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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.

Indonesian Society of Internal Medicine (PAPDI)

22nd – 25th August 2016

Bali Nusa Dua Convention
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IMPORTANT: BSG Workforce Survey goes online

The BSG's annual workforce census for 2016 will shortly be launched in a new format. This will now be undertaken online and members should expect to receive an email with further details shortly. It is vital for the specialty and the BSG that the survey is completed in good time so that important analysis can be undertaken by the BSG Workforce lead Dr Melanie Lockett. Please contact John Hayward (j.hayward@bsg.org.uk) for should you require further information.

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APPEAL: Send us your service success stories

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University College London
Hospitals – London

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BASL Annual Meeting 2016

6th – 9th September 2016

Manchester Central Convention
Complex – Manchester

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INHSU 2016

7th – 9th September 2016

Radisson BLU Scandinavia Hotel
– Oslo, Norway

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Edinburgh International
Conference of Medicine: Past,
Present & Future

12th – 13th September 2016

Edinburgh International
Conference Centre (EICC) –
Edinburgh

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Short Course in GI Physiology

13th – 15th September 2016

Northern General Hospital –
Sheffield

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

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Congratulations to Professor Ailsa Hart

The BSG would like to extend its congratulations to Ailsa Hart who was successful in the academic promotions at Imperial College London and is now Professor of Practice. Ailsa is Director of St Mark's Hospital Inflammatory Bowel Disease Unit and Consultant Gastroenterologist. She is Sub-Dean of St Mark's Hospital Academic Institute.

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NCD Diagnostics – NHS England

NHS England is currently advertising for the post of National Clinical Director (NCD) Diagnostics. The role of the NCD is to provide clinical advice and leadership on a range of areas, particularly endoscopy. It is an important role for the specialty and we would encourage interested members to apply. The post is being offered on secondment to NHS England on a part time basis for a period of up to 3 years. Applications close on 4th August 2016. To discuss the role further please email Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk)

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IBD Registry web tool launched

We're delighted to announce that the web tool is now live, and the first sites are currently on track to be entering data by mid-August. We have secured the necessary permissions for hospitals in the devolved nations to access the Registry Web Tool through the N3 secure network. Outgoing president Ian Forgacs has called on all IBD teams to match the BSG's commitment to the Registry and safeguard its success by taking part, so if you're among the few who haven't registered to join yet, please contact IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk

The Leeds course in Clinical Nutrition 2016

14th – 16th September 2016

University of Leeds – Leeds

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Teesside Pancreatic Symposium 2016

14th September 2016

Wynyard Park House – Billingham

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MEDICINE24

15th – 16th September 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow

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Oxford IBD MasterClass 2016

17th – 21st September 2016

Examination Schools – Oxford

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ISDE 2016

19th – 21st September 2016

Singapore EXPO – Singapore

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Transition focus on biologics

To deliver local value to teams and patients, the steering group has proposed reporting on a set of 6 key performance indicators on biologics in 2016–17, with the aim of building a UK-wide register of all people receiving biological therapies for IBD by the end of 2017. The combined UK data will become a unique resource for real-world clinical effectiveness and health economic studies in IBD care.

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Blueprint for IBD – "Scotland Leading the Way"

Crohn's and Colitis UK, in partnership with the Scottish Government and other organisations, has launched a report setting out a blueprint for IBD services in Scotland. Its aim is to support improvement in the quality of clinical and person centred care in IBD, meeting the 2013 UK IBD Standards, by implementing new approaches to the management of IBD across all NHS Boards in Scotland.

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RCP launches Medical Care

The RCP, in partnership with the BSG and other UK medical specialty societies, has launched its first ever web-based planning resource for medical specialties. The website www.rcpmedicalcare.org.uk will help those involved in the planning and provision of services get a clearer picture of the specialty services that need to be in place to provide great patient care. Each specialty has two chapters:

- Designing services – this includes a short description of the specialty and the patient population, and a summary of the workforce needs to support service provision.
- Developing physicians – includes information on the education, training and continuing professional development required for that specialty.

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NICE Quality Standards: Suspected cancer

This quality standard has been incorporated into the [NICE pathway on suspected cancer recognition and referral](#).

- Quality statement 1: Direct access to diagnostic tests
- Quality statement 2: Urgent direct access endoscopy for oesophageal or stomach cancer
- Quality statement 3: Testing for blood in faeces
- Quality statement 4: Encouraging attendance at cancer services

Advanced ERCP Nursing Workshop 2016

21st September 2016

Liverpool Medical Institution – Liverpool

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APASL Single Topic Conference on Non-Responders

22nd – 24th September 2016

Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus – Istanbul

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The 8th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

23rd September 2016

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield – Sheffield

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Cambridge Liver Symposium 2016

23rd September 2016

Robinson College – Cambridge

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Coventry Colonoscopy September Course – Sharing Good Practice

Guidelines: NICE Pathway – Cirrhosis

This guideline covers assessing and managing suspected or confirmed cirrhosis in people who are 16 years or older. It aims to improve how cirrhosis is identified and diagnosed. It recommends tools to assess the severity of cirrhosis and gives advice on monitoring people with cirrhosis to detect and manage complications early, and referral criteria for tertiary care.

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Guidelines: NICE Pathway – Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

This guideline covers how to identify the adults, young people and children with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) who have advanced liver fibrosis and are most at risk of further complications. It outlines the lifestyle changes and pharmacological treatments that can manage NAFLD and advanced liver fibrosis.

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Guidelines: For obtaining valid consent for gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures

Lead author: Dr Simon Everett

Much has changed since the last guideline of 2008, both in endoscopy and in the practice of obtaining informed consent, and it is vital that all endoscopists who are responsible for performing invasive and increasingly risky procedures are aware of the requirements for obtaining valid consent. This guideline is restricted to GI endoscopy but we cover elective and acute or emergency procedures. Few clinical trials have been carried out in relation to informed consent but most areas are informed by guidance from the General Medical Council (GMC) and/or are enshrined in legislation. Following an iterative voting process a series of recommendations have been drawn up that cover the majority of situations that will be encountered by endoscopists. This is not exhaustive and where doubt exists we have described where legal advice is likely to be required. This document relates to the law and endoscopy practice in the UK — where there is variation between the four devolved countries this is pointed out and endoscopists must be aware of the law where they practice. The recommendations are divided into consent for patients with and without capacity and we provide sections on provision of information and the consent process for patients in a variety of situations. This guideline is intended for use by all practitioners who request or perform GI endoscopy, or are involved in the pathway of such patients. If followed, we hope this document will enhance the experience of patients attending for endoscopy in UK units.

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30th September 2016

University Hospital Coventry –
Coventry

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Clinical Leadership and
Management Course for
Medical Specialties

3rd – 5th October 2016

Keele, Staffordshire

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Surgical Anastomosis
Techniques – October 2016

5th October 2016

Royal College of Physicians &
Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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BSG Gastro Education Weekend
2016

7th – 8th October 2016

Hilton Hotel Cardiff

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Falk Forum on IBD – Have you
got the right answers for your
patients?

7th October 2016

Hyatt Regency Hotel –
Birmingham

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NCEPOD Review of Pancreatitis Care

NCEPOD has published its latest report – 'Treat the Cause' – A review of the care received by patients who had acute pancreatitis.

Commenting, Dr Kofi Oppong of the British Society of Gastroenterology said:

"The British Society of Gastroenterology strongly welcomes the NCEPOD report and recommendations on the treatment of acute pancreatitis.

"A key component of NCEPOD's recommendations is to emphasise the importance of multidisciplinary team working including Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Radiologists in the treatment of acute pancreatitis and the BSG strongly support this view.

"Further to this, we're delighted to see our recommendation for ERCP services to work collaboratively in a regional or hub-and-spoke model included. It is critical for there to be a simple and rapid referral pathway inclusive of facilities for urgent and emergency ERCP."

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Repository of Clinical Practice Guidelines in the field of GI and Liver Diseases

Please note the launch of the UEG repository of Standards & Guidelines: <https://www.ueg.eu/education/standards-guidelines/>

BSG standards & guidelines are being added to the current repository and are centrally searchable alongside further European Standards and Guidelines of UEG Member Societies and other publishers. This central search tool will help to advance the harmonisation of care within the whole Digestive Health community.

Please note the opportunity for colleagues interested to work with UEG on further projects to enhance the dissemination of Standards & Guidelines:

For the two open positions on the National Societies Committee, UEG particularly looks for female candidates with interest and/or experience in the field of Clinical Practice Guidelines and European standards of care.

 [Job description](#)

Deadline for nominations: 16th September, 2016

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Project to improve management of painful bowel condition wins 2016 Shared Learning Award

Gastroenterology Update for Primary Care

12th October 2016

Centre for Professional Development – Edgbaston, Birmingham

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Imaging, Sensing and Digital in GI Medicine – Enteric HTC Hackday 2016

14th October 2016

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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Behcet's Forum meeting

14th October 2016

The Plough and Harrow Hotel – Edgbaston

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UEG 2016

15th – 19th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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20th ESGENA Conference

15th – 17th October 2016

A project that improved the management of a painful bowel condition, and reduced hospital referrals in Somerset has won this year's 2016 NICE Shared Learning Award.

Delegates at the NICE Forum held in Manchester voted for the project for its work in improving outcomes for patients with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

In Somerset, NICE's recommendations on IBS were not being carried out in several areas. This was leading to unnecessary referrals to hospital outpatient clinics, inconveniencing patients and wasting money. Consequently, Somerset Gastroenterology Flexible Healthcare Team decided to improve the diagnosis and management by better aligning practice with NICE guidance. After 3 years, the team found that there was a 5% reduction in appointments among 16 to 45 year olds likely to have IBS. Furthermore, the faecal calprotectin test, recommended by NICE was being used by GPs in its area to identify which patients needed referral to hospital. Of the patients who received dietitian-led treatment, 65% said they had symptom relief, and 74% reported improved quality of life. In addition, 70% reported satisfactory control of symptoms 6-18 months after they received treatment.

Presenting the award, Professor David Haslam Chair of NICE, said: "The Shared Learning Awards are such an important aspect of our work. For everyone who works for and with NICE it is great to see the impact that our work has on real people. I think all the entrants were absolutely fantastic."

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Infected blood: Government Response to Consultation on Reform of Financial and Other Support

Over the years, there has been criticism from different groups of beneficiaries and their representatives about the way that the current system has been set up and operates. This has been clearly set out in various ways, including the independent inquiry chaired by Lord Archer (February 2009); numerous campaigns; the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood's Inquiry into the current support for those affected by the contaminated blood scandal in the UK (January 2015); letters to the Department of Health and Ministers; meetings with Ministers; and parliamentary debates and questions.

The challenge for the Department of Health is to create a reformed scheme that is equitable, takes account of medical advances and makes best use of available funding.

There will be a single scheme administrator combining the functions of the existing schemes into a simple scheme going forward. The new administrator will become operational in the financial year 2017/18 and the current bodies will operate until then. The elements of the reformed scheme during the spending review period until the end of March 2021.

Based on the responses, the DoH England has decided not to introduce new individual assessments and they will not provide accelerated access to hepatitis C treatment through the reformed scheme. All elements of the reform package apply to the current spending review period of 2016/17 to 2020/21, towards the end of which a review of the scheme will be undertaken.

Austria Center – Vienna

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9th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

20th – 21st October 2016

Queens Medical Centre Campus – Nottingham

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First Conference of the European Association of Systems Medicine

26th – 28th October 2016

Kaiserin Friedrich-Haus – Berlin

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APDW 2016

2nd – 5th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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JDDW 2016

3rd – 6th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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European Capsule Endoscopy Lumley Training Programme Autumn 2016

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UEG Elections 2016

The UEG has given notice that the following positions will be elected during UEG Week Vienna 2016:

- Chair of the Scientific Committee
- Chair of the Public Affairs Committee
- Two Members on the National Societies Committee

Deadline for nominations: September 16, 2016.

The specific job descriptions for each position are [available online](#) and the UEG statutes should be carefully considered during the definition of suitable candidates. 2 positions for Members on the National Societies Committee

Given UEG's focus on equality and the current composition of the National Societies Committee they will only consider female candidates for this round of elections during the meeting of the National Societies Forum at [UEG Week Vienna 2016](#). Access the [Call for Elections](#) and [Job Description](#).

Election of Chairs of the UEG Scientific and Public Affairs Committee

Following Article 11 of the UEG statutes, Chairs of the Committees are elected already one year before the term of their predecessor ends to allow a smooth handover of business. Chair Elects for these positions will thus be elected during the Meeting of Members (former General Assembly) on occasion of UEG Week Vienna 2016.

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FIPO Consultant Survey 2016

FIPO are writing to all consultants regarding a survey that they are now launching with regard to certain aspects of consultant and medical insurer practices. FIPO would greatly appreciate your assistance in completing this survey. You can access the survey at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FIPO2016

[Download the survey letter](#)

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Survey: Narcotic Bowel Syndrome

Eleesia Kilgallon, Dr Dipesh Vasant, Dr Philip Shields and Dr Peter Paine

Narcotic Bowel Syndrome appears to be increasing in prevalence, yet appears to be poorly understood, its management is complex and challenging and requires a multidisciplinary approach and considerable healthcare resources.

We have created a short survey questionnaire to understand the magnitude of the clinical problem in terms of prevalence, diagnosis, related in-patient admissions, current opinions, services available

10th – 11th November 2016

Lumley Castle Hotel – County Durham

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

11th November 2016

RCGP – London

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King's Live 2016

12th – 13th November 2016

King's College Hospital – London

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International Feeding Conference 2016

15th – 16th November 2016

UCL Institute of Child Health – London

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Lower GI Polypectomy Skills Course

17th November 2016

Newcastle Surgical Training Centre – Newcastle upon Tyne

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and to help understand areas for improvement of services nationally.

Your input in this short survey would be much appreciated.

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Survey: Management of Eating Disorders in Inpatient Medical Settings

Dr. William Rhys Jones (Consultant Psychiatrist, Yorkshire Centre for Eating Disorders, Newsam Centre, Leeds).

Dr. Paul Robinson (Consultant Psychiatrist, Barnet Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust, St Anns Hospital, London)

The Yorkshire Centre for Eating Disorders invites you to take part in a survey looking at your experience of managing patients with eating disorders in medical settings. Before you decide to take part please read the information below.

The aim of this survey is to assess gastroenterologists' experiences of managing patients with eating disorders in medical settings. By doing so we will be able to focus future training to meet the needs of gastroenterologists and improve patient care.

You will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire assessing your experience which should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. All the information about your participation in this survey will be anonymised and kept confidential. The survey has been peer-reviewed by the St. George's Eating Disorders Research Network and approved by the Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Research and Development Department.

If you have any concerns or require any further information please send an email to the chief investigator Consultant Psychiatrist Dr. William Rhys Jones (r.jones9@nhs.net).

Thank you for taking part in this survey and your time is much appreciated.

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EDUCATION

Important UEG Week Vienna deadlines

UEG Week Vienna – October 15–19 – Registration at attractive rates

UEG Week Vienna 2016 is less than 100 days away. Make sure you register before September 8 to be able to benefit from reduced fees for the world's leading Gastroenterology Meeting:
<http://www.ueg.eu/week/attendance/registration/>

Late-breaking abstract submission

Late-breaking abstract submission opens on August 15, 2016.
Submission deadline is September 9.

EGHS-WGO International Congress 2016

17th – 19th November 2016

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre – Abu Dhabi

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19th TECNA Course

18th November 2016

Manchester Conference Centre – Manchester

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Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease

22nd – 25th November 2016

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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London Live Endoscopy (UCLH)

24th – 25th November 2016

UCH Education Centre – London

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Coventry Colonoscopy November Course – Sharing Good Practice

25th November 2016

University Hospital Coventry –

For more details, go to <http://www.ueg.eu/week/abstract-submission/call-for-abstracts/>

UEG Lifetime Achievement Award and Research Prize

The [UEG Lifetime Achievement Award](#), which recognises outstanding individuals who have made fundamental contribution to gastroenterology as a whole and to UEG in particular, will this year be awarded to Guenter Krejs.

The [UEG Research Prize 2016](#) will be awarded to Ernst J. Kuipers for his research project on "Hidden in plain sight: the opportunities for targeted surveillance and intervention for early gastric neoplasia".

Both Awards will be handed over during the Opening Session of UEG Week Vienna 2016 on Monday, October 17.

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Conference Report: Improving Outcomes for Gastrointestinal Cancer in the UK

On 7 December 2015, the British Society of Gastroenterology and the Royal College of Physicians held a joint conference: GI cancer in the UK: can we do better? The meeting was timely as, although outcomes for patients with most gastrointestinal cancers in the UK have steadily improved in the past 10 years, survival figures remain substantially worse than in many other comparable nations.

The meeting covered screening, early diagnosis, specific tumour sites and the interface between primary and secondary care, all discussed by leading experts. This has been published in *Frontline Gastroenterology* and can be accessed through the link below.

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Sheila Sherlock Update 2016

1st – 3rd September 2016

The Atrium, Royal Free Hospital, London NW3 2QG

This is the second of a series of international meetings with the Sheila Sherlock brand aimed at renovating the tradition of the periodic up-dates introduced by Dame Sheila Sherlock at the Royal Free Hospital. The 2nd Sheila Sherlock Updates meeting is dedicated to current fundamental themes in Hepatology that will be presented and discussed by the Royal Free Liver Specialists together with some of the most renowned international speakers. It has been endorsed by the Education Committee.

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Teesside Pancreatic Symposium 2016

Coventry

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Taster Course in Gastroenterology 2016

26th – 27th November 2016

UCH Education Centre – London

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

28th November 2016

The Sage, Gateshead

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Cytopathology Study Day 2016

2nd December 2016

Hodgkin Building, Guy's Hospital – London

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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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10th Portsmouth Advanced

14th September 2016

The Teesside Pancreatic Symposium will take place on the 14th September 2016 at Wynyard Business Park, Wynyard. The speakers are of international repute and will be delivering talks on a wide variety of topics in pancreatico-biliary medicine.

Consultants, GI specialist trainees, GPs, Associate specialists, specialist nurses, dieticians, endoscopy nurses and anyone with an interest in gastroenterology will find something of interest.

To register for a place in the meeting, which has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee, please email joanne.waiting@mylan.com. There are 80 places available for free.

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8th Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

Save the date – the 8th Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium will be held on Friday 23 September 2016 at the Holiday Inn Royal Victoria. It has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and it promises to be an excellent meeting, as always – so mark your diary now and look for the full programme, which has been posted on the BSG's events calendar!

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BSG SpR/StR Education Weekend, Cardiff, 7th – 8th October 2016

Places are now available on the BSG Education Weekend course being held at the Hilton Hotel in Cardiff.

Course content will be delivered by nationally recognised experts-in-the-field. Topics included in this year's Education Weekend include:

- Intestinal Failure
 - Managing the high-output stoma
 - Complications of parenteral nutrition
 - Transplanting the gut: who, how and when?
- Endoscopy & Physiology
 - Lesion recognition & decision making in endoscopy
 - ERCP for the non-ERCPist: what do you need to know?
 - Manometry: a fool's guide
- Hepatology
 - Palliating in chronic liver disease: an opportunity to get it right
 - Coagulopathy in liver disease: getting it right
 - Vascular complications of liver disease

To book online please visit the dedicated course website: www.gastro-educationweekend.co.uk and follow the instructions. The website contains further information about the course including

Endoscopy Symposium 2017

12th – 13th January 2017

Action Stations – Portsmouth

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BSPGHAN Annual Meeting 2017

25th – 27th January 2017

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel – Glasgow

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ENDO 2017 – The future in focus

16th – 19th February 2017

Novotel & HICC Complex, Hyderabad, India

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – February 2017

22nd February 2017

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

ICC Birmingham

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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 bsgeducationweekend2016@mci-group.com or telephone them on 0141 202 2888.

The event is limited to 100 attendees only.

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BSG Gastro Taster Course 2016

26–27th November at 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.

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 and follow the instructions on the website.

If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact MCI UK Ltd at BSG2016tastercourse@mci-group.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...

The BSG Trainees Section is inviting UK final year medical students to apply for one of 5 fully funded places on the fourth '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 BSG2016Tastercourse@mci-group.com by 5pm on the 7th October 2016. 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 21st October 2016. They will enjoy free registration to attend the course, have fully funded return transport to the course, and have overnight accommodation arranged for the 26th November 2016.

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Application for the JGHFoundation Travel

CDDW 2017

3rd – 6th March 2017

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Clinical Leadership and Management Course for Medical Specialties

6th – 8th March 2017

Keele, Staffordshire

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4th Leeds Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

24th March 2017

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

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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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Grants now open

ENDO 2017 has announced that the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Foundation (JGHF) will provide travel grants for young doctors to attend the first world congress of GI Endoscopy.

The grant awards 15 selected recipients with a USD 1,000 travel stipend.

Additionally, the ENDO 2017 registration fee is waived, which includes:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Poster Exhibition & Technical Exhibition
- Admission to the Learning Center
- Admission to the Postgraduate Course
- Congress materials
- Coffee breaks and lunches

Deadline for travel grant application is 30 September 2016.

Important note: Applicants must be 40 years or younger as of 30. September 2016. To qualify to be selected for the travel grant, applicants are required to submit an abstract by 31. August 2016.

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BSG 2016 prize winners

The BSG Programme Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted an abstract to the conference, all those who reviewed the submissions and all those who judged presentations. Your contributions to the success of the Annual Meeting was tremendous. The details of the winners have been posted on the BSG's website in Research News and Education News. Please join us in congratulating the winners on their achievements!

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BSG TV

Presentations from DDF 2015 are now available through BSGtv. For the first time, all main-programme sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have been 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. BSGtv is a membership benefit from the BSG.

Presentations from BSG 2016 will become available shortly.

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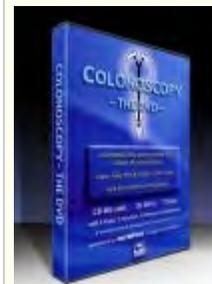
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19th – 22nd June 2017

Manchester Central Convention Complex – Manchester

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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](#)

Research Funding Opportunities

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

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Research news on the BSG website

More news items than those included here are added frequently to the website – go to <http://www.bsg.org.uk/research/news/index.html> for additional articles.

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Trainee member of the CRN: Gastroenterology National Specialty Group

Applications are invited from any UK Gastroenterology SpR to be the Trainee representative on the Gastroenterology 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 email Prof Mark Hull (M.A.Hull@leeds.ac.uk) with questions or for pre-application informal contact. Send applications to research@bsg.org.uk by 9am Monday 19 September 2016.

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Perianal Crohn's Disease research outcomes

An exciting new collaborative of UK gastroenterologists and colorectal surgeons is seeking to better understand and study perianal Crohn's disease. The initiative is being led by Miss Nicola Fearnhead on behalf of ACPGIB and Dr Ailsa Hart on behalf of the BSG. It will involve multiple IBD units across the UK and the initial work has been funded by the Bowel Disease Research Foundation and the BSG.

The collaborative would be extremely grateful for your assistance with developing a Core Outcome Set (COS) for perianal Crohn's disease. The process consists of three short Delphi consensus surveys via an online platform. In order to register your interest before the deadline of 31 August, [please follow this link](#).

The electronic Delphi exercise will begin later this year; all answers will be kept confidential. A selection across the key stakeholder groups (including patients) will be invited to participate in a face-to-face consensus exercise following completion of the online rounds. All participants who complete the three online Delphi rounds will be formally acknowledged on any publications.

Further background information [is available](#). Please contact [Kapil Sahnan](#) or [Philip Tozer](#), the trainee leads, for any questions. We welcome your support!

Deadline: end of August 2016

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

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

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

The PRO-MC Collaboration, led by the Svensk Gastroenterologisk Förening (Sweden) and the Asociación Española de Gastroenterología (Spain), is endorsed and co-funded by the UEG.

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

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New Chair of IBD CRG

The IBD Clinical Research Group would like to announce that John Mansfield has been elected to chair the Group. He takes over from Miles Parkes, who has run the Group very successfully over the past 3 years. In addition to acting as a peer-review resource for applications being submitted to major funders, the Group has also begun running an annual IBD Investigators' meeting. The BSG would like to welcome John into the role and thank Miles for his energy over the past few years and for his continuing enthusiasm as he continues as a Group member.

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Core Development Award

One Core Development grant of up to £50,000 will be awarded for translational or proof of concept research in any area of gastroenterology. Applications are particularly encouraged in the following areas pancreatitis, nutrition, upper GI diseases, functional bowel disorders, IBD, GI infections/microbiome but all applications will be considered.

This call is only open to UK applicants. Core will fund only the direct costs associated with the project and will not fund overhead allocation or other indirect costs, including senior or supervisory posts which are already covered by HEFCE, or other, funding. We will not fund equipment or capital costs. This award is not for a fellowship. Applicants must have established academic positions. Academic Clinical Lecturers may apply if they have completed a MD or PhD.

Projects should be for 12–18 months duration and ethical approval must have been sought before the application is submitted.

The deadline for applications is 2nd September. The awards will be decided in November.

To download an application form, guidance notes, grant terms and conditions go to: <http://corecharity.org.uk/research/research-awards-information/core-development-award/>

For further information please contact Alice Kington on 020 7563 9994 or at akington@corecharity.org.uk.

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UEG Rising Stars 2017

Applications for nomination are due no later than 1 September 2016

Every year, the [National Societies Committee](#) and the [UEG Scientific Committee](#) jointly select 6–8 emerging clinical scientists as 'Rising Stars', based on a track record of international quality research and developing scientific independence. This initiative provides a durable platform for these young researchers to further evolve their professional careers.

Applications are invited from the following target group:

- Clinical scientists at any level (but a full professor title will not be accepted)
- 40 years of age or younger at the time of application (born September 16, 1975 or later)*
- Must have as country of residence Europe (including UK) and/or a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea
- Candidates may apply maximum 3 times for the Rising Star Award

*add two years to age limit per child as main carer

To apply, please follow these steps:

- Download and carefully read the [criteria for applicants and selection process](#)
- Download and complete the 2017 [application form](#)
- Download the [Template for Society's support confirmation](#) (which must be completed and signed by the supporting Society)
- Email all application documents by 1 September 2016 to research@bsg.org.uk for review by the nominations panel. Applicants will be told whether their application for nomination was successful no later than 12 September.
- Submit the completed forms via the UEGs online [Application system](#)

Enquiries should be directed to [Mika Nagl](#). The application deadline is 15 September 2016.

Please note that you must be a member of the BSG if you would like the BSG to consider supporting your application.

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Crohn's and Colitis UK Research Awards 2017

Applications are invited for grants to be awarded in 2017 by Crohn's and Colitis UK. Research Projects may be directed towards:

- Medical – any aspect of Inflammatory Bowel Disease relevant to a better understanding of the causes or mechanisms of IBD or better treatment for IBD patients.
- Living with IBD – any aspect of the social and psychological impact of Inflammatory Bowel Disease including research into ways of helping patients and their families to live with IBD.
- Health Services – research with the potential to improve the services provided to the UK's IBD community and to drive up standards of care for patients with IBD.

Funding for any one project is normally subject to a maximum of £120,000 over a period of up to three years. Applications for funding of pilot studies are also encouraged.

Closing date for applications is 4pm on Monday 26th September 2016.

An Application Form and Information for Applicants can be downloaded from www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk or contact us at research@crohnsandcolitis.org.uk or on 01727 734 468.

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PHG – Genomics in Mainstream Medicine

The RCP working group have produced a [progress report](#) on genomics in mainstream medicine.

A complete suite of introductory resources can be found on the [PHG Foundation Website](#) and includes [Genomics and Gastroenterology](#).

The document entitled [Medical Oncology and Genomics](#) also makes a reference to colorectal cancers.

Clinical Champions are included in the Genomics in Mainstream Medicine working group. [Jack Satsangi](#) speaks for gastroenterology.

Additional information can be found on the [Health Education England Genomics Education Programme](#) website, and also in the [clinical section](#) of the BSG website.

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New Wilson Disease Trial Recruiting Now

A phase 2, multi-centre, international therapeutic trial has been approved in the UK for patients with Wilson's disease. The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham are the two UK sites, both of which have begun recruiting. Please refer to the [letter to physicians](#) for more detail and to get involved.

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TRAINING

Results of the BSG Endoscopy Training Survey 2016

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

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

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

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

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Later life career planning

Assessing aspirations and options available for later career stages.

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Flexible Careers Group is canvassing views on the optimal career plan and working terms and conditions for colleagues in the later stages of their careers. With the planned increase in retirement age there are potentially many implications for those working in the NHS.

There may be some doctors who wish to continue to work and feel encouraged to postpone retirement. Equally, there may be many others who are concerned about their ability to continue to perform at a high enough level and will seek to retire. Others may be happy to continue to work if given the option of reducing their workload. Several flexible retirement options, some related to the Flexible Careers Scheme, exist, and, particularly in shortage specialties, should be attractive to both doctors and employers. However, there is considerable evidence of doctors who wish to access these options having difficulty resulting, in many cases, in premature retirement. Such doctors represent an enormous resource of knowledge, experience and expertise, which should not be wasted.

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BSG Workforce Report Oct 2015

On the 30th Sept 2015 there were 1,414 substantive gastroenterologists and hepatologists in the UK, a 6.6% expansion from 30th Sept 2014. Gastroenterology and hepatology represents the second largest medical specialty (with geriatric medicine the largest). Most consultants are aged between 45–49.9 years. Nearly one in five (18%) of consultants are women, with a higher proportion of women among younger consultants (28.0% of 35–39.9 year olds, 10% of 55–59.9 year olds) and regional variation. Consultants are contracted for 11 PAs on average but actually work 12 PAs. Consultants working less than whole time (LTWT) comprise 14% of the workforce (31% of women and 11% of men) and, on average, are contracted for 7 PAs but work 8 PAs per week. This compares to 18% of all medical specialties (39% of women and 6% of men) working LTWT. Over three quarters (80%) of gastroenterologists have a commitment to acute general internal medicine (but only 52% of hepatologists) compared to 63% of medical specialties overall. The remainder support the acute take by seeing patients with gastroenterology or hepatology problems in the medical admissions unit.

Please read the full report via the further information link.

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Notification of Vacant Posts

A number of trainees who are nearing CCT have registered with the BSG for details of Consultant posts that are to be advertised in the coming year. If you are planning a new appointment, or indeed, know of a vacancy that will become available in the foreseeable future please either complete the form (available below) or send in a job description for circulation. Trainees have also indicated that they would like to hear about locum posts. We would be happy to circulate details of those too - r.gardner@bsg.org.uk.

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OTHER MATTERS...

Receiving Your Journal(s)

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

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

Please help the BSG to ensure you receive your copies to the correct address by logging into your Aptify account and keeping your contact details up to date, you will also need to mark your preferred address to receive your journals. You can e-mail the BSG office at membership@bsg.org.uk if you need a reminder of your USER ID and Password for the BSG's membership database. If you have updated your contact details and taken the 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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