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2nd May 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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BSG Council and Section Elections 2017

There will be a number of vacancies on BSG Council and Section Committees from June 2017. We are inviting nominations for the positions below and encourage members to consider standing for election or nominating a colleague.

If you would like to stand you will need to be nominated by another member of the Society – relevant forms with full details may be downloaded below.

Two vacancies will arise on BSG Council from June 2017

A job description for these roles may be downloaded [here](#)

The following vacancies will arise on BSG Section Committees from June 2017:

Adolescent & Young Persons	2 vacancies
BSG Endoscopy	2 vacancies
Colorectal	3 vacancies
Gastroduodenal	3 vacancies

12th May 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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MGS Spring Conference

12th May 2017

Holywell Park Conference Centre – Loughborough

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The Sheffield Dietetic Gastroenterology Symposium 2016

12th May 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

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MIRCIM 2017

12th – 13th May 2017

ICE Krakow Congress Centre – Kraków

✦ [Further Information](#)

Hepatopancreatobiliary and Trainee Prize Meeting 2017

16th May 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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Inflammatory Bowel Disease	2 vacancies
Liver	3 vacancies
Neurogastroenterology & Motility	2 vacancies
Oesophageal	4 vacancies
Pathology	4 vacancies
Radiology	4 vacancies
Small Bowel & Nutrition	2 vacancies

If you are nominating someone for a position on a Section Committee 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. 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.

(All posts are 3 year terms)

 [BSG Council Nomination Form](#)

 [BSG Section Nomination Form](#)

Please return the completed forms to the BSG Office, 3 St Andrews Place, London, NW1 4LB or by e-mail to Mr Christopher O'Shea NO LATER THAN 21st APRIL 2017.

Elections will take place between 1st May and 19th May 2017.

Fax no: 020 7487 3734

Email: christopher.oshea@bsg.org.uk

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Winners announced – RCP Excellence in Patient Care Awards

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

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

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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

[Further Information](#)

The 7th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy Course

25th – 26th May 2017

Queens Medical Centre Campus – Nottingham

[Further Information](#)

2nd Edinburgh Transnasal Endoscopy Workshop

26th May 2017

Leith Community Treatment Centre – Edinburgh

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – May 2017

31st May 2017

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 10th April 2017. A job description is available below. 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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SCE Chair and Lead Specialist appointed

We are delighted to announce that Dr Geoff Smith has been appointed as the Chair of the Gastroenterology SCE Exam Board and Lead Specialist. He succeeds Dr Mounes Dakkak who departs the role with the Society's sincere thanks. Dr Smith has extensive experience with the SCE having served in various related roles, including most recently the Medical Secretary. His replacement will be [advertised here](#) in due course for those interested in taking up this role.

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Survey: Stress in Gastroenterologists

Dermot Gleeson, BSG Clinical Services and Standards Committee Chair

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

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

We would be very grateful indeed if you would take the time to complete and return this questionnaire. The higher the % response

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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ERCP Basic Skills Lab 2017

8th – 9th June 2017

St Thomas' Hospital – London

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20th TECNA Course

10th June 2017

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

[▶ Further Information](#)

The Viral Hepatitis & Liver Disease Congress 2017

11th – 16th June 2017

Radisson Blu Hotel – Frankfurt

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8th International Live Endoscopy Course IMAGE 2017

15th – 17th June 2017

Humanitas Research Hospital – Milan, Italy

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

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

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Survey: BSG Nurses Association – help us to help you

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

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

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

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

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

This survey is intended for Nurse members only.

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[▶ Download application form](#)

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

19th – 22nd June 2017

Manchester Central Convention Complex – Manchester

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Stoma Care Module Course

19th – 23rd June 2017

Torbay Hospital – Torquay

[▶ Further Information](#)

ACPGBI Annual Meeting 2017

3rd – 5th July 2017

Bournemouth International Centre – Bournemouth

[▶ Further Information](#)

GIHep Singapore 2017

7th – 9th July 2017

Changi General Hospital – Singapore

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18th International Congress of Mucosal Immunology (ICMI 2017)

19th – 22nd July 2017

Renaissance Downtown Hotel – Washington DC

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

Abstract submissions are now closed.

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

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Thanksgiving service for Dr Basil C Morson

A service of thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 10:30 am at St James' Church, Spanish Place in London to commemorate the life and works of Dr Basil C Morson.

All are welcome to attend. Please indicate your intention to attend this Service, which will be fully choral with the Choir of St James' Church with Iestyn Evans, Director of Music to – jamespsthomson@aol.com (Subject – BCM Service)

This Service precedes the Scientific Meeting The Past, Present and Future of Colorectal Cancer: The Legacy of Dr Basil C Morson to be held later on 2nd May 2017 at The Royal Society of Medicine from 1:00 pm.

Further details may be obtained from the RSM:
Tel – 020 7290 3941
Email – events@rsm.ac.uk

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Core Seeking Head of Research

Core is at an exciting stage in its development and is seeking a Head of Research.

Candidates should be confident in their role as research lead and take pride in supporting and developing their research portfolio. They will further contribute as part of the senior management team to the future strategic and organisational development of Core. They will be responsible for the line management of the Research Officer. Therefore prior managerial experience is essential. Overseeing grant finance and management reporting processes are further crucial parts of this role. This role is offered on a full-time, permanent basis based in the London office, although travel will form a significant part of this role as you develop and build their research and Patient Research Ambassador networks.

For inquiries contact paula@hazonconsulting.com or call: 07772 545598 to request a job pack.

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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

[▶ Further Information](#)

Royal Free International Postgraduate Advanced Endoscopy Masterclass

31st August – 2nd September 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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International Scientific Symposium 2017

5th – 6th September 2017

University of Birmingham – Birmingham

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INHSU 2017

6th – 8th September 2017

Hyatt Regency Jersey City on

CLINICAL

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

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

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

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

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

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Urgent improvements needed to diagnose and manage Lynch syndrome

The BMJ have recently published a letter signed by several BSG members on "Urgent improvements needed to diagnose and manage Lynch syndrome". Read the letter in full at the link below.

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the Hudson – Jersey City

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The Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition 2017

13th – 15th September 2017

University of Leeds – Leeds

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

13th – 15th September 2017

Wellcome Trust Genome Campus – Cambridge

[▶ Further Information](#)

Endoscopic Assessment and Treatment of Oesophageal Neoplasia 2017

19th September 2017

UCL London – London

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9th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

22nd September 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield – Sheffield

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Simethicone Residue in Endoscopes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Updated decontamination guidance document – Watch this space

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

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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EUS-ENDO International Live Course

28th – 29th September 2017

Villa Mediterranee – Marseille

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

30th September – 1st October 2017

Hotel Pullman, St Pancras – London

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25th UEG Week

28th October – 1st November 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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NCRI Cancer Conference 2017

5th – 8th November 2017

Gut Microbiota for Health Expert Panel

Professor Ailsa Hart

The Gut Microbiota for Health Expert Panel represents a group of multi-disciplinary members (gastroenterologists, nurses, dieticians and scientists) with expertise and interest in the gut microbiota and its role in health and disease. It was formed in 2013 and has now grown to over 40 members who meet twice a year, arrange meetings and workshops on key topics related to the microbiota and publish articles in high impact journals ("The gut microbiota and host health: A new clinical frontier" by Marchesi et al. GUT 2016; 65:330-339, which is in the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric), as well as writing articles to enhance understanding with the public ("The ecologist will see you now"). As the Group has grown, it is now dividing into themed groups, but maintains the over-arching meetings to ensure continuity and sharing of expertise and interest.

The goals of the group are: to increase awareness and understanding among clinicians of the gut microbiota and its impact on health; be a 'go-to' address for clinicians (GPs, gastroenterologists, nurses and allied health professionals) for defining what is currently reliably known in this field; and drive scientific and academic interest in the gut microbiota in gastrointestinal and liver disease.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure chairing this Group over the last three years.

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IBD Registry News

QUARTERLY DATA SUBMISSION

The next quarterly data submission deadlines are 31st March and 30th June. If you need any help at all in preparing for this, please contact Data Manager Mark Allan by emailing support@ibdregistry.org.uk

REGISTRY PARTICIPATION

Participation continues to grow, with 91 sites now set up to enter data into the IBD Registry, and over 24,900 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

TRUSTS IN ENGLAND - EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ON AUDIT SUBSCRIPTIONS EXTENDED TO 30th APRIL

We've had an encouraging response to the request for subscriptions from Trusts in England to help the BSG maintain the Biologics Audit now that NHS England funding has been withdrawn.

At £2,500 per annum, the subscription is significantly less than the cost of one patient on biologics treatment for a year. Subscribers will receive benchmarked quarterly reports on the Biologics Audit KPIs focusing on quality improvement topics recommended in the last RCP Biologics Report. Later in the year, it is our intention to include reporting of HES data in relation to the Biologics data.

The BSG has offered to reduce the cost in the first year by 40% if a Trust provides a purchase order by 30th April 2017. We have written to the Chief Executives of all Trusts in England explaining the new arrangements for the Biologics Audit, putting the subscription cost in

BT Convention Centre -
Liverpool

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and
related procedures for nurses -
Block 2

6th - 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

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Frontiers in Intestinal and
Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital - Harrow

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Intestinal Failure Study Day and
Workshop in Home Parenteral
Nutrition

11th - 12th December 2017

Royal Society of Medicine -
London

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the context of overall expenditure on biologics for IBD, and reminding them that participation in the Audit is part of the NHS England Quality Accounts requirement.

Some teams have contacted us about submitting data to the IBD Registry if their Trust decides not to subscribe to the Audit. At present, you will still be able to submit data, but the Registry will not be able to provide the Trust with the benchmarked Biologics Audit reports. A copy of the letter to CEOs is available on request to support@ibdregistry.org.uk

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IBD QI: Supporting teams to improve care in inflammatory bowel disease

Training course fully subscribed

The IBD QI team at the RCP is hosting a quality improvement training programme for the IBD community between June to November 2017. Since the first advert on the 13th March, there has been an overwhelming response to this and we now have 9 teams, across the UK, fully signed up and committed to take part in this course.

If there are any other teams who would like to be added to the waiting list or who would like to do a course like this in the future—please do let us know. Contact: susan.murray@rcplondon.ac.uk

In due course we hope we will be able to let you know what the teams learnt and experienced from the course... Watch this space.

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IBD Registry 2017 roadshow dates announced.

- Mon 15th May Exeter
- Thurs 18th May Cardiff
- Fri 19th May Sheffield
- Mon 22nd May Warrington
- Tues 23rd May Darlington
- Fri 2nd June London
- Fri 9th June Birmingham
- Autumn 2017 Glasgow

A series of half-day meetings to support clinical teams as they join the IBD Registry. The sessions provide protected time for teams to learn about the Biologics Audit and QI programme using the IBD Registry, and to develop local plans for Registry adoption. Each meeting will be tailored to local needs and aim to provide information, support and hands-on guidance. Experts from the Registry will be on hand to answer questions, and interactive workshops will provide practical support for teams to work together to develop your own plans. Free to attend due to generous industry sponsorship.

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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs



St. Mark's Hospital is a leading provider of medical training materials in gastro-intestinal care, catering for students, doctors, nurses, research scientists, surgeons and patients to a professional standard.

A variety of educational CDs and DVDs and interactive DVD-ROMs have been produced by an international line-up of top endoscopic professionals and surgeons.

The library contains everything from practical colonoscopy, nutrition, nurse training in endoscopy, fistula in ano, laparoscopic surgery and advanced polypectomy to new techniques and methods such as Narrow Band Imaging and ESD (endoscopic submucosal dissection).

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

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)

[▶ Download Best Practice example template](#)

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Survey: 5-aminosalicylate use in Crohn's disease

Dr Rachel Cooney and Dr Samuel Smith

We are interesting in gauging the level of 5-aminosalicylate use in Crohn's disease, and would be grateful if you could fill this short 9 question survey (2 minutes approximately). Please access the survey here: <http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6LYLCXX>

Many thanks for your time.

Contact in case of queries: Rachel.cooney@uhb.nhs.net

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Survey: UK Practice of chromoendoscopy for colitis surveillance

Dr Bu'Hussain Hayee

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

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

[▶ Access survey](#)

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BSG Education Committee – endorsement policy update

From 1st September 2017, the Committee will not consider for endorsement any meeting taking place within a month each side of the BSG Annual Meeting. In 2018, the meeting will be held in Liverpool from 4th–7th June; therefore, no endorsements will be given for meetings taking place from 4th May through 7th July 2018. If you would like your meeting to be endorsed, please bear this timing in mind. The endorsement process and policy will be updated on the Education section of the website as soon as possible. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email the [Education Committee](#).

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BSG Neurogastroenterology and Motility Symposium

24th March 2017 and the RCP London

Dr Ayesha Akbar, chair of the NGM section, held a very successful stand alone BSG symposium at the Royal College of Physicians London on 24th March 2017. Over 130 delegates attended, and feedback was excellent. The outstanding faculty included Professor Fernando Azpiroz from Barcelona and Professor Vincenzo Stanghellini from Bologna. The audience were very interactive, asking several engaging questions. Please see photos below.

Following on from the success of the symposium, Dr Akbar has put together a two high quality NGM sessions for the BSG annual meeting on June 22nd. Speakers include Prof Jan Tack from Leuven and Prof Magnus Simren from Sweden.

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BSG2017 bursaries for nonclinical scientists

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

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

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

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Stoke ERCP Symposium

The Stoke ERCP Symposium is taking place on 27th–28th April 2017 at Royal Stoke University Hospital. The two-day event will aim to address the clinical and technical issues faced during ERCP, using a combination of interactive lectures and live case discussion guided by expert faculty. There will be live ERCP from three centres (Royal Stoke University Hospital; Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad; St Thomas Hospital, London). The meeting has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee; an application has been made to the RCP for CPD credits.

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Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition

13th–15th September 2017

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

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Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass

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

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9th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

22nd September 2017

This is the largest regional meeting in the UK (n>300), with a wide range of clinically relevant talks and practice-changing tips. Previous delegate evaluations give the meeting a 95% good-to-excellent rating

and, best of all, the meeting is entirely free! The meeting has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and has been granted 4 CPD credits by the RCP. Please contact [Deborah French](#) to register.

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

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

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

A variety of interactive formats to best cover our multidisciplinary field

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

Follow a new pathway: From guidelines to clinical practice

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

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Podcasts from around the world

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

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RESEARCH

The Sir Francis Avery Jones Research
Award Lecture 2017

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

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Clinical Research Nurse nominations invited for 2017 Nursing Times Award

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

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

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

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

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Cancer Research UK £10m pancreatic cancer investment

PRECISION-Panc is an [ambitious programme of research](#) that seeks to uncover the molecular profile of individual patients with pancreatic cancer, to learn more about the disease and to pave the way for patients entering clinical trials in a way that matches their tumour biology to the type of treatment. [The £10m investment](#) is Cancer Research UK's biggest standalone investment in pancreatic cancer

research to date and builds on their strategic focus on the disease. Research has helped double cancer survival rates, but progress has not been equal across all cancer types. People with pancreatic cancer have some of the lowest chances of survival, which is why CRUK name it as one of four priority 'cancers of unmet need' in their [5-year Research Strategy](#), published in 2014.

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

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

Application is open until May 12, 2017

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

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

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NOW OPEN! Core-BSPGHAN Grant Round 2017 Deadline May 1st 2017

Core and BSPGHAN are co-funding a scheme to provide financial support for the collection of pilot or proof-of-concept data that will enable a high-quality competitive application to be made subsequently to a research council or other large funder. Applications are invited from established investigators planning research studies on any topic within paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. We aim to fund 2 projects with a maximum budget of £35,000 per project and particularly welcome applications in nutrition, obesity and the microbiome. Further details and the application form can be found below.

IASO trial of anakinra in ASUC

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

HTA Funding Board Vacancies

[The Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\) programme](#) is seeking to appoint clinicians to their [funding boards](#) (Ref – HTAB/17/01). Applicants should have previous experience at a senior level within their area of expertise, and have a significant record of research and publication, and/or extensive senior management or clinical experience within the NHS. Applicants should also have previous experience with the HTA Programme, for example through reviewing applications or as a member of an advisory panel. Applications will be welcomed from people with expertise in current NIHR priority areas and those areas that are likely to become priorities for the NHS due to the changing population structure.

The three HTA boards meet three times a year to assess the scientific merit of proposals submitted to both the commissioned and researcher-led workstreams, including themed calls and evidence synthesis proposals, and to make funding recommendations. The term of office is four years starting in July 2017. Travel and expenses will be paid.

If you have any questions about this opportunity please contact [Louise Maclachlan](#). You will find advice on how to apply in the specification document, as well as a link to the application form and optional equal opportunities form at the top of the [advisory group opportunities page](#). Applications close at 1pm on 21 April 2017.

EME Funding Board vacancy

[The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation \(EME\) programme](#) is seeking

to appoint a gastroenterologist to the EME Funding Board. The gastroenterologist should have experience in early clinical trials and translational research. See the website for more information about the [programme remit](#). The EME Funding Board assesses outline and full proposals and makes funding recommendations to the EME Strategy Group. The term of office is four years starting in July 2018. Travel and expenses will be paid. If you have any questions about this opportunity please contact [Susan Solomons](#). You will find advice on how to apply in the specification document, as well as a link to the application form and optional equal opportunities form at the top of [the advisory group opportunities page](#). Applications close at 1pm on 21 April 2017.

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Wellcome Trust grant funding data 2015–2016

The Wellcome Trust has announced the number and value of awards in their grant portfolio, their grant expenditure, and application and award rates. Referring to the gender and age profile data, they mentioned that "Women receive fewer of our more senior personal awards in Science, and in Humanities and Social Science. This is in line with the number of applications from women for those schemes." From 56% of studentships the rate reduces to only 22% of principle fellowships. This contrasts with the proportion of women on funding and interview committees (41%). Seems like an opportunity waiting to be taken!

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ICYMI – one-off bowel scope cuts cancer risk for at least 17 years

In case you missed it, on 21 February 2017 *The Lancet* published an [article by BSG member Prof Wendy Atkin and colleagues](#). The subject was the outcome of an RCT funded by the NIHR EME programme and CRUK. The trial, with more than 170,000 participants, investigated the effect of a single flexible sigmoidoscopy (FS) on colorectal cancer incidence and mortality after 17 years of follow-up. The study showed that a one-off FS continues to provide significant levels of protection from colorectal cancer diagnosis and death, with protection lasting at least 17 years. The NIHR announced the findings in their own [press release](#). Further background to the trial is available on [Prof Atkins' website](#).

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Two Clinical Research Fellowships

Two fully funded Clinical Research Fellowships are being offered in [Nottingham](#) and [London](#). The fellowships relate to the [TRITON grant that was recently announced](#). More details can be found [in this PDF](#) and in the links to each location mentioned above. Interested parties

need to apply directly via the university websites.

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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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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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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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