arthur Kaser in Cambridge, with a team of researchers from across the UK, the IASO trial will be a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial to test the hypothesis that IL-1 blockade using anakinra, a safe and affordable antagonist of the IL-1 receptor, can improve outcomes when given as initial therapy in acute severe UC alongside corticosteroids. Funding for IASO has been provided by the NIHR and MRC through the EME programme, with additional funding from the Wellcome Trust and Swedish Orphan Biovitrum, totalling in all in excess of £1.6m. IASO will set this major clinical trial in the context of a detailed scientific study of the largest cohort of patients with acute severe UC ever assembled. Patient recruitment will begin in 2017, with final trial reporting expected in 2021/22.

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Research Funding Opportunities

Please go to www.bsg.org.uk/research/research-funding-opportunities/index.html for updates on research funding; there are a lot of opportunities from many sources, from fellowships to grants to bursaries!

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Research news on the BSG website

More news items than those included here are added frequently to the website – go to www.bsg.org.uk/research/news/index.html for additional articles. Read about clinical trials in IBD and IBS, research career development opportunities, investment in research and more!.

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TRAINING

Join the Gastroenterology Speciality Certificate Examination (SCE) question writing group

Applications are invited for additional members of the SCE question writing group. Consultants and post-SCE trainees in all subspecialties are very welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the further development of a high-quality assessment and gain some excellent CPD in the process. Full training will be provided. The commitment required is to individually generate about 12 new single best answer questions annually and attend a 2-day question writing and review workshop (which is usually held in March/April). To express an interest or for further information please contact Dr Ian Beales (i.beales@uea.ac.uk)

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Workforce Report 2016

The BSG Workforce Report for 2016 is now available to view on the BSG Training page. Please follow the further information link below to view the report from 2016 and previous years.

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

end of November, but dates change from issue to issue.

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

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BSG's Aptify Membership System

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

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