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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.

AGIP Upper GI Physiology Masterclass in Good Practice

1st March 2017

Queen Elizabeth Hospital,
Birmingham

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Endolive UK 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

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3rd – 6th March 2017

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ACCEA 2017

DEADLINE for applications for BSG support for NEW ACCEA AWARDS is 09:00 WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH 2017

The 2017 ACCEA success round opens on Tuesday 28th February 2017 and closes on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 17:00

The BSG will need to have completed the process of selecting those applicants who will receive our support well before then.

If you wish to be considered for a national award in the 2017 round and you would like to seek BSG support, you should submit a CVQ to Janet Bassett on j.bassett@bsg.org.uk at the BSG. The closing date for applications for BSG support will be 09:00 Wednesday 15th March 2017. Please understand that in fairness to all applicants, late submissions will not be considered.

When submitting your application to the BSG, please provide the name of an individual who has agreed to write your supporting citation. Please note: we will need to request a citation for every

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Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Training Weekend

3rd – 5th March 2017

Holiday Inn – Stoke on Trent

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Homerton SETS – Screen-based Endoscopy Technical Skills Course

3rd March 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Clinical Leadership and Management Course for Medical Specialties

6th – 8th March 2017

Keele, Staffordshire

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Scoping Workshop FIT for Symptomatic Patients

8th March 2017

Park Crescent Conference Centre – London

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BSG South East Regional Group Meeting 2017

applicant even if the member is not successful in gaining BSG support, in order to meet the tight deadlines which ACCEA impose.

ACCEA regard the citations provided by the BSG as important: they give added value to the process. The citation helps clarify information in the application and can put an individual's contribution into the wider context.

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Apply to be Vice President for Endoscopy

Applications are now open for the role of BSG Vice-President for Endoscopy succeeding Professor Colin Rees. A two year appointment, the Vice-President is a member of the BSG's key committees (Executive, Council and Strategy Group) and is a member of the BSG's board of trustees for the second year of their term. In addition the Vice-President also serves as Chair of the BSG's Endoscopy Section Committee.

This is the principal leadership role for the endoscopy-interested community of BSG and a key support role to the President on key matters and decisions in this important part of our specialty. The role must also lead BSG engagement and interaction with partner organisations such as JAG, ESGE and various NHS fora pertinent to endoscopy/diagnostics. For informal discussions and questions about the role please email r.gardner@bsg.org.uk or Colin.Rees@stft.nhs.uk. There is a two year total commitment to the role with fairly frequent attendance required at committee meetings.

Please send a brief CV (2 pages max.) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role to Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 6th March 2016. A job description is available on request. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in early May 2017 (exact date tbc). The post commences following the annual meeting in June 2017.

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Apply to be BSG Secretary

Applications are now open for the role of BSG Secretary. A total four year appointment, the Secretary is a member of the BSG's key committees (Executive, Council and Strategy Group) and is a member of the BSG's board of trustees for the second part of their term. The role is split between two years as Secretary and two years as Senior Secretary. The Senior Secretary is in overall charge of the BSG Annual Meeting with the Secretary contributing significantly to the organisation. In addition the Senior Secretary also serves as Chair of the Programme Committee.

This is a crucial role for the Society and its principal meeting. The role also involves active contributions to a range of key membership issues and areas such as education and clinical services. For informal discussions and questions about the role please email r.gardner@bsg.org.uk, Jayne.Eaden@uhcw.nhs.uk or Nick.Thompson@nuth.nhs.uk. The role requires fairly frequent attendance at multiple committee meetings.

Please send a brief CV (2 pages max.) and a statement of application

17th March 2017

The Royal College of Physicians,
London

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Supporting Gastroenterologists
Developing Careers in Research
and Academia

20th March 2017

Birmingham Conference and
Events Centre – Birmingham

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Minimally Invasive Endoscopy
Workshop: The Future of
Capsule Endoscopy

21st March 2017

The Royal Scots Club –
Edinburgh

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Injury in Childbirth: raising
awareness and restoring dignity
for mothers 2017

22nd March 2017

Royal Society of Medicine –
London

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Newcastle Clinical Nutrition
Course 2017

22nd – 24th March 2017

detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role to Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 6th March 2016. A job description is available on request. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in early May 2017 (exact date tbc). The post commences following the annual meeting in June 2017.

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Apply to be BSG Workforce Lead

Applications are now open for the role of BSG Workforce Lead. This is a three year appointment and is a crucial role for both the Society and the specialty. The role reports to BSG Council and also attends a variety of key committees as a co-opted member, including the Clinical Services and Standards Committee, the Training Committee and joint RCP committees such as the Joint Specialty Committee and the Specialty Advisory Committee. The appointed position works closely with the BSG office and the RCP to deliver an annual survey of the gastroenterology workforce.

For informal discussions and questions about the role please email r.gardner@bsg.org.uk. The role requires fairly frequent attendance at, or reporting to, multiple committee meetings. Please send a brief CV (2 pages max.) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role to Richard Gardner (r.gardner@bsg.org.uk). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 6th March 2016. A job description is available on request. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in early May 2017 (exact date tbc). The post commences immediately after appointment.

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New BSG Website Launch team – be part of reshaping the face of Gastroenterology at the BSG!

The BSG needs creative individuals who enjoy working as part of a small team to deliver at pace an overhaul over our current web content. This exciting role is for a limited time period but will have high impact on the Society's visibility and engagement with its members. This work stream can be delivered online/ via Skype and phone conference as well a F2F as decided by the group. Results focused individuals with good communication and team working skills and an ambition to make difference!

Applications are welcome from any Society Member. As a time limited BSG role this will run for 7 months with the most focused input required in the run up to the Annual Meeting in June. Applications by email or phone to the President Elect cathryn.edwards@bsg.org.uk / 07772559765. Posts: 1 Web Editor lead role and 4 Web Editorial group members; Task and Finish group: timeframe – February to end September 2017.

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Copthorne Hotel Newcastle – Newcastle

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The Korea International Gastric Cancer Week 2017 (KINGCA Week 2017)

23rd – 25th March 2017

Busan Exhibition and Convention Center – Busan

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4th Leeds Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

24th March 2017

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

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NGM State-of-the-Art Symposium 2017

24th March 2017

The Royal College of Physicians – London

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The Principles of Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block 1

27th March – 31st March 2017

Torbay Hospital

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Vacancy: Lead Specialist and Chair of the Gastroenterology SCE Board

The British Society of Gastroenterology and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a new Chair/Lead Specialist of the Gastroenterology Specialty Certificate Examining Board.

We welcome all applications and would be very grateful if you could make any colleagues, who you think may be interested in applying, aware of these vacancies.

A full list of the post's responsibilities is set out in: The Responsibilities and Duties of the Chair of a Specialty Certificate Examining Board. A copy of the remit and responsibilities of the examining board and further information can be found on the [Get Involved pages of the MRCP\(UK\) website](#).

Expressions of interest (including a brief CV and a maximum of a single side single of A4 outlining your suitability for the post) should be submitted to Rachel Stephenson (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org) by 6 March 2017.

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Supporting Gastroenterologists Developing Careers in Research and Academia

This [one-day workshop](#), organised by the BSG Research Committee, is aimed at gastroenterology and hepatology trainees but is open to all specialties and levels of training. It aims to inspire people to develop their own national research network by building an understanding of what is involved in research and confidence in undertaking it. If you're interested in research, or know someone who is, please come along and don't be shy.

Reserve your place now by sending a cheque for £50 made out to BSG (address it to BSG Research, 3 St Andrews Place, London NW1 4LB). Include a covering note stating your full name and contact details and specifying that it's to reserve a place on the Research Workshop in Birmingham. Cheques will be cashed for those delegates who do not attend (and haven't cancelled a week in advance); delegates who do attend will be given their cheques back on the day.

Any questions? [Contact BSG Research](#).

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British-Irish Gastroenterology Meeting – 27th & 28th April 2017

This year will again see the coming together of the British, Irish and Ulster Societies of Gastroenterology British-Irish (BIG) Gastroenterology meeting. It will take place at The Europa Hotel in Belfast on 27th & 28th April 2017 and will be a 1.5 day meeting. The

Prescribing Biologics in IBD

29th March 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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Homerton STIG – Simulation Training In Gastroenterology

30th March 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre –
London

[▶ Further Information](#)

Gastrointestinal study day 2017

31st March 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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National Workshop for Managing Side Effects after Pelvic Cancer Treatment

31st March 2017

University of Leeds – Leeds

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EGSE Quality in Endoscopy IBD & Nutrition symposium 2017

31st March – 1st April 2017

Croke Park – Drumcondra,
Dublin

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Gala Dinner will be held in the Great Hall at Queens' University Belfast on Thursday 27th April.

The programme is available through the link below and was drawn up by an organising committee from all three organisations.

Abstract submissions are open and will close on Feb 22nd at close of business. Submission guidelines and further details are available through the link below.

Preferential delegate rates for accommodation are available at The Europa Hotel.

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Yorkshire and Humber doctors win national research prize

In late 2016, Shaji Sebastian, of Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust, won the NIHR CRN research prize, which is run in partnership with the RCP. Seb is a consultant gastroenterologist specialising in IBD and is the CRN's gastroenterology specialty Co-Lead for Yorkshire and Humber, as well as an active member of several BSG committees. He said: "This award for the whole IBD team. We have an integrated model within the IBD service where the clinical team and research team work side by side, with every member of the team contributing to and promoting the value of research in patient care." More information on the award and on Seb's research can be found on the NIHR website.

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New appointments: BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee regional representatives

The following BSG Members have been appointed as BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee regional representatives.

- London North – Dr Geoff Smith
- London South – Dr David Reffitt
- North east (& North Cumbria) – Dr Roisin Bevan
- South central – Dr John Ramage
- South East Coast – Dr Andrew Piotrowicz

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Call for guideline development group

Gastroenterology SCE Course 2017

3rd – 4th April 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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APASL – Prevention of HCC Development

10th – 12th April 2017

Hotel Okura – Nagasaki

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The International Liver Congress 2017

19th – 24th April 2017

Amsterdam RAI

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Homerton SETS – Screen-based Endoscopy Technical Skills Course

21st April 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Endoscopy Assistant 3 Day Master Class 2017

members for iron deficiency anaemia guideline

The BSG guidelines for the management of iron deficiency anaemia were first published in 2000 and were most recently updated in 2011. A guideline development group (GDG) is being set up to write the next iteration under the auspices of the gastro-duodenal section. We are looking for 8-10 BSG members with relevant knowledge and skills to make up the GDG and plan to hold 2-3 meetings over the next year.

If you are interested please can you send a short CV via email to andrewgoddard@nhs.net.

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Taking Revalidation Forward 2017

Sir Keith Pearson, independent chair of the Revalidation Advisory Board, carried out a review of the operation and impact of revalidation throughout 2016. He has been involved in revalidation since its inception. This has enabled him to gather practical feedback from a wide range of individuals and organisations involved in the process, as well as being able to analyse the findings of recent research.

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Scoping Workshop FIT for Symptomatic Patients

NHS England, in partnership with the British Society of Gastroenterology and the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland, are hosting a day-long workshop on the 8th March to discuss the way forward on use potential use of Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) in the colorectal symptomatic population. We would like to invite those who are either already collecting data around this use of FIT, or are interested in collecting data to attend.

If you would like to attend please contact Dr Robert Logan (robert.logan@nhs.net) before the 14th February. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

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IBD Registry: January Headlines

- Participation continues to grow, with 85 sites now set up to enter data into the IBD Registry, and over 22,893 patient records submitted. If you have not yet registered to participate in the IBD Registry, would like help uploading your data, or have any other registry related queries please contact support@ibdregistry.org.uk

25th – 27th April 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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British-Irish Gastroenterology Meeting 2017

27th – 28th April 2017

Europa Hotel, Belfast

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Stoke ERCP Symposium

27th – 28th April 2017

Royal Stoke University Hospital – Stoke-on-Trent

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Jeremy Nightingale's Scientific Day

27th April 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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The Past, Present and Future of Colorectal Cancer Management: The Legacy of Dr Basil C Morson

2nd May 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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- The RCP audit now has closed so IBD teams need to export their data if they haven't already done so.
- A data visualisation module for the Registry Web Tool will be piloted soon.
- NHS England has included the IBD Registry Biologics Audit on the Quality Accounts list for the coming year.
- Trusts in England are being asked for a £2,500 subscription fee to help the BSG cover the costs of the Biologics Audit. Trusts responding by 15th March will benefit from 40% discount.
- To help you get the most out of Registry participation, the IBD Registry 2017 Roadshow will visit Birmingham, Cardiff, Darlington, Exeter, London, Sheffield and Warrington in May/ June, and Glasgow in the autumn. Register your interest at <http://ibdroadshow2017.eventreference.com/>
- A PhD opportunity at University of Liverpool on record-keeping in patients with IBD using electronic patient record systems is open for applications until 13th February <https://www.findaphd.com/search/projectDetails.aspx?PIID=82615>

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APPEAL: Send us your service success stories

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

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NICE Guidance on Integrated multiplex PCR test

NICE has published guidance on Integrated multiplex PCR tests for identifying gastrointestinal pathogens in people with suspected gastroenteritis (xTAG Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel, FilmArray GI Panel and Faecal Pathogens B assay). Their key recommendations are:

1. *.1 There is currently insufficient evidence to recommend the routine adoption in the NHS of the integrated multiplex polymerase chain reaction tests, xTAG Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel, FilmArray GI Panel and Faecal Pathogens B assay, for identifying gastrointestinal pathogens in people with suspected gastroenteritis.*
2. *.2 The tests show promise but further research is recommended on their effect on health outcomes and resource use in clinical practice.*

Further information may be viewed on the NICE website by following

Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2017

6th – 9th May 2017

McCormick Place – Chicago

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The Principles of Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block 2

8th May – 12th May 2017

Torbay Hospital

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Homerton HiFIVE – Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy

12th May 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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The Sheffield Dietetic Gastroenterology Symposium 2016

12th May 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

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MGS Spring Conference

12th May 2017

Holywell Park Conference

the link below.

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News from the Association of GI Physiologists (AGIP) Section

The AGIP section is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. It exists to ensure the highest standards of GI physiology by supporting the education and accreditation of practitioners, as well as doing our best to ensure the unique role of the GI Physiology practitioner is recognised within the healthcare community.

You can find out more about AGIP from their pages on the BSG Website at: www.bsg.org.uk/sections/agip-committee/index.html

On this page you can find a link to past and present editions of NewWave, the on-line journal of AGIP which is published four times a year.

Highlights of the most recent edition include:

- An appreciation of Margaret Marples, one of the founders of AGIP
- An example study by Rami Sweis
- Review of the 2nd London Masterclass: Emerging concepts in the management of faecal incontinence (15th and 16th September, Queen Mary University of London)

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DOPS training and assessment tool for manual cleaning processes in endoscopic decontamination

Dr Helen Griffiths – Decontamination lead, BSG Endoscopy Committee

Following collaboration between the Olympus, Pentax and Aquilant, the BSG and the Decontamination Professional Expert Communication Forum (DPECF) we are pleased to announce the launch of this DOPS training and assessment tool.

There have been numerous reports on the potential transmission of multi resistant bacteria with particular reference to duodenoscopes and the manual cleaning of these instruments.

There is the potential to transmit infection via any endoscope through poor adherence to manual cleaning processes and to date there has been no single way of assessing and validating these processes. Knowledge and practice varies significantly between departments and indeed individuals and there is a need to have a standardised approach and pathway that can be quality assured and validated to minimise the risk to patients and staff from endoscopically transmitted infection.

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Centre – Loughborough

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UCL Royal Free Hepatology
Postgraduate 3 Day Course

17th – 19th May 2017

Royal Free Hospital – London

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Birmingham Liver Course 2017

25th – 26th May 2017

Centre for Professional
Development – Birmingham

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The 7th Nottingham Barrett's
Endotherapy Course

25th – 26th May 2017

Queens Medical Centre Campus
– Nottingham

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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

Survey: UK Practice of chromoendoscopy for colitis surveillance

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

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

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Survey: Acute severe alcoholic hepatitis

Alcoholic hepatitis remains a difficult condition to treat with conflicting evidence as to its best management. The recent STOPAH trial results have had a mixed reception among the gastroenterology and hepatology community and there is a variation in clinical management across the country. We would like to document this variation and determine how to improve care for this group of patients.

This short survey will take 5 minutes of your time. Please use the following link: goo.gl/forms/OTI6vaSEqYfH4N0O2

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BSG Education Committee – endorsement policy update

From 1 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 4–7 June; therefore, no endorsements will be given for meetings taking place from 4 May through 7 July 2018. If you would like your meeting to be endorsed, please bear this timing in mind. The endorsement process and policy will be updated on the Education section of the website as soon as possible. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email the [Education Committee](#).

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Frontline Gastroenterology: Twitter

10th June 2017

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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The Viral Hepatitis & Liver Disease Congress 2017

11th – 16th June 2017

Radisson Blu Hotel – Frankfurt

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BSG Annual Meeting 2017

19th – 22nd June 2017

Manchester Central Convention Complex – Manchester

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Stoma Care Module Course

19th – 23rd June 2017

Torbay Hospital – Torquay

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ACPGBI Annual Meeting 2017

3rd – 5th July 2017

Bournemouth International Centre – Bournemouth

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18th International Congress of

Debate

Frontline Gastroenterology Special #FGDebate for #EndoliveUK2017 with Dr George Webster on 'Frontline ERCP: Training, service delivery and improving outcomes'

Frontline Gastroenterology and the Endolive UK 2017 organising committee are delighted to host a special #FGDebate in advance of #EndoliveUK2017 being held in Birmingham in March 2017 (www.endolive-uk.org.uk).

Dr George Webster, Consultant Gastroenterologist, and renowned ERCP specialist at University College London Hospital will lead the special #FGDebate entitled, 'Frontline ERCP: Training, service delivery and improving outcomes' on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 8-9pm GMT. During this time, Dr Webster will be available online to discuss these topics in particular.

To join the #FGDebate follow this hashtag and #EndoliveUK2017 during the debate and please follow ([@GWebster_endo](https://twitter.com/GWebster_endo)), ([@endoliveuk](https://twitter.com/endoliveuk)) and ([@FrontGastro_BMI](https://twitter.com/FrontGastro_BMI)). We look forward to you joining the debate and remember to tweet with #FGDebate at the end!

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Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Training Weekend

Hosted by the NGM Section of the British Society of Gastroenterology and endorsed by the BSG Education Committee

3rd - 5th March 2017, Holiday Inn, Stoke on Trent

This training weekend will cover the basic pathophysiology and treatment of functional gastrointestinal disorders (FGIDs). The training will be complemented by break-out sessions covering the indications and basic interpretation of motility testing as well as a perspectives session covering the view point of patients, GPs and dieticians. Trainees will be invited to submit abstracts of difficult cases which they will be able to present to an expert panel for discussion. The weekend will be free of charge for trainees to attend (including travel and accommodation). It is anticipated that 25-30 places will be offered. To register, contact Dr Adam Farmer at adam.farmer@uhnms.nhs.uk

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Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course

22-24 March 2017 at the Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle

Dr Chris Mountford and Dr Nick Thompson have informed the BSG that the second year of the three-day clinical nutrition course, covering all aspects of aspects of clinical nutrition in the GI curriculum, is now fully booked. It is aimed at GI trainees in gastroenterology and surgery. Having only 25 delegates allows small group teaching by national and international speakers and interaction. The course was endorsed by the BSG Education

Mucosal Immunology (ICMI 2017)

19th - 22nd July 2017

Renaissance Downtown Hotel - Washington DC

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The 4th International Course MIBE 2017

20th - 21st July 2017

HM Sanchinarro University Hospital - Madrid

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Kenneth Rainin Foundation 2017 Innovations Symposium

24th - 25th July 2017

Palace Hotel - San Francisco

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses - Block 1

25th - 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses - Block 2

6th - 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

Committee.

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The 3rd Annual Nottingham Gastroenterology SCE Course

23–24 March 2017 at the Postgraduate Education Centre, Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham

The organisers are pleased to invite you to register for this comprehensive course in Gastroenterology & Hepatology. This course is specifically targeted at gastroenterology trainees of all grades, showcasing the latest clinical developments in the field, up to date guidelines and bringing together an impressive range of expert clinical and academic speakers. The aim of the course is to provide a strong foundation in Gastroenterology & Hepatology to prepare trainees for the speciality certificate examination (knowledge based assessment) which is now a mandatory component of higher specialist training (HST).

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St Mark's GastroSCE Course

3–4 April 2017 at St Mark's Hospital, Harrow

St Mark's Hospital is running its highly rated GastroSCE course for the fourth year. The course covers the majority of the curriculum in a highly interactive MCQ format, as per the format of the exam. For further details, please contact Dr Bahman Nedjat-Shokouhi, bahman.shokouhi@nhs.net, 07946132666

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UCL–Royal Free Postgraduate Hepatology Course

17–19 May 2017 at The Royal Free Hospital

The organisers are pleased to invite you to register for the UCL Hepatology Postgraduate Course. The aim of the course is to provide a strong foundation in hepatology, which future gastroenterologists can use as a springboard to becoming specialists within the field. It is also a useful update for Gastroenterology Consultants. This three day course aims to provide clinically focused updates; comprehensive coverage of the pathogenesis, diagnosis, investigation and management of patients with acute and chronic liver disease; a strong focus on interactive learning, including SCE style SBA questions with audience key pads, and dedicated sessions for clinical cases, questions and discussion to re-enforce learning; topics mapped to the (JRCPTB) curriculum in hepatology with learning outcomes that can be uploaded to the JRCPTB e-portfolio; a deeper understanding of the basic science of liver disease. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee.

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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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Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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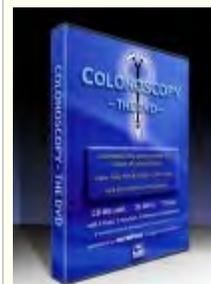
Intestinal Failure Study Day and Workshop in Home Parenteral Nutrition

11th – 12th December 2017

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The 7th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy Course

25–26 May 2017 at the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham

Professor Krish Ragunath writes: It is my pleasure to invite you for the 7th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy course. This course, with a panel of national and international expert faculty, will be in the form of didactic lectures, case discussion, live demonstration, video demonstration, panel discussion and hands-on training with the Cardiff Endotrainer. I am grateful to our sponsors Cook Medical, Medtronic and Olympus-Keymed for supporting this event with an unrestricted educational grant, since the cost of organising an event of this nature is in excess of the registration fees. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and Royal College of Physicians CPD accreditation has been applied for. I do hope that you will be able to register and attend this event.

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The 5th Annual Birmingham Liver Course

25–26 May 2017 at the Medical School, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston

The University of Birmingham and Queen Elizabeth Hospital are pleased to welcome you to the 5th Annual Birmingham Liver Course. The meeting will cover practical and pressing issues in the management of advanced liver disease with speakers from around the country who are experts in their field. Using an interactive approach, we are sure this course will prove to be very popular and of interest to trainees, consultants, nurses and allied health professionals. BSG Members will receive a 10% discount on the registrations fee by quoting BhamLiver2017 during the registration process. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and 5 CPD credits have been assigned by the Royal College of Physicians.

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United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Week: Barcelona, October 28 – November 1, 2017

United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Week will take place in Barcelona from October 28 – November 1, 2017. Leading scientists and clinicians will come together to discuss the latest advances in the field, from new digestive health research to developments in clinical practice.

As in previous years there will be a large number of sessions dedicated to oral presentations of original research, and printed

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](#)

posters will also be presented as E-Posters on E-Poster Terminals all over the congress centre. Moreover, small group sessions, entitled "Posters in the Spotlight" will give the poster presenters possibilities to discuss their scientific findings in depth with experts in the field. Finally, the UEG Week Hotspot will represent a most interactive format of fast-paced oral presentations where best scoring abstracts or most controversial research data will be presented. This also includes the 'Abstracts on FIRE' series, where UEG Week's leading abstracts are examined, explored and clinically reviewed by experts.

In addition to that, all abstracts are permanently featured in UEG's Education Library (<http://www.ueg.eu/education/library>), the biggest resource for gastroenterologists in the world. Abstracts, Clinical and Video Cases for UEG Week 2017 may be submitted until April 27, 2017. Note that abstracts presented previously at national or international meetings may be submitted providing this is declared but that we particularly welcome work not previously presented at international meetings.

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forCrohn's Innovation Grant 2017

Background

forCrohn's is the UK's only charity solely dedicated to Crohn's disease. Their mission is to fund research that helps those with the condition today and contributes to finding a cure for Crohn's disease in the future whilst making more people in the UK aware of the disease and its symptoms. They fund £80,000-100,000 basic science and clinical research annually in various specialist institutions.

Aim of the Innovation Grant

The aim is to support gastroenterology healthcare professionals to find new ways to immediately improve the lives of patients with Crohn's disease.

Funding

forCrohn's new innovation grant will be used to fund projects that demonstrate a clear and immediate benefit for Crohn's disease patients. Up to £10,000 will be awarded to successful applicants. The application process is open from 1 January 2017 - 13 March 2017.

Criteria of grant

All projects must meet the following criteria and will be judged against them:

- An outcome which demonstrates a clear and immediate benefit for Crohn's patients
(Whilst it is appreciated that many projects may have a dual benefit for those with UC, the charity's main aim is focused on the output for Crohn's)
- A short expected time between study and implementation
- Robust assessment of outcomes
- Potential to scale nationally for pilot projects

For more information about the Innovation Grant and to download an application form, please go to <http://bit.ly/forcrohnsinnovation>

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Call for Proposals – NCRI SPED Workshop to help Investigators develop ideas for studies in Screening, Prevention or Early Diagnosis

SPED will be holding a workshop on Wednesday 17 May 2017. The aim of this workshop is to help investigators with ideas for studies develop them into an application which can subsequently be submitted to a funding committee. SPED are therefore inviting brief outline proposals from investigators in the areas of screening, prevention or early diagnosis to discuss at the workshop. To allow sufficient discussion time, we hope to discuss approximately 6 proposals at the workshop. Investigators will be invited to give a presentation, followed by a discussion on how the proposal might be developed. The outline proforma is not onerous and will be treated in confidence. If we receive more applications than we can include in the workshop, we shall prioritise based on how developed the proposal is and prioritisation will be decided by the SPED members. The deadline for preliminary applications is Friday 24 March 2017. Please send completed applications and all queries to leanne.murphy@ncri.org.uk.

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Basic Science Course: Gut microbiota: Relevance, analysis, modulation

UEG will be holding their next [Basic Science Course](#) on 22–24 June 2017 in Rome, Italy. This course is an educational activity for young PhDs and basic science oriented MDs in the field of gastroenterology across Europe and combines state-of-the-art lectures with hands-on training in the laboratory. The course is focused on the relevance of gut microbiota in health and disease, on different tools for microbiota analysis, and on available therapeutic avenues to manipulate gut microbiota. The application deadline is 4 March 2017; please note the BSG's Annual Meeting in Manchester concludes on 22 June 2017.

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NIHR and BSG launch top 10 research priorities for alcohol-related liver disease

'What are the most effective ways to help people with alcohol-related liver disease stop drinking?' is the top priority question for alcohol-related liver disease research, according to [new results from the IJA's Alcohol-Related Liver Disease Priority Setting Partnership \(PSP\)](#). Read

the full story [on the PSP website](#).

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BSG Hopkins Endoscopy Prize 2017

The Hopkins Endoscopy Prize is awarded annually at the meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology on the recommendation of the Endoscopy Committee. The prize is awarded for the best submission regarding a technical innovation in the field of endoscopy, a new method using existing endoscopic equipment or contribution to endoscopy research.

Entrants need not be a member of the Society. The successful recipient will be required to deliver a 30 minute lecture at the BSG Annual Scientific Meeting to be held at the Manchester Central Convention Complex, 19th–22nd June 2017. Applications should be composed electronically in Word or Rich Text format and emailed as an attachment to the BSG Office (h.ellison@bsg.org.uk) by 5.00pm Monday 6th February 2017.

All applications must include the following:

- A manuscript (2 A4 pages ONLY) describing the work conducted.
- A bibliography of relevant personal publications.
- An outline of the proposed content of the lecture, including title.
- A written statement confirming that all or a substantial part of the work has been personally conducted in the UK or Eire.

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Sir Francis Avery–Jones BSG Research Award 2017

Applications are invited by the Research Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology and must include:

- One A4 page ONLY describing the work conducted.
- A bibliography of relevant personal publications.
- The title and an outline of the proposed content of the lecture.
- A written statement confirming that all or a substantial part of the work has been personally conducted by the applicant in the UK or Eire.
- A written statement confirming that the applicant will be aged 40 years or less OR will have held a Consultant/Honorary Consultant post for less than 5 years (or whole–time equivalent if part time or in intermittent employment) on the date of the lecture.

Entrants need not be a member of the Society.

The recipient will be required to deliver a 20–minute lecture during the plenary session at BSG 2017, which will be held on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at the Manchester Central Convention Complex. The winner will be entitled to full registration for the whole meeting (19–22 June 2017) and to travel and accommodation expenses as specified in their speaker entitlement letter.

Applications should be composed electronically in Word or PDF

format and emailed as an attachment to the BSG Office (research@bsg.org.uk) with the email subject line "Avery-Jones BSG Research Award 2017" by 5.00pm on Monday 20 February 2017. Applicants will be notified of the decision by 10th March 2017, a week before the early bird registration deadline.

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Graham Bull prize in clinical science and Goulstonian Lectureship 2017

The Graham Bull prize was established in 1988 in honour of Sir Graham Bull, who was the first director of the Clinical Research Centre at Northwick Park. A trust for the Graham Bull prize was set up to provide money for young research workers under the age of 45 who feel that they have made a major contribution to clinical science.

The prize as designed by the trust is specifically for an application and not for nomination of individuals. The work can cover a wide range of expertise, such as:

- molecular and cellular biology
- imaging technology
- psychiatry
- health sciences

The award is open to RCP members and fellows who must apply for their own work to be considered. The sum of £1,000 is offered on a competitive basis each year. The winner of this prize will be invited to deliver the Goulstonian Lecture, an annual lecture endowed in 1635 by Mrs Ellen Goulston in memory of her husband, Dr Theodore Goulston FRCP.

Researchers must be under the age of 45 on the application closing date (as per the terms of the original bequest), and must be a member or fellow of RCP London.

Deadline for applications: Friday 31st March 2017

Further information, including details of how to apply, may be found on the RCP website at the link below.

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Frontline Gastroenterology will now be citable from PubMed Central

The editorial board of Frontline Gastroenterology, the BSG's clinical journal, is delighted to announce that articles in the journal will now be citable from PubMed Central (the US National Library of Medicine's online repository of open access biomedical journal literature). All Frontline Articles will be available from PubMed Central one year after publication in an issue, and this will be retrospectively enabled. Whilst the priority for inclusion in the journal will remain the potential impact of the work on influencing peer practice for the benefit of patients, we hope that this inducement will encourage even more authors to submit their work to Frontline Gastroenterology.

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The Core–Dr Falk Pharma UK Awards 2017

To celebrate 10 years of collaboration, promoting research and investing in young researchers, Core and Dr Falk are pleased to announce the 2017 awards. In addition to the awards below, a new award for specialist gastroenterology/hepatology registrars will be announced early in 2017.



The Core – Dr Falk awards recognise the achievements of those who bring new knowledge and insight to the field of gastroenterology and hepatology. For those committed to furthering research or patient care, these awards provide an opportunity to achieve national recognition as well as the financial support for career progression.

Awards include:

- A £1,000 prize for the best essay on gastroenterology or hepatology research personally undertaken by medical students who were on an intercalated BSc/MRes/MBPhD/MSc/MPH course during the previous academic year (2015/16)
- Four £1,500 prizes for medical students taking full-time science degrees (BSc/MRes/MBPhD/MSc/MPH) focusing on gastrointestinal or liver-related disease in the current academic year (2016/17)
- Two £2,500 awards for F1/F2 doctors to facilitate prospective research in an area relevant to gastroenterology or hepatology
- A £1,000 award for primary and secondary care gastrointestinal / liver nurses for initiatives that have advanced patient care.

The application deadline is 5pm on Friday 3rd March 2017. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

For further information and to apply:

www.corecharity.org.uk/research/research-awards-information/the-core-dr-falk-awards/

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Research Funding Opportunities

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

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Research news on the BSG website

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

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Workforce Report 2016

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

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Trainees Section prizes 2017

The following prizes are awarded annually by the BSG Trainees Section:

1. The Alistair McIntyre Prize for Improving Gastroenterology Training is designed to support work that may improve gastroenterology training in the UK.

The top 3 ranked applicants will compete in the 'Educational Dragon's Den' at the BSG Trainees Section Symposium in June 2017, Manchester. The winner will be awarded the prize plus £1000 and two runners up will be given £500 towards their projects.

2. BSG Young Gastroenterologist of the Year – Emerging Leader is designed to identify and promote talented trainee leaders nationally in order to promote leadership in gastroenterology for the future.

This is a single award of £1000.

3. BSG Young Gastroenterologist of the Year – Clinical & Translational Science is designed to identify and promote talented trainee clinical scientists nationally in order to promote research and science in gastroenterology for the future.

This is a single award of £1000.

4. BSG Trainees Section Out of Programme Award 2017 is designed to help gastroenterology trainees in the UK access training opportunities that are not available as part of their local training rotations.

This is a single award of £1000

The awards are open to any doctor training in gastroenterology in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Applications are welcomed from doctors in LAT posts as well as those in numbered posts. Applicants must be BSG members.

This year the prizes will be presented in the main plenary session at the BSG annual meeting by the BSG President, Prof Martin Lombard.

Further information and examples of previous awards are also available via the Trainees Section pages of the BSG website:

 www.bsg.org.uk/sections/trainees-awards/index.html

All completed applications and questions should be emailed to Howard Ellison h.ellison@bsg.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm Friday 24th February 2017.

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Athena – a development programme for women leaders

The Office of the Chief Scientific Officer is committed to developing clinical leadership within healthcare science. [The Athena programme](#), delivered by the Kings Fund, is designed to support women to fulfil their potential as leaders. Starting in February 2017, the programme is open to senior level leaders passionate about, and committed to, improving not only their own performance, but also that of their team and their organisation. Each of the four three-day modules looks at different aspects of leadership discourse and is supported by coaching, peer-to-peer support, reflective learning journals and action learning sets, with a particular focus on developing the personal, political and strategic awareness needed to become a successful leader.

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SCE Exam Date

Date of SCE Examination: The next Gastroenterology SCE Examination will take place on 27th April 2017.

UK registration period: 29th December 2016 – 23rd March 2017.

(European registration period: 29th December 2016 – 26th January 2017).

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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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