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Regional and Local Gastroenterology Meetings

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.

Basic Skills in GI Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)

4th – 6th May 2016

Newcastle Surgical Training Centre – Newcastle upon Tyne

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Autoimmune Liver Disease: An Update for Consultants, Trainees and Specialist Nurses

4th May 2016

Holiday Inn – Rotherham

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ACCEA 2016 – Announcement

The deadline for applications of support to BSG is 09:00 on Friday 8th April 2016.

The 2016 ACCEA round opened on Friday 11th March 2016 and closes on Monday 16th May 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 2016 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 on Friday 8th April 2016. Please understand that in fairness to all applicants, late submissions will not be considered.

Please provide the name of an individual who would be willing to write the supporting citation when sending in your application to the BSG. We will be requesting them for all applicants regardless of whether or not they are successful in gaining the Society's support as the timeline is again very tight this year. ACCEA regard the citations provided by BSG in support of individuals as giving added value to the process as they may clarify information in the application and can put an individual's contribution in a wider context.

For further information and to download the forms, please see the BSG website at the link below.

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Achieve a winning business case to improve outcomes in Gastro & Hep services – Birmingham

6th May 2016

University of Birmingham – Birmingham

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Hepatology Perspectives Expert Forum 13 – Advancing care: impacting patient outcomes

7th May 2016

Sheraton Roma Hotel & Conference Center – Rome

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Practical Haemostasis Skills Workshop 2016

9th May 2016

Simulation Suite – Bradford Royal Infirmary – Bradford

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British Geriatrics Society Spring Meeting 2016

11th – 13th May 2016

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

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GastroCycle 2016

Registrations are now open for people who just want to ride the final day of GastroCycle and arrive in Liverpool in style ahead of the BSG annual meeting. Please contact Jon Smalldon at Core (JSmalldon@corecharity.org.uk) for more information.

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IBD Registry News – April 2016

Regional meetings and next steps

Most of you who came to a regional meeting have written a local plan focusing on the next steps you need to take to join the Registry. We hope you've been able to put your plan into action, but if you have come up against any barriers that you think the Registry team can help you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch via info@ibdregistry.co.uk or by emailing simone.cort@ibdregistry.org.uk

For those of you who need to write a business case, we have an example on the Registry website here <http://ibdregistry.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/3.-Business-case-example.pdf>

All the presentations from the regional meetings are available here <http://ibdregistry.org.uk/workshops/>

For those looking for slides outlining local clinical and patient benefits, the section (in any of the regional meetings slide decks) on How Being Part Of The IBD Registry Might Help Improve An IBD Service should be of use.

The Scottish regional meeting, which was to be held on 20th April, has been postponed and will be rearranged in a few months' time. The IBD Registry is working closely with the IBD Audit Team at the Royal College of Physicians, with key Scottish gastroenterologists and with Crohn's and Colitis UK to deliver a coordinated approach that makes sense for Scotland in the immediate and longer term. The development of this IBD IT strategy is taking place with the support of the Scottish Government and rather than hold the meeting now, we aim to arrange it when we can give more definite information about the technical solutions and the information governance issues.

IBD Section Chair

Barney Hawthorne has described the IBD Registry as a chance for UK gastroenterologists to do something world-leading, in terms of gathering data in real time, to better monitor our patients' treatment and outcomes. See the whole interview here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3srWEbRHKS0>

BSG meeting in June

Join us at the BSG in Liverpool on Thursday 23rd June 8:45-10:15 for an update on all the Registry projects. More details to follow soon.

The IBD audit programme and the IBD Registry will be sharing a

Infectious diseases and the gastroenterologist and Gastroenterology & Hepatology Section AGM

12th May 2016

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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Achieve a winning business case to improve outcomes in Gastro & Hep services – East of England

12th May 2016

Bedford Lodge – Newmarket

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The 6th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy Course

12th – 13th May 2016

Queens Medical Centre Campus – Nottingham

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Regulatory Science in 2016 – Shaping the Future of Biological Medicines

17th – 18th May 2016

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists – London

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Achieve a winning business case to improve outcomes in Gastro & Hep services – Manchester

stand and taking the opportunity to showcase their work going forward. Please come and meet us and hear more about the future plans.

IBD Audit news

The UK IBD Audit is moving towards an improved system for data capture and quality improvement, using the IBD Registry. This new programme of work remains on both the quality accounts list and the national clinical audit and patient outcomes programme (NCAPOP) in England. Your ongoing participation is very important, and you should have received a registration form from the IBD Audit team at the RCP so that you can sign up to be part of the new initiative. If you have any queries about this you can contact Jessica Watts, IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk

To find out more about joining the Registry click here or email simone.cort@ibdregistry.org.uk

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Your clinical team are invited to meet your commissioners at a regional interactive half-day workshop

Achieve a Winning Business Case to Improve Outcomes in Gastroenterology & Hepatology Services – An Action Plan

BIRMINGHAM Friday 6th May 8.30am–12.40pm Chair: Dr Rupert Ransford
EAST OF ENGLAND Thursday 12th May 5.30pm–8.10pm Chair: Dr Andrew Douds
MANCHESTER Wednesday 18th May 8.30am–12.40pm Chair: Dr Yeng Ang
LONDON Friday 20th May 9am–1.15pm Chair: Dr A Frank Muller

The BSG has arranged a series of interactive, multi-disciplinary half day workshops to help you address the challenges many of us are facing in developing our gastroenterology and hepatology services. Successful developments occur when clinicians and the wider clinical team work with local commissioners to agree plans and how they can be funded. The objectives are to understand your commissioner's priorities, new NHS developments, identify your service challenges, how to redesign your care pathways and begin to develop a winning business case and action plan with your Commissioners and patients.

Please complete the registration form at the end of the programme and return it FREEPOST to Medical Management Services (UK) Ltd, the workshop organisers or simply register at www.medman.co.uk/workshops. The programme, registration form and information can be found at the further information link below.

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What's Up Doc? – new campaign from the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund

A survey released this month by the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund (RMBF) has revealed that an alarming number of doctors are

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques

18th May 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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Advances in Clinical Measurement and Management of GI Motility Disorders

20th May 2016

University of California, San Diego – La Jolla

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Luminal GI Imaging: Where there is a way in, there is a way out

20th May 2016

British Dental Association – London

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Achieve a winning business case to improve outcomes in Gastro & Hep services – London

20th May 2016

experiencing mental health and wellbeing problems, such as depression and anxiety as a result of working under increasing pressure and scrutiny. Yet despite their obvious need for support and advice, the doctors surveyed also said they are unlikely to seek help for fear of discrimination or stigma from colleagues (84%).

Oxford GP Dr Richard Stevens, also a coach at Thames Valley Health Education England has developed a free downloadable online guide, 'The Vital Signs', which highlights key trigger points and warning signs for doctors coping with heavy workloads, stress and potential burnout, as well as signposting organisations and support networks for those in need. Worryingly, 66% of those interviewed felt that the NHS provided a poor level of support to doctors and their families.

The guide has been produced as part of the RMBF's new campaign 'What's Up Doc?' which aims to highlight the importance of supporting doctors throughout the UK who are working under increasing difficulty. Please visit www.rmbf.org for further information.

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Treatment Recommendations for the Management of Patients with Chronic HCV Infection

These recommendations were developed at a consensus meeting of clinicians and interested parties on 5 January 2016. Therapies that are NICE approved are presented in bold and those that are NICE unapproved are italicised.

The prices of the different regimens vary considerably. Clinicians should use the most cost effective treatment option taking account of the individual patient's requirements.

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BSG Guidance on the Use of Biosimilar Infliximab CT-P13 in IBD

The BSG IBD Section has just issued a new guidance on the use of biosimilar infliximab in IBD.

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New BSG/ESGE Guideline on Antiplatelet & Anticoagulant Usage in Endoscopy

BSG/ESGE have produced guidelines on antiplatelet and anticoagulant usage in endoscopy. It focuses on P2Y12 receptor antagonists (clopidogrel, prasugrel, ticagrelor), Warfarin and Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOAC).

Broadway House – London

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Digestive Disease Week® 2016

21st – 24th May 2016

San Diego Convention Centre – San Diego

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UCL–Royal Free Hepatology Postgraduate Course 2016

24th – 25th May 2016

Royal Free Hospital – London

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Birmingham Liver Course 2016

26th – 27th May 2016

Centre for Professional Development, Edgbaston – Birmingham

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Gastroenterology Update for Primary Care 2016

7th June 2016

Centre for Professional Development – Edgbaston – Birmingham

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ACP NSM 2016

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Federation of Independent Practice Organisations Newsletter

Please follow the link below for the latest newsletter from the Federation of Independent Practice Organisations (FIPO) giving updates on the following topics: FIPO appeal against CMA report, a new Consultant survey by FIPO, private medical insurers, private hospitals, Private Hospitals Information Network (PHIN), competition law affecting fees and commercial practice.

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Do you Treat Children with Hirschsprung's or Gastroschisis?

Would you be interested in sharing your expertise, improving the quality of research, and helping to improve outcomes in both conditions? NETS (Next stage in Evidence-based paediatric surgical Treatment Strategies), are developing core outcome sets for Hirschsprung's Disease and gastroschisis, and need doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, parents and patients to help us by completing three online questionnaires over the next 6 months. For more information and to register your interest, please go to www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/nets/taking-part

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Opportunity: NICE QSAC vacancies

NICE is currently recruiting for additional members to join their Quality Standards Advisory Committee (QSAC) to support delivery of the library quality standards topics. NICE quality standards are a set of concise, prioritised statements and associated measures that focus on topics relevant to health and/or social care. Quality standards describe high-priority areas for quality improvement in a defined care or service area.

You can contact Nicola Cunliffe at NICE on nicola.cunliffe@nice.org.uk for more information. The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 8th April 2016.

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Survey: Heartburn, Barrett's, Oesophagus – Priorities

Core is leading a priority setting exercise for research into Barrett's, heartburn and cancer. An initial survey for patients and professionals

8th – 9th June 2016

The Hallam Conference Centre
– London

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International Symposium on
Pancreatic Cancer

9th – 12th June 2016

University of Glasgow –
Glasgow

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ACP NSM 2016 (Association of
Clinical Pathologists)

9th June 2016

The Hallam Conference Centre
– London

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18th TECNA Course

10th June 2016

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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Warwick University Short Course
2016 – 'Laboratory Skills'

13th – 24th June 2016

University of Warwick –
Coventry

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can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/corehbbo. Paper copies for distribution can be obtained from the Core office by calling 020 7486 0341. Initial results and further details of how the project will progress from this initial survey will be announced at the Science of Digestion event in Liverpool at the BSG meeting on Monday 20 June.

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Survey: Use of diathermy for polypectomy in lower GI endoscopy

[Dr Ajay M Verma](#)

Consultant Gastroenterologist & Physician – Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

[Dr Andrew Chilton](#)

Consultant Gastroenterologist & Physician, Medical Director – Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

We are inviting responses to a 2 minute survey looking at the use of diathermy for polypectomy in lower GI endoscopy. This is an important topic given the large number of endoscopists in the UK. Understanding the variability in practice will help scope and plan future guidance and training in safe diathermy use for endoscopists performing colonic polypectomy.

The link is: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NationalDiathermySurvey

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Survey: Questionnaire for clinicians and units directly treating very underweight patients with Anorexia Nervosa

Most gastroenterologists find themselves dealing with patients with anorexia nervosa at least occasionally and many of you will be familiar with the MARSIPAN guidance produced in conjunction with and on behalf of the Royal Colleges of Physicians, Pathologists and Psychiatrists. MARSIPAN of course stands not for the confectionery but for Management of the Really Sick Patient with Anorexia Nervosa! Paul Robinson (p.robinson@ucl.ac.uk) heads the MARSIPAN group and is keen for feedback on how uptake of the guidance has affected patient care (if at all) and would be very grateful for your time in completing the attached short questionnaire. Please return the completed survey to Paul Robinson and not to the BSG.

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Survey: Assessment and Treatment of NAFLD

On behalf of the UK NAFLD group, we invite all BSG members to complete a short survey on the assessment and treatment of NAFLD

The King's Liver Golden Jubilee: International Summit 2016

16th – 18th June 2016

King's College Hospital – London

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BSG Annual Meeting 2016

20th – 23rd June 2016

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

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St Mark's Postgraduate Gastroenterology Course 2016

27th June – 8th July 2016

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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48th meeting of the European Pancreatic Club

6th – 9th July 2016

St George's Hall, Liverpool – Liverpool

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3rd Athens International Symposium

8th – 9th July 2016

Athens Hilton Hotel – Athens

in your local unit. This 10 question survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and is accessed by the web link below.

We will use the findings to obtain a snapshot of current variation in practice for diagnosis, assessment and treatment of NAFLD in the UK.

Your support is greatly appreciated to enhance the validity and relevance of this survey to your future practice.

For any questions or more information please contact [Dr David Sheridan](#), Consultant Hepatologist, Plymouth.

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Survey: GI Physiology and Motility

Dr Dipesh Vasant, Dr Nerukav Radhakrishnan, Prof Shaheen Hamdy, Kumud Solanki, Lynne Smith and Dr Josephine Barlow.

Due to increasing clinical demands and advances in diagnostics and therapeutics, there has been a rapid growth in GI physiology and motility services. A wide range of specialist investigations are now offered in most centres. There is now an acute need to assess the practice, training and attitudes towards GI physiology and motility services nationally to determine if these aspects have kept pace with the expansion and to identify areas for development.

With this in mind, we have created this short questionnaire to be completed by all clinicians who refer patients for GI physiology and motility studies, GI physiologists and clinical scientists.

Your input in this short survey would be much appreciated.

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New Horizon in on-line CME

A joint initiative from the UEG and the EFISDS.

The UEG and EFISDS are proud to present a course in medical writing divided in 4 compelling on line sessions of approximately 2-3 hrs.

Dates:

Friday the 15th of April, 2016
Surgical decision making
by:Yogesh Vashist

Friday the 22nd of April, 2016
Acute pancreatitis
by: Sorin Barbu

at the end of April, 2016
Medical writing
by: Abe Fingerhut.

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Warwick University Short Course
2016 - 'Techniques and
Applications of Molecular
Biology'

11th - 14th July 2016

University of Warwick -
Coventry

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Methods for Evaluating Medical
Tests and Biomarkers

19th - 20th July 2016

University of Birmingham

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Indonesian Society of Internal
Medicine (PAPDI)

22nd - 25th August 2016

Bali Nusa Dua Convention
Center - Nusa dua

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Edinburgh International
Conference of Medicine: Past,
Present & Future

12th - 13th September 2016

Edinburgh International
Conference Centre (EICC) -
Edinburgh

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In order to optimize engagement and quality learning on-line the group will be small and as such limited places are available.

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UEG Training Support – Funding for Educational Activities

The UEG spends €1.8 million per year on grants, prizes and support programmes, a fifth of their total spending, according to Erik Schrupf, UEG Treasurer. Supporting collaborative efforts between national and specialist societies is at the core of UEG's long-term strategy. The UEG is offering funding support of up to €25,000 to support educational activities. If you have an idea for a CPD-accredited meeting, course, workshop, symposium or other educational event in 2017, start planning now. Make sure you [read the conditions and requirements](#) and note that the application must be made by the BSG, NOT by individuals.

Further information on what is required in the application can be obtained from Ms Julia Kasper in the UEG Secretariat at j.kasper@medadvice.co.at. The application deadline is 20 April, 2016. Organisers of activities selected for funding will be contacted by July 5, 2016.

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UCLH ERCP Development Programme: Enhancing Performance and Outcomes at ERCP

University College Hospital, London
25 – 27 April 2016

There is increasing focus on performance indicators and outcomes for patients undergoing ERCP. This is a twice yearly, hands on course for consultants looking to advance their performance and improve outcomes for their patients. The venue will rotate between London and Liverpool. It will run over two and a half days and will concentrate on hands on cases mentored by expert trainers. There will be a maximum of six delegates, undertaking at least two cases each.

The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee.

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The 6th Nottingham Barrett's endotherapy course

12th – 13th May

Prof Krish Ragunath invites you to attend the 6th Nottingham

The Leeds course in Clinical Nutrition 2016

14th – 16th September 2016

University of Leeds – Leeds

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Oxford IBD MasterClass 2016

17th – 21st September 2016

Examination Schools – Oxford

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ISDE 2016

19th – 21st September 2016

Singapore EXPO – Singapore

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Advanced ERCP Nursing Workshop 2016

21st September 2016

Liverpool Medical Institution – Liverpool

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – October 2016

5th October 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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Barrett's endotherapy course on 12 & 13 May 2016 at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham. 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. The course is supported with an unrestricted educational grant from sponsors Cook Medical, Medtronic and Olympus-Keymed, since the cost of organising an event of this nature is in excess of the registration fees. Royal College of Physicians CPD accreditation has been approved. Register to attend this state of the art course in the management of Barrett's oesophagus by contacting Natalie.jones@nottingham.ac.uk for registration and further details.

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UCL-Royal Free Hepatology Postgraduate Course 2016

24-25th May 2016

Royal Free Hospital

To register or enquire, contact lorraine.hawes@amethyst-cme.com

We are pleased to invite you to register for a comprehensive course in hepatology to be held at The Royal Free Hospital from the 24th to 25th of May 2016. The aim of the course is to provide a strong foundation in hepatology, from which future gastroenterologists and allied healthcare professionals can use as a springboard to becoming specialists within the field. It is also a useful update for Gastroenterology Consultants.

Course Objectives

This two 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
- 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
- Interactive teaching focusing on SCE style SBA questions and real cases

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Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition

14-16 September 2016

This 3 day course 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. Early registration recommended.

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UEG 2016

15th - 19th October 2016

Austria Center - Vienna

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APDW 2016

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JDDW 2016

3rd - 6th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre - Kobe

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EGHS-WGO International Congress 2016

17th - 19th November 2016

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre - Abu Dhabi

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19th TECNA Course

18th November 2016

Manchester Conference Centre - Manchester

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BSG TV

Presentations from DDF 2015 are now available through BSGtv. For the first time, all main-programme sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have been recorded! To access the recordings, log in at www.bsg.org.uk/component/option,com_rsform/Itemid,657/ and use the left-hand navigation to access BSGtv. BSGtv is a membership benefit from the BSG.

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PGDip/MSc in Gastroenterology (on site or distance learning)

Barts and The London & QMUL

Programme structure

The Diploma is taught from October until April the following year. There is approximately 10 hours of teaching per week plus tutorials regularly throughout the course. The programme consists of a combination of lectures, small group tutorials and practical sessions. The programme makes use of a variety of on-line teaching methods but the bulk of teaching is recorded live and made available later on the day of the teaching.

Distance Learning (DL) students access the teaching through the dedicated University on-line teaching environment (QMPlus) and review all lectures and other teaching sessions, these can be accessed on all equipment and can be download as pod- or vod-casts allowing off line review. On line live tutorials are arranged every 1-2 weeks and gastroenterology teaching fellows act as primary contacts and mentors for the DL students.

To complete the MSc, students undergo either a research project (MSc Gastroenterology) or case series report (MSc Clinical Gastroenterology) submitting the final thesis in the middle of August.

Distance learning students initially enrol as PG Dip students but can transfer once dissertations and funding are finalised. The first part is the taught aspect of the course (120 credits, equivalent to a Diploma) which is divided into 6 modules. All modules are compulsory and run from October to April.

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RESEARCH

Research Funding Opportunities

Please go to www.bsg.org.uk/research/articles/research-funding-opportunities.html for updates on research funding; there are a lot of

Surgical Anastomosis
Techniques – February 2017

22nd November 2016

Royal College of Physicians &
Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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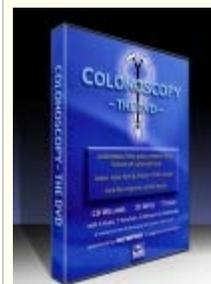
Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

ICC Birmingham

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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

opportunities!

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National survey of Gastroenterology trainees' experience and intentions in research and academia

Prof Matt Brookes
Chair, BSG Research Committee

Dr Laith Alrubaiy
Chair, BSG Trainees Committee

The BSG Research and Trainees Committees are keen to determine the academic and research intentions of trainees. A better understanding of what exposure trainees have had to date and their future career plans will allow us to develop tools to assist in promoting research exposure and academic career pathways.

To this end we are asking ALL speciality trainees to complete this [short 5-10 minute questionnaire](#). Results will be held anonymously and outcomes will be provided through the BSG Research and Trainees Committees.

With the information we receive we will plan to support a BSG sponsored research symposium and assist in the development of Registrar Research Networks.

At the end of the survey you will be asked to provide a contact email if you wish to be entered into a draw for an IPAD worth £500.

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UEG Research Prize 2016

The prize will be awarded for excellence in basic science, translational or clinical research. The recipient must be able to demonstrate that the previous work has had an impact in its field and that its quality has been recognised internationally. The recipient will have produced a substantial body of basic science, translational or clinical research in a focused area of gastroenterology, hepatology or related disciplines. Priority will be given to applications where science has had crucial impact on clinical practice and management, or is very likely to have it in the near future. Furthermore, the recipient must have been mentioned at least once as (co-)author of an abstract submitted to UEG Week in the past 3 years.

A detailed prospect of more than 5 years of future research activity is required in the application form and must be guaranteed by the recipient when the prize is awarded. The prize money of €100,000 will be paid to the recipient's department.

Furthermore, UEG expects the UEG Research Prize Winner to

- submit a review article to the UEG Journal by end of October 2016 (<https://www.ueg.eu/journal/>)
- accept potential UEG Week Faculty invitations in subsequent years.

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](#)

In order to apply for this prize please visit the [UEG Website](#) and complete the online application by May 13, 2016 at the latest. Hard copies will not be accepted. In order to guarantee that your submission process was successful, UEG will acknowledge the receipt of each application via return email.

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A total of £3,500 up for grabs in the 2016 Endoscopy Research Dragons' Den – apply now!

The BSG Endoscopy Clinical Research Group (E-CRG) invites BSG members (trainees, nurses, and consultants in the first 5 years of their career in any area of gastroenterology) to submit their ideas for research projects.

Up to 5 ideas will be selected; the selected candidates will be asked to do a 6-minute presentation to a Dragons' Den-type panel during the BSG 2016 Meeting (in Liverpool on Thursday 23 June 2015 from 1445-1530).

There is a total of £3500 to be awarded on the day, supported by unrestricted grants from Aquilant Endoscopy, the Devices for Surgery Network (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and National Institute for Health Research Healthcare Technology Cooperative), Diagmed Healthcare and EMIS Health.

Prize-winners will be awarded up to £1000 as an unrestricted grant.

The E-CRG is solely responsible for all aspects of selecting the candidates; panellists will choose the winner(s) on the basis of the actual presentation on the day.

To apply, please complete the form below and return it to research@bsg.org.uk by 9am on Wednesday 1 June. Candidates whose ideas are selected for presentation will be notified on or before Thursday 9 June (2 weeks before the presentation).

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Children's Liver Disease Foundation (CLDF) PhD Student Fellowship 2016

Applications are now open

CLDF has a broad range of interest in the field of paediatric hepatology. The Trustees have also agreed that CLDF's remit includes young adults diagnosed in childhood (aged 18 to 25 years). This strategy identifies the priorities for funding in CLDF's Research Programme for 2015-2020 and the way it intends to deliver its programme. The availability of funding will always influence CLDF's programmes. This strategy is based upon CLDF's current and projected income levels. However, there is flexibility if the situation changes.

Applications for consideration by CLDF's Scientific Committee will be assessed on scientific merit and will be subject to CLDF's peer review process. It will also take into account timelines, value for money and

relevance to other work in the field.

Please ensure you have read and can comply with our requirements as set out in the [CLDF PhD Student Fellowship Programme Details](#) and [Standard Conditions of Award](#) before completing the Application Form on the CLDF website.

CLDF will only accept applications with co-supervisors. Co-supervisors may apply for a named or unnamed PhD student fellowship to enable graduates to proceed to a PhD degree at a University in the UK. As a minimum requirement the candidate must obtain an upper second class honours degree.

The latest date for acceptance of the hard copy of the application (containing original signatures from all parties) is 5.00pm on Tuesday 7th June 2016.

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Core/BSG Trainee Research Awards

Core and the British Society of Gastroenterology are inviting applications under this new research programme which is open to UK-based trainees.

Up to two awards of up to £5,000 each are available. The next deadline is 29th July 2016.

The research project must address an area of clinical need within gastroenterology and have clear patient benefit. The project must be entirely based within the UK.

It is possible to apply as an individual or as a group (for example as collaborators within a Trainee Research Network) but you must have the agreement of a supervisor who must sign your application.

All relevant non-capital project costs can be funded under this award. This can include, for example, project-related travel or volunteers expenses but excludes conference attendance. Core supported projects are eligible for CRN support.

The successful project should be able to start promptly and a final report should be available to Core within three months of completion. In order to assist with project start-up up to 20% of the grant award can be made in advance. The final 20% of the award will be paid upon receipt of a satisfactory final report and invoice detailing expenditure.

For more information and to download an application form visit www.corecharity.org.uk/support-for-researchers/core-bsg-trainee-research-grants/

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NIHR Call for Research into National Clinical Audit Outcomes

The National Advisory Group on Clinical Audit and Enquiries has identified areas where research could provide evidence to improve the conduct and use of National Clinical Audits (NCAs). It identified there is a need to develop understanding and evidence to support

improving the output of audits for the wide array of users who can now access the outputs of publicly funded audits. The research need is for evidence that can be applied across NCAs and potentially to contribute to international research on enhancing the impact of audit to stimulate quality improvement. Primary research is required that involves the experimental manipulation of real audit data for end users (clinicians, providers, commissioners, and the public).

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New Wilson Disease Trial Recruiting Now

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

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Join the PANTS STUDY – Inclusion of Patients Receiving Biosimilar Infliximab – Remsima™ & Inflectra™

The latest version of the PANTS protocol allows the inclusion of Crohn's disease patients receiving Biosimilar Infliximab. Specifically this allows

- Inclusion of anti-TNF naïve Crohn's disease patients starting Remsima™ or Inflectra™
- Existing PANTS study participants receiving Remicade™ to switch to Remsima™ or Inflectra™

The PANTS study will report the initial UK experience of Biosimilar Infliximab in Crohn's disease, providing important post-authorisation data on efficacy (at week 14, 30 and 54), safety (to 3 years) and pharmacokinetics. We aim to include 225 patients treated with Biosimilar Infliximab as first-line anti-TNF treatment and 100 PANTS "switchers" over the next 12 months

For further information please contact Claire.bewshea@nhs.net or 01392 406850

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Recruitment for PPALM Study

Refer your patients with radiotherapy-induced bleeding.

This randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, NIHR-approved trial is recruiting patients with new-onset rectal bleeding affecting quality of life and due to radiation-induced telangiectasia who are free of other abnormal GI symptoms.

TRAINING

MRCP(UK) Specialty Certificate Examination in Gastroenterology fee reduced by 23 per cent

30 March 2016

The British Society of Gastroenterology and the Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are pleased to announce that trainee physicians will benefit from a 23% reduction in fees for the MRCP(UK) Specialty Certificate Examination in Gastroenterology effecting examinations from 1 August 2016.

This examination assesses the knowledge gained during specialist training and must be passed by trainee physicians in the UK before they can practise independently as a gastroenterologist. In other parts of the world, the SCE is a respected and sought-after qualification for specialist physicians.

Currently, the application fee for an SCE is £861 in the UK and £1,081 elsewhere in the world. These fees will be reduced to £665 in the UK and £833 for candidates sitting the examination at an international centre.

In 2007, the Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK and the British Society of Gastroenterology made a substantial investment to create, develop and deliver the SCE in Gastroenterology. The input of specialists in gastroenterology insures the SCE is clinically sound, and relevant to current best practice.

When the SCEs started in 2008, there were just nine candidates in one specialty. This increased to 2500 candidates across 12 specialties in 2015. The SCEs have now been taken in over 45 countries. As a result of this growth, the Federation and British Society of Gastroenterology are now able to make this change to the fees.

'The SCE project has been a tremendous academic success' said Professor Andrew Elder, MRCP(UK) Medical Director 'Now that it is established, it is very difficult to imagine a postgraduate medical training pathway in these specialties that does not include this summative assessment of specialist knowledge.'

Dr Jim Macfarlane, Trainee Representative for the SCE Steering Group, said: *'This is extremely welcome news for all trainees. It demonstrates the colleges have been receptive to feedback from trainees about the cost of examinations, particularly considering the current financial environment.'*

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

Please read the full report via the further information link.

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Notification of Vacant Posts

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

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OTHER MATTERS...

Receiving Your Journal(s)

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

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

Please help the BSG to ensure you receive your copies to the correct address by logging into your Aptify account and keeping your contact

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

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BSG's Aptify Membership System

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

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BSG Section Membership

Full BSG members are eligible to belong to 3 clinical sections and Trainees may belong to 2 sections on the following list:

- Adolescent & Young Persons
- BSG Endoscopy
- Colorectal
- Gastroduodenal
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Liver
- Neurogastroenterology & Motility
- Oesophageal
- Pancreas
- Pathology
- Radiology
- Small Bowel & Nutrition

Section members are eligible to vote on committee representation, participate in section affairs, such as research and clinical consultations, and will receive communications on matters relevant to that sub-specialty of GI medicine.

If you wish to check to which sections you belong, or update your section membership, please contact the [BSG office](#).

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