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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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UCL Partners Nutrition Course 2017

2nd – 4th October 2017

UNISON Centre – London

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Cholestasis: a cross-specialty problem

4th October 2017

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BSG Election 2017: Council

Due to the appointment of George Webster as Vice-President Endoscopy of the BSG, a position has become available for an elected member of BSG Council. Nominations for members to stand in these elections will open Tuesday 1st August 2017 and will close on 17:00 Friday 8th September 2017.

Please note that those who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least one year are permitted to vote in elections to Council and are eligible to nominate Council members and have the right to be elected. Senior, International and Honorary members may not stand for election but may vote. Associate members below band 5 and Taster members cannot stand or vote. A job description for these roles may be downloaded here.

 [Download job description](#)

If you are nominating someone for a position on BSG Council please

5th – 6th October 2017

Glasgow Royal Infirmary – Glasgow

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BSG Gastro Education Weekend 2017

6th – 7th October 2017

Crowne Plaza Newcastle – Newcastle Upon Tyne

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Frontiers in Hepatology – New Therapeutic Approaches

10th October 2017

The Institute of Hepatology, London

✦ [Further Information](#)

The Why What and How of Endoscope Decontamination

10th October 2017

The Met Hotel, Leeds

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The S.T.I.G. Course

13th October 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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ask your nominee for a short statement setting out why members should vote for them (250 words approx.). Candidates who do not send in their personal statement by the end of the nomination period will not be eligible to stand in the election. The forms (nomination form and personal statement) should be emailed to Mr Christopher O'Shea (christopher.oshea@bsg.org.uk). This information will appear in the online voting system.

The relevant forms may be downloaded below.

 [Download nomination form](#)

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BSG Election 2017: Endoscopy

Due to the appointment of George Webster as Vice-President Endoscopy of the BSG, a position has become available for an elected member of the BSG Endoscopy Section Committee. Nominations for members to stand in these elections will open Tuesday 1st August 2017 and will close on 17:00 Friday 8th September 2017.

Please note only full members of the BSG Endoscopy Section will be eligible to stand and vote in the final ballot. Changing Section membership is not allowed once elections are underway.

If you are nominating someone for a position on the BSG Endoscopy Section Committee then please ask your nominee for a short statement setting out why members should vote for them (250 words approx.). Candidates who do not send in their personal statement by the end of the nomination period will not be eligible to stand in the election. The forms should be emailed to Mr Christopher O'Shea (christopher.oshea@bsg.org.uk). This information will appear in the online voting system.

In order to be nominated you MUST have already joined the relevant Clinical Section as a member. If you have not already done this, please do so by logging in to the BSG website and entering the Sections to which you want to belong or by emailing your request to christopher.oshea@bsg.org.uk.

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Call for Nominations for Trainee Representatives on BSG Section Committees

Vacancies for trainee representatives have arisen on the following BSG Section Committees:

- Adolescent & Young Persons
- Endoscopy
- Pathology

All BSG Trainee Section Members are eligible for nomination to the above Section Committees, where there is one trainee vacancy on each committee for a 3 year term.

The Gut Microbiome and Translational Science – where are we going?

13th October 2017

Hyatt Regency Hotel – Birmingham

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Gastrointestinal Nursing Study Day

16th October 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

[Further Information](#)

Basic ERCP Skills Lab 2017 – Bath

18th – 19th October 2017

Royal United Hospital – Avon

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25th UEG Week

28th October – 1st November 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

[Further Information](#)

21st ESGENA Conference

28th – 30th October 2017

Please note the following terms:

- You must be a BSG trainee member
- You must be a member of the clinical section you want to nominate yourself for e.g. Gastroduodenal, NGM
- Your application must have a BSG member as your 'proposer'. This can be any BSG member including other trainees
- These positions are independent of the Trainees Section committee
- The positions are open to all trainees who are at least 24 months pre-CCT at the time of election
- Trainee representatives will stand down following their consultant appointment and should contact Howard Ellison as soon as they accept a Consultant post offer
- Trainee representatives will stand down if they go abroad during a period of OOP
- You may nominate yourself for more than one section committee position. Please fill out a separate nomination form for each application
- All applicants must have a National Training Number

In order to be nominated you MUST have already joined the relevant clinical section as a member (trainee members may belong to 2 clinical sections of the BSG). Only members of each clinical section will be eligible to vote in the final ballot – changing section membership is not allowed once elections are underway. If you have not already done this, please do so by logging in to the BSG website and entering the sections to which you want to belong or by emailing your request to christopher.oshea@bsg.org.uk.

Nominations will close on the 15th September 2017.

Please provide a short statement (250 words max) explaining why you want to be on the committee and what relevant skills or training you have. Please send this information via email to Christopher O'Shea at the BSG office: christopher.oshea@bsg.org.uk and the completed form with signatures to the BSG office by 15th September 2017. *Note: the form can be emailed by the candidate once the proposer has completed their section.*

 [Download nomination form](#) [40 kb]

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

This document represents the first position statement produced by the British Society of Gastroenterology and Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, setting out the minimum expected standards in diagnostic upper gastrointestinal endoscopy. The need for this statement has arisen from the recognition that while technical competence can be rapidly acquired, in practice the performance of a high-quality examination is

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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10th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

2nd – 3rd November 2017

Jubilee Conference Centre – Nottingham

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5th Microbiome R&D and Business Collaboration Congress: USA

2nd – 3rd November 2017

Paradise Point Resort & Spa – San Diego

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Endoclubnord

3rd – 4th November 2017

Hamburg Messe West – Hamburg

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Falk Forum 61: Where the Lumen and the Liver meet

3rd – 4th November 2017

The Bristol Hotel – Bristol

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NCRI Cancer Conference 2017

variable, with an unacceptably high rate of failure to diagnose cancer at endoscopy. The importance of detecting early neoplasia has taken on greater significance in this era of minimally invasive, organ-preserving endoscopic therapy. In this position statement we describe 38 recommendations to improve diagnostic endoscopy quality. Our goal is to emphasise practices that encourage mucosal inspection and lesion recognition, with the aim of optimising the early diagnosis of upper gastrointestinal disease and improving patient outcomes.

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GI and Liver Transformation and Sustainability Network

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

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

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

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[▶ North West Launch](#)

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IBD Registry News: September 2017

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

- Drug Dictionary Medication Update
- Registry Participation
- Quarterly Data Submission and Reports
- IBD Registry announces Field Support Programme
- Caldicott Guardian Opportunity
- IBD Nurse & SpR Programmes

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5th – 8th November 2017

BT Convention Centre –
Liverpool

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Southampton Practical Nutrition
Support Course 2017

5th – 7th November 2017

Chilworth Manor Hotel –
Southampton

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and
related procedures for nurses –
Block 2

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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Advances in Inflammatory
Bowel Diseases (AIBD) 2017

9th – 11th November 2017

Walt Disney World Dolphin
Hotel – Lake Buena Vista

[▶ Further Information](#)

King's Live 2017

10th – 12th November 2017

Weston Education Centre –
London

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Professor Graham Foster blog on the NHS Hepatitis C programme

Please find below an extract from the latest update of Professor Graham Foster's blog on the NHS Hepatitis C programme.

"Following the success of the Early Access Programme, NHS England established 22 operational delivery networks across the country to ensure national access to antiviral therapy.

All of the networks are now up and running and new treatment services have been established in regions where, previously, access to Hepatitis C therapy was very limited. We are now confident that everyone in England has access to antiviral treatment, no matter where they live.

The focus of the initial phase of the Hepatitis C programme was to treat patients with the most advanced disease, to reduce morbidity and mortality in those at highest risk of imminent harm."

The full blog may be found at the further information link below.

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Vacancy: NICE Diverticular Disease Guideline Committee

NICE are looking for members to join the [diverticular disease guideline committee](#).

Closing date: 5pm, Wednesday 20 September 2017.
Time commitment: 15 months

Nice are looking for the following specific roles, or people with relevant experience:

Full guideline committee members

- 1 x General practitioners
- 1 x Consultant colorectal surgeons
- 1 x Dietitian
- 1 x Practice nurse
- 1 x Pharmacist

Co-opted expert witnesses

- 1 x Radiologist
- 1 x Consultant gastroenterologist

Any questions? Contact Sharon Swain, Associate Director at Sharon.Swain@rcplondon.ac.uk or call 020 3075 1269.

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RCGP IBD Toolkit Official Launch

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

Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy

13th November 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Midlands GI and Liver Transformation and Sustainability Network

14th November 2017

Holiday Inn Coventry – Coventry

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London Live Endoscopy 2017

16th – 17th November 2017

University College Hospital – London

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

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

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The 39th King's Liver Course:

RCGP's Clinical Champion for Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Dr Kevin Barrett, who developed the toolkit together with the patient representative Rachel Fowler and the project's steering group, comments "Inflammatory Bowel Disease affects at least 1 in 250 of the UK population and the prevalence is rising. Early diagnosis, managing flares, supporting patients to stay well and monitoring long-term risks are all vital aspects of care. The RCGP's IBD toolkit is designed to help GPs better identify and manage IBD, and provide education resources for healthcare professionals and patients alike."

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

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

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

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HEE – Clinical Endoscopist Accelerated Training Programme

This webinar will run on two dates:

Tuesday 19th September 2017 13:00–13:45
Wednesday 27th September 2017 13:00–13:45

HEE's accelerated programme has been running for over a year following a pilot phase in 2016. With demand in endoscopy continuing to increase, the programme is designed to help trusts to meet endoscopy challenges, support workforce flexibility and increase trust diagnostic capacity. The webinars will coincide with the period of recruitment for the cohort of trainees to start in January 2018.

The webinar will be of particular interest to senior trust leads in endoscopy/gastroenterology, radiotherapy, nursing, though anyone with an interest is welcome to join. The programme itself is open to suitably qualified, registered health professionals, including nurses, clinical nurse specialists, diagnostic and therapeutic radiographers, operating department practitioners, specialist screening practitioners, nurse practitioners / clinical nurse specialists in cancer.

Please ensure that this email is shared with all relevant departments within your trust.

The webinar will cover: –

- The programme outline
- Course content
- Applying for the programme
- Outcome of the independent evaluation
- Success stories from the programme

King's Liver Hepatology Update

17th November 2017

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

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54th ECCO Educational Workshop

17th November 2017

Cardiff, Wales

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North West GI and Liver Transformation and Sustainability Network

21st November 2017

Holiday Inn, Haydock

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43rd PSGBI Annual Meeting

23rd – 24th November 2017

Hilton Newcastle Gateshead
Hotel – Newcastle upon Tyne

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The 2nd Nottingham IBD Masterclass

24th November 2017

East Midlands Conference
Centre – Nottingham

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There will be opportunities to ask questions during the webinar.

If you or any of your colleagues wish to attend one of the webinars please email diagnosticsprogramme@hhe.nhs.uk stating which one you would like to attend. You will be sent a link to join.

The independent evaluation of the programme is at www.opm.co.uk/publications

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NICE: Quantitative faecal immunochemical tests to guide referral for colorectal cancer in primary care

Evidence-based recommendations on faecal immunochemical tests (OC Sensor, HM-JACKarc, FOB Gold and RIDASCREEN) to guide GP referral for colorectal cancer.

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Improving Quality in Liver Services

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has officially launched its new exemplar liver accreditation programme, Improving Quality in Liver Services (IQILS), led by Dr James Ferguson, clinical lead for the programme.

Born out of the successful LiverQuest pilot project, IQILS is supported by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and the British Association for the Study of the Liver (BASL) and has been shaped in partnership with the wider liver community, professional bodies, societies and patient groups.

Having taken learning and recommendations from the original LiverQuest pilot, the new accreditation scheme, will support liver services to deliver high-quality care for patients.

IQILS is open to all liver services across the UK, enabling them invaluable access to a new online tool, expertise and up to date guidance on improving standards and enhancing patient experience.

For more details regarding the scheme, how to sign up, and discount eligibility, information can be found at www.iqils.org. Alternatively, contact Madeline Corrigan, IQILS Programme Manager at the RCP at madeline.corrigan@rcplondon.ac.uk

Improving Quality in Liver Services launch event

Date: 5 October 2017

Time: 10:00am – 12:45pm

Place: Pickering Rosenheim room, House 5, Royal College of Physicians, London, NW1 4LE

The aim of the day is to provide delegates with an understanding of the scheme and the process. Delegates will have the opportunity to speak to the leads of the scheme to ask questions or advice. Liver services are encouraged to come and network to share best practice.

Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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NASBO – National Audit of Small Bowel Obstruction

1st December 2017

Bramall Music Building – Birmingham

[Further Information](#)

BSG Taster Course in Gastroenterology 2017

2nd – 3rd December 2017

UCH Education Centre – London

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

8th December 2017

Institute of Translational Medicine Birmingham – Birmingham

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55th ECCO Educational Workshop

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Macmillan Virtual Multi-Disciplinary Team (VMDT)

625,000 people experience long-term consequences following their cancer treatment. Some of these are complex in nature and may benefit from expert advice from a range of specialities. Macmillan have produced the Macmillan virtual multi-disciplinary team (vMDT) platform to facilitate this.

The vMDT is a secure online forum providing healthcare professionals quick and easy access to multi-specialist advice for their patients complex or severe chronic symptoms following cancer treatment. The aim is to improve the outcomes and quality of life for people experiencing these issues.

Healthcare professionals who refer their patients to the vMDT will receive a response within two weeks, helping shared decision making regarding future care.

Healthcare professionals can select which advice to follow and maintain responsibility for their patient throughout. Referrals to the vMDT will be accepted from UK wide oncology teams. The vMDT is a two-year project supported by [The Christie](#).

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Accelerate, Coordinate, Evaluate (ACE) Programme

Improving diagnostic pathways for patients with suspected colorectal cancer

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

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

For more information on ACE's work on colorectal pathways, please email Edmund.Fuller@cancer.org.uk.

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8th December 2017

Krakow, Poland

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Intestinal Failure Study Day and Workshop in Home Parenteral Nutrition

11th – 12th December 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Pregnancy

11th December 2017

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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

15th December 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

15th December 2017

MATTU, University of Surrey – Guildford

Survey: Use of therapeutic drug monitoring for biologics in IBD

We are hoping to gain a better understanding of practice patterns with regards to the use of therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) for infliximab and adalimumab in IBD. This short questionnaire is designed to investigate how widely TDM is used as well as how the results are interpreted. We would be very grateful if you would take 4–5 minutes of your time to complete it and all responses will be collected anonymously.

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

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

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

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

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

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Survey: Levels of understanding about lasting powers of attorney

The Office of the Public Guardian are assessing the levels of understanding about lasting powers of attorney among professional groups within the adult safeguarding landscape.

They have created this short survey for professionals.

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Survey: The Obesity Health Alliance Survey of Health Professionals

The Obesity Health Alliance (OHA) is surveying healthcare

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22nd Advanced Gastroenterology & Hepatology Course

25th – 26th January 2018

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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BSG Management and Leadership Weekend 2017

23rd – 24th February 2018

Woodland Grange – Leamington Spa

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AGIP Upper GI Physiology Masterclass

1st March 2018

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

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

23rd March 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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professionals from a range of specialties including paediatrics, nursing and health visiting services about their experience of patients who are overweight or obese. The results of the survey will be used by the OHA to raise awareness of the issues surrounding obesity and to campaign to improve the nation's health.

All of your answers will be confidential.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

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Survey: Priority-Setting Partnership in Coeliac Disease

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

[▶ Access survey](#)

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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 have been updated on the Education section of the website. If you have any queries, please email the [Education Committee](#).

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Norgine-sponsored BSG bursaries to attend BASL annual meeting 2017

The BSG would like to congratulate the following members of the Trainees Section on their successful applications to receive a Norgine-sponsored bursary to attend the [BASL Annual Meeting 2017](#).

The S.T.I.G. Course – April 2018

26th April 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy – May 2018

10th May 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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BSG Annual Meeting 2018

4th – 7th June 2018

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

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

12th December 2018

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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- Dr Hamad Ashraf
- Dr Mhairi Donnelly
- Dr Christina Levick
- Dr Tom Pembroke
- Dr Arjuna Singanayagam

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Travel bursaries available for conference attendance in 2017

Members of the BSG (other than nurses and other associates) are invited to apply for five travel bursaries (max £500 each) made available by the BSG Education Committee to attend [UEGW](#), [AASLD](#) or [WGO](#). There is a single, competitive application process; apply to the [Education Committee](#) using the [2017 application form](#). Deadline for applications: Monday 4 September 2017 at 4pm.

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Travel bursaries available for Associates for conference attendance in 2017

Nurse and other Associate members of the BSG are invited to apply for five bursaries (max £500 each) made available by the BSG Education Committee. Members are not restricted to any particular meeting but must apply to the [Education Committee](#) using the [application form](#). There is a single, competitive application process. Deadline for applications: Monday 4 September 2017 at 4pm.

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BSG SpR/StR Education Weekend, Newcastle

6th – 7th October 2017

Places are now available on the BSG Education Weekend course being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Newcastle upon Tyne. Course content will be delivered by nationally recognised experts-in-the-field.

Topics included in this year's Education Weekend include:

Luminal Session

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

Endoscopy & Radiology Session

- Lesion recognition in the upper GI tract: Seek and you shall find
- Lesion recognition in the lower GI tract: Is that an

- adenomatous, sessile serrated or hyperplastic polyp?
- Pancreatobiliary imaging for the non-specialist

Hepatology Session

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

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

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

[Visit website](#)

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

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

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

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

To book a place on the course, please visit www.gastro-tastercourse.co.uk and follow the instructions on the website. If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact MCI UK Ltd at BSG2017tastercourse@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 fifth 'Taster Course in Gastroenterology' Applicants need to be UK-based medical students starting their final year of study this year.

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

An independent panel of gastroenterologists will choose the best

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

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UCL Partners Nutrition Course 2017

2-4 October 2017, London

This course (2-4 October 2017, London) is aimed at trainees, new consultants and allied health professionals and offers a systematic three-day course in the day-to-day practice and evidence base of current clinical nutrition. Participants will benefit from extended practical guidance that will allow them to confidently practice clinical nutrition. The programme details and the registration link are available from <http://goo.gl/IJ0V2I> and [Dr Fragkos](#) can provide further information if required. An application has been made to the RCP for CPD accreditation and (subject to CPD) the BSG Education Committee has endorsed the course.

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The Why What and How of Endoscope Decontamination

10th October – The Met Hotel, Leeds

This study day is aimed at staff who undertake the day to day practice of endoscope decontamination and guides you through the Why, What and How of Endoscope Decontamination. This FREE Study Day has proved to be a beneficial source of information and learning for all levels and abilities working within Endoscope Decontamination. 100% of attendees at the last Study Day found the content helpful and their comments included: "Fantastic day. Excellent range of speakers. Legislation talk from Wayne particularly useful. It is such a big topic it is difficult to know where to start." and "The Study was very well presented, excellent speakers, lovely atmosphere staff very welcoming." Register now to secure your place! To book a place please email your Full Name, Job Title, Hospital, Department and Email Address to support@cantelmedical.co.uk. The study day has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee.

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The 10th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

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

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

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

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

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

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London Live Endoscopy 2017

16th – 17th November, UCH Education Centre

Take a look at what's happening at the [8th London Live Endoscopy Course](#), 16–17 November 2017: two days of live endoscopy; hands-on endoscopy training from expert faculty; interactive learning; and debate. The faculty will be demonstrating and discussing all aspects of diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy with the aim of better understanding not just 'how to do it' but also 'when to do it'. The outstanding local, UK and international faculty will be involved in:

- Three-room simultaneous live endoscopy from the state-of-the-art unit at UCH
- 'What's new in...' technical updates
- 'Experts on the spot': interactive post-endoscopy Q&A of pathology, case video feedback and decision making
- Hands-on suite: individual and group tutorials led by expert faculty on EMR, polypectomy, EUS, ERCP, fistula closure, stenting, and cholangioscopy
- Individual iPads for all delegates throughout the meeting, allowing interactive learning, video case review, quizzes and Q&A.

There is an all-inclusive, competitive course fee, with additional 20% reduction for BSG members and 50% overall reduction for combined attendance at [UCH Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass \(ONM\)](#) and [8th London Live Endoscopy Course](#). As in previous years, the aim is to deliver excellence in clinical care, and the meeting should be instructive, challenging and fun! The faculty would be delighted to see you in London for LLE 2017!

The course has been granted 12 CPD credits by the Royal College of Physicians and has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee.

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The 2nd Nottingham IBD Masterclass

24th November 2017 – East Midlands Conference Centre, The University of Nottingham

This one-day IBD Masterclass course hosts a nationally and internally renowned faculty with interactive real world case-based discussions. Relevant presentations will include updates on new biological agents, optimal surgical strategies, and new advances in IBD endoscopy together with the latest evidence of next generation small molecules in IBD as well top tips on treatment initiation and cessation in IBD. The course has been granted 6 CPD credits by the Royal College of Physicians and has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee.

Contact Emma Bradley emma.bradley@nottingham.ac.uk or Beth Robinson Bethany.robinson@nottingham.ac.uk for details on how to register.

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Gastroenterology and hepatology in pregnancy

11 December 2017, Royal College of Physicians of London

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

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AGIP 2018 Upper GI Physiology Masterclass

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

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

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

Wednesday 12 December 2018, Royal College of Physicians

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

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Call for Nominations of Participants at the 16th IBD Intensive Advanced Course

The 16th ECCO Intensive Advanced Course in IBD for residents, fellows in gastroenterology and junior faculty will take place in Vienna, Austria, on February 14–15, 2018 just prior to our next Congress. The [Preliminary programme](#) of this course is already available.

Since ECCO wants to make this course as attractive as possible for the participants, it limits the general number of participants for each ECCO Member Country to 2 in order to ensure a more interactive atmosphere. Three seats will be open for countries with a population of over 50 million (this includes: Italy, France, Germany, Russia, UK and Turkey).

Minimum criteria for nominees:

ECCO Member status (2018)

- Trainees at least in their third year with preferably one year GI experience
- Should demonstrate a sufficient level of English to follow the course

Nomination process for candidates from ECCO Country Member states:

Eligible candidates should contact their respective national representatives (www.ecco-ibd.eu – log in and go to "Members' Area" (blue box), click on "Downloads", then "General Assembly" – List of National Representatives) in time. The participants are selected in their country, by a national system left to the responsibility of the national representatives of each ECCO Member Country. Nominees must supply their CV (containing full contact details, position and information about their hospital affiliation) and a letter of intent for submission by the ECCO national representatives to the ECCO Office (ecco@ecco-ibd.eu) by 08 September 2017. Nominated candidates will be informed of their application status by the beginning of October 2017.

Nomination process for candidates from outside of Europe:

Candidates who are interested should contact the ECCO Office (ecco@ecco-ibd.eu) well in advance.

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

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

The meeting will provide state-of-the-art education and science by a global faculty focusing on a world-view of GI and hepatology diseases and treatments and will afford attendees an opportunity to

present their research in an international forum. Attendees have the option to choose from one-day courses on Friday, the weekend Postgraduate Course, or the three-day Scientific Meeting, which will be held Monday-Wednesday.

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Find out what updates to expect at the 25th UEG Week

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

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

A variety of interactive formats to best cover our multidisciplinary field

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

Follow a new pathway: From guidelines to clinical practice

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

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RESEARCH

NASBO – National Audit of Small Bowel Obstruction

Friday 1st December 2017
The Bramall, University of Birmingham

Highlights:

First complete presentation of NASBO results

Facilitated break out sessions on:

- Implementing change
- Defining quality

- Developing clinical guidelines
- Designing trials in SBO

Target Audience:

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

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Core-Dr Falk SpR Trainee Audit/Quality Improvement Awards and Core-BSG Trainee Research Network Award

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

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

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

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

We have also re-opened the CORE-BSG TRAINEE RESEARCH NETWORK AWARD with a new deadline of 5pm on Friday 17th November 2017. This award are open to UK-based gastroenterology specialty trainees who would like to conduct research in any area of gastroenterology, pancreatology, liver disease or nutrition.

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

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

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

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Trainees – 2017 IBD Investigators Meeting – Cardiff

Are you a BSG Trainee member interested in IBD research? A limited number of places is available to attend the next [IBD Investigators Meeting](#) (Cardiff, Thursday 16 November; the 54th ECCO Educational Workshop is in Cardiff on Friday 17 November). The full-day, interactive meeting has been planned by the BSG's IBD Clinical Research Group. It will include a constructive IBD Research Dragons' Den as well as information on the practicalities of research and current IBD trials. [Full details are available to download](#). Register by emailing the details below to [BSG Research](#). The IBD Investigators

meeting is free to attend but delegates must support their own expenses for any travel and accommodation. Several travel bursaries (up to £100 each) are available on a first-come, first-served basis for BSG Trainee members; apply by emailing [BSG Research](#) with your:

- Name
- Job title
- Institution name
- Email address
- Dietary requirements
- BSG member number

Successful applicants will be notified immediately.

If you have registered and would like to be involved in the IBD Dragons' Den, please contact [BSG Research](#) by Friday 15 September. Rules: no more than 7 people per team, the Dragons' decision is final, and the winning team will win free registration for the first day of the BSG 2018 Annual Meeting (Monday 4 June 2018).

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Clinical Research Network Collaboration – Gastroenterology Clinical Trials: 'Lessons Learned' Workshop

Friday 22nd September 9:30 – 1 pm

The Northern Health Science Alliance (NHSa) along with the Clinical Research Network Greater Manchester (CRN GM) are hosting a half-day workshop to explore issues that are faced by research professionals when carrying out commercial clinical trials specialising in Gastroenterology.

They want to gain a better understanding of experiences in relation to issues specific to commercial trials, in particular from the frontline and how learning from past experience can help influence the design and management of future trials.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please email Shirley.Hannan@thenhsa.co.uk.

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Cystic Tumours of the Pancreas – Research Workshop hosted by UKI EUS Users Group

UCLH Education Centre, Monday 25th September 2017

A Cystic Tumours Workshop is being held on Monday 25th September (the day before UKI EUS Users meeting). The aim of the meeting is to provide a forum for clinicians, health professionals, GPs and patients to review the latest evidence and guidelines in cystic tumours.

Go to <http://www.ukieus.com/> for details on the programme, the venue hosting the meeting and to register for the workshop (which is

supported by the BSG Research Committee).

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Bowel Cancer UK Grant Round now open

Bowel Cancer UK have launched their first research funding round. In the next year, they will fund research of up to half a million pounds in the following priority areas:

- Improving the bowel cancer screening programme and use of endoscopy resource so that more people are diagnosed at the earliest stage of the disease;
- Increasing our understanding and improving the identification of people at high risk of bowel cancer, such as those with a strong family history or longstanding medical conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease or type 2 diabetes;
- Furthering our knowledge of bowel cancer in the under 50s to better understand why bowel cancer in this age group is growing and to help ensure patients are diagnosed as quickly as possible

The project grant awards are aimed at supporting a piece of research for up to two years with a clearly defined subject area and outcomes. The grant will fund up to £75,000 per year, for up to two years, for any combination of salaries and consumables. You may also include budget for small items of essential equipment. All costs must be fully justified within the application.

Grants are only made for projects where the Principal Applicant has a contract at a UK host institution that extends beyond the life of the grant. To request an application form and guidelines, or if you have any queries, please get in touch at research@bowelcanceruk.org.uk, letting them know that you would like a project grant application. The deadline for return of applications is 4pm Thursday 21 September 2017.

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Research Priorities for Alcohol-Related Liver Disease

Alcohol-related liver disease accounts for the majority of UK liver disease, which is the third most common cause of premature death in the UK. It has had disproportionately little research attention or spending in the past, despite its impact on patients and their families, and there are still many questions about the diagnosis, treatment and care of the disease that remain unanswered.

Traditionally, the focus of medical research is decided by funders and researchers. There is often a mismatch between what gets researched and what would actually make a real difference to the lives of patients. The James Lind Alliance (JLA) offers a process to ask patients, carers and health professionals to identify and then prioritise the unanswered questions that concern them most. In 2014, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) asked the JLA to run a Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) to find unanswered questions about the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of alcohol-related liver disease that are important to the people it affects. This is the first known PSP involving an alcohol-related

condition.

This report explains the process that was followed to reach the agreed list of research priorities, what the priorities were and who was involved to make sure that it was independent and fair.

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Crohn's and Colitis UK Research Awards 2018

Applications are invited for grants to be awarded in 2018 by Crohn's and Colitis UK. Research Projects may be directed towards:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 Friday, 22nd September 2017.

An application form and information for applicants can be downloaded from www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk or contact the Crohn's and Colitis UK team at research@crohnsandcolitis.org.uk or on 01727 734 468.

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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

BSG National Introduction to Gastroenterology 2017

20th November 2017 – Royal College of Physicians

The BSG is holding its third introductory day for newcomers into higher specialist training. Our main aim is to welcome you to our great specialty but particularly to encourage you to look into the future not so much as the training programme ahead of you but beyond that into a career in gastroenterology.

We feel that many trainees focus on their training years that lie ahead and so don't take a long view about training as a pathway to prepare them for their eventual career as a specialist.

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

The BSG Training Committee, the BSG Trainees' Section and your regional Training Programme Director all support this very important day and strongly encourage you to come along. It may very well be that the consultants where you are working are aware that you won't be in the hospital that day but we do advise you to check this and book your study leave for the day. There is no attendance fee, lunch and refreshments are provided and the BSG will reimburse travel expenses (of journeys over 100 miles) for BSG members or those who make a commitment to become a member (but you must please take advantage of any advanced booking discounts if using the railway). Expenses claim forms MUST be returned to the BSG office by 1st December.

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OTHER MATTERS...

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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