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Royal Free International  
Postgraduate Advanced  
Endoscopy Masterclass

31st August – 2nd September  
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Royal Society of Medicine –  
London

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5th – 6th September 2017

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Birmingham

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5th September 2017

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## BSG Election 2017: Council

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

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

 [Download job description](#)

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

6th – 8th September 2017

Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson – Jersey City

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17th International Coeliac Disease Symposium

8th – 10th September 2017

Hotel Le Méridien – New Delhi

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Oxford IBD MasterClass 2017

11th – 12th September 2017

Examination Schools – Oxford

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

13th – 15th September 2017

Wellcome Trust Genome Campus – Cambridge

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The Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition 2017

13th – 15th September 2017

University of Leeds – Leeds

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in the online voting system.

The relevant forms may be downloaded below.

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## BSG Election 2017: Endoscopy

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

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

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

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

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## GIRFT Clinical Leads: Dr Bev Oates named Clinical Lead for Gastroenterology

Dr Oates qualified from Birmingham University in 1993 and undertook her Specialist Registrar training in Mersey Region, including completing a Doctorate of Medicine at Liverpool University. In addition, Dr Oates has been Training Programme Director for Gastroenterology in Mersey since 2007, and National Recruitment Lead for Gastroenterology since 2009. She has been Deputy Chair of the British Society of Gastroenterology Training Committee since 2015 and will become Chair of this committee in 2018. She is also an active member of the Specialist Advisory Committee for Gastroenterology since 2007. In November 2015, Dr Oates was named HSJ Clinical Leader of the Year. This very prestigious individual award was in recognition of her national, regional and local leadership achievements. In the same year she was named Employee of the Year by her own Trust, an organisation with 5,500 staff. In her own time she has been a trustee at Wirral Hospice St John's since 2011, and Deputy Chair of the Board of Trustees since 2015. Dr Oates said: "I am thrilled to have been given this opportunity to join the GIRFT team. I am very patient centred in my approach and I am

### NETS Basics Day

14th September 2017

Halifax Hall Hotel – Sheffield

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### Bugs, Drugs, Shrugs and Hugs for Inflammatory Bowel Disease

14th September 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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### 52nd ECCO Educational Workshop

15th September 2017

Kaunas, Lithuania

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### Liverpool Advanced ERCP Nursing Workshop 2017

19th September 2017

Liverpool Medical Institution – Liverpool

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### Endoscopic Assessment and Treatment of Oesophageal Neoplasia 2017

19th September 2017

UCL London – London

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keen to be involved in this exciting programme to ensure high quality patient care is paramount, and that NHS resources are used to their best effect for the benefit of our patients. As the late Jo Cox inspirationally said 'we have more in common than that which divides us'. I know that there is a lot of great work going on in our hospitals and I am looking forward to being able to help disseminate good practice, and enable teams to reduce unwarranted variation in clinical quality, productivity and efficiency."

Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) is a national programme, led by frontline clinicians, to help improve the quality of care within the NHS by identifying and reducing unwarranted variations in service and practice. It is a partnership between the NHS Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Trust (RNOH) and the Operational Productivity Directorate of NHS Improvement (NHSI).

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## CLINICAL

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

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

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### IBD Registry News: August

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

Updates include:

- 2016 IBD Registry roadshow wins award
- IBD Registry 2017 roadshow resources now available
- Caldicott Guardian opportunity
- Registry participation
- Quarterly data submission & reports
- IBD Nurse Excellence Programme

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### Improving Quality in Liver Services

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has officially launched its new

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9th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

22nd September 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield – Sheffield

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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NIHR Colorectal Therapies HTC – National Meeting 2017

26th September 2017

Leeds Town Hall – Leeds

[▶ Further Information](#)

UKI EUS Users Group Meeting 2017

26th September 2017

UCH Education Centre – London

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EUS-ENDO International Live Course

exemplar liver accreditation programme, Improving Quality in Liver Services (IQILS), led by Dr James Ferguson, clinical lead for the programme.

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

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

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

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

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## Macmillan Virtual Multi-Disciplinary Team (VMDT)

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

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

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

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

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## NHSE Clinical Reference Group Stakeholder Registration

NHS England are keen to increase its contact lists to inform the public on policy, innovation and consultations in NHS England specialised commissioning. Please Register as a stakeholder via the further information link.

28th – 29th September 2017

Villa Mediterranee – Marseille

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53rd ECCO Educational Workshop

28th September 2017

Crowne Plaza Bucharest – Bucharest

[Further Information](#)

Gastrointestinal HCA study day

29th September 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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

30th September – 1st October 2017

Hotel Pullman, St Pancras – London

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UCL Partners Nutrition Course 2017

2nd – 4th October 2017

UNISON Centre – London

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## Accelerate, Coordinate, Evaluate (ACE) Programme

Improving diagnostic pathways for patients with suspected colorectal cancer

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

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

For more information on ACE's work on colorectal pathways, please email [Edmund.Fuller@cancer.org.uk](mailto:Edmund.Fuller@cancer.org.uk).

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## Knowledge, attitude and practice of healthcare professionals towards infliximab and insulin glargine biosimilars: result of a UK web-based survey

Message from Professor Stephen Chapman and Mohammed Aladul from Keele University

I am writing to thank you for your tremendous help supporting and disseminating our survey among your members. We are grateful to all participants for taking the time to complete our survey. It was really helpful to have the opinions and suggestions from your membership which has provided a valuable insight into health care professional's knowledge attitude and practice towards infliximab and insulin glargine biosimilars. The results of the survey have now been published in the BMJ Open journal which can be accessed from the further information link.

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## Survey: Excess Treatment Costs

Cholestasis: a cross-specialty problem

4th October 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria  
Sheffield – Sheffield

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Basic Skills ERCP Lab 2017 – Glasgow

5th – 6th October 2017

Glasgow Royal Infirmary – Glasgow

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Frontiers in Hepatology – New Therapeutic Approaches

10th October 2017

The Institute of Hepatology,  
London

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The Why What and How of Endoscope Decontamination

10th October 2017

The Met Hotel, Leeds

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The S.T.I.G. Course

13th October 2017

This is a fact-finding exercise to understand the magnitude of and processes involved in financing Excess Treatment Cost (ETC) in England. It is being conducted by the School of Health and related Research at the University of Sheffield. It has been commissioned by a number of NHS organisations. Completing the survey will allow researchers to demonstrate the difficulties around ETCs and to try and resolve these issues. [To complete the survey, go here](#). Deadline is 7 August.

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## Survey: Use of therapeutic drug monitoring for biologics in IBD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Survey: Levels of understanding about lasting powers of attorney

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

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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

13th October 2017

Hyatt Regency Hotel – Birmingham

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Gastrointestinal Nursing Study Day

16th October 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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Basic ERCP Skills Lab 2017 – Bath

18th – 19th October 2017

Royal United Hospital – Avon

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25th UEG Week

28th October – 1st November 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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21st ESGENA Conference

They have created this short survey for professionals.

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## Survey: Royal Medical Benevolent Fund Campaign – 'Together for doctors'

Doctors are invited to submit their views on working conditions in the medical profession, as part of a campaign survey for The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, the UK charity supporting doctors, medical students and their families. The RMBF aims to highlight the pressures faced by doctors at work on the front lines of the profession, and spread the word about the support on offer. The short survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

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## Survey: The Obesity Health Alliance Survey of Health Professionals

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

All of your answers will be confidential.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

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## Survey: Specialist Nurse Roles in the Management of Alcohol Use Disorders

If you are a nurse or AHP who cares for patients with an alcohol use disorder, either directly or as part of a wider team, we would like to know about your experiences, practice and future development needs. We would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes of your time to complete [this on-line survey](#). The survey will close on 18/08/2017. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Owens on [lynno@liv.ac.uk](mailto:lynno@liv.ac.uk).

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## Survey: Priority-Setting Partnership in Coeliac Disease

28th – 30th October 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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10th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

2nd – 3rd November 2017

Jubilee Conference Centre – Nottingham

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

2nd – 3rd November 2017

Paradise Point Resort & Spa – San Diego

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Endoclubnord

3rd – 4th November 2017

Hamburg Messe West – Hamburg

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NCRI Cancer Conference 2017

5th – 8th November 2017

BT Convention Centre – Liverpool

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

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## EDUCATION

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

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### Travel bursaries available for conference attendance in 2017

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

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### Travel bursaries available for Associates for conference attendance in 2017

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

#### Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 2

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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#### Advances in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (AIBD) 2017

9th – 11th November 2017

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel – Lake Buena Vista

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#### King's Live 2017

10th – 12th November 2017

Weston Education Centre – London

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#### Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy

13th November 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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#### London Live Endoscopy 2017

16th – 17th November 2017

Deadline for applications: Monday 4 September 2017 at 4pm.

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## Gastroenterology and hepatology in pregnancy

11 December 2017, Royal College of Physicians of London

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

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## UCL Partners Nutrition Course 2017

2-4 October 2017, London

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

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## BSG SpR/StR Education Weekend, Newcastle

6th - 7th October 2017

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

Topics included in this year's Education Weekend include:

Luminal Session

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

University College Hospital - London

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

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

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The 39th King's Liver Course: King's Liver Hepatology Update

17th November 2017

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

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54th ECCO Educational Workshop

17th November 2017

Cardiff, Wales

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The 2nd Nottingham IBD Masterclass

24th November 2017

East Midlands Conference Centre - Nottingham

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## Endoscopy & Radiology Session

- Lesion recognition in the upper GI tract: Seek and you shall find
- Lesion recognition in the lower GI tract: Is that an adenomatous, sessile serrated or hyperplastic polyp?
- Pancreatobiliary imaging for the non-specialist

## Hepatology Session

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

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

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

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## The Why What and How of Endoscope Decontamination

10th October – The Met Hotel, Leeds

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

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## The 10th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

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

The programme includes lectures, live endoscopy transmission, how I

## Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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

8th December 2017

Institute of Translational Medicine Birmingham – Birmingham

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## 55th ECCO Educational Workshop

8th December 2017

Krakow, Poland

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## Intestinal Failure Study Day and Workshop in Home Parenteral Nutrition

11th – 12th December 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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## Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Pregnancy

do it, course dinner and a dedicated full day for nurses' education.

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

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

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

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## London Live Endoscopy 2017

16th – 17th November, UCH Education Centre

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

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

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

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

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## The 2nd Nottingham IBD Masterclass

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

This one-day IBD Masterclass course hosts a nationally and internally renowned faculty with interactive real world case-based discussions. Relevant presentations will include updates on new biological agents, optimal surgical strategies, and new advances in IBD endoscopy together with the latest evidence of next generation small molecules in IBD as well top tips on treatment initiation and cessation in IBD.

11th December 2017

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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

15th December 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

15th December 2017

MATTU, University of Surrey – Guildford

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AGIP Upper GI Physiology Masterclass

1st March 2018

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

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

23rd March 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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The course has been granted 6 CPD credits by the Royal College of Physicians and has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. Contact Emma Bradley [emma.bradley@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:emma.bradley@nottingham.ac.uk) or Beth Robinson [Bethany.robinson@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Bethany.robinson@nottingham.ac.uk) for details on how to register.

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

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

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

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

To book a place on the course, please visit [www.gastro-tastercourse.co.uk](http://www.gastro-tastercourse.co.uk) and follow the instructions on the website. If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact MCI UK Ltd at [BSG2017tastercourse@mci-group.com](mailto:BSG2017tastercourse@mci-group.com) or telephone them on 0141 202 2888.

Tickets are limited to 120 spaces and are sold on a 'first come, first served' basis and are likely to sell very quickly – so 'don't delay, book today'!

Free places for medical students...

The BSG Trainees Section is inviting UK final year medical students to apply for one of 5 fully funded places on the fifth 'Taster Course in Gastroenterology' Applicants need to be UK-based medical students starting their final year of study this year.

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

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

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

Wednesday 12 December 2018, Royal College of Physicians

### The S.T.I.G. Course – April 2018

26th April 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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### Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy – May 2018

10th May 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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### BSG Annual Meeting 2018

4th – 7th June 2018

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

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

12th December 2018

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs

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

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

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

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

Minimum criteria for nominees:

ECCO Member status (2018)

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

Nomination process for candidates from ECCO Country Member states:

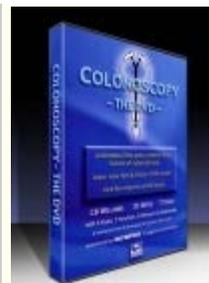
Eligible candidates should contact their respective national representatives ([www.ecco-ibd.eu](http://www.ecco-ibd.eu) – log in and go to "Members' Area" (blue box), click on "Downloads", then "General Assembly" – List of National Representatives) in time. The participants are selected in their country,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

Nomination process for candidates from outside of Europe:

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

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



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](#)

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

The meeting will provide state-of-the-art education and science by a global faculty focusing on a world-view of GI and hepatology diseases and treatments and will afford attendees an opportunity to present their research in an international forum. Attendees have the option to choose from one-day courses on Friday, the weekend Postgraduate Course, or the three-day Scientific Meeting, which will be held Monday–Wednesday.

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

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

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

A variety of interactive formats to best cover our multidisciplinary field

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

Follow a new pathway: From guidelines to clinical practice

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

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## RESEARCH

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### Trainees – 2017 IBD Investigators Meeting – Cardiff

Are you a BSG Trainee member interested in IBD research? A limited number of places is available to attend the next [IBD Investigators](#)

[Meeting](#) (Cardiff, Thursday 16 November; the 54th ECCO Educational Workshop is in Cardiff on Friday 17 November). The full-day, interactive meeting has been planned by the BSG's IBD Clinical Research Group. It will include a constructive IBD Research Dragons' Den as well as information on the practicalities of research and current IBD trials. [Full details are available to download](#). Register by emailing the details below to [BSG Research](#). The IBD Investigators meeting is free to attend but delegates must support their own expenses for any travel and accommodation. Several travel bursaries (up to £100 each) are available on a first-come, first-served basis for BSG Trainee members; apply by emailing [BSG Research](#) with your:

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

Successful applicants will be notified immediately.

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

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

Friday 22nd September 9:30 – 1pm

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

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

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please email [Shirley.Hannan@thenhsa.co.uk](mailto:Shirley.Hannan@thenhsa.co.uk).

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

UCLH Education Centre, Monday 25th September 2017

A Cystic Tumours Workshop is being held on Monday 25th

September (the day before UKI EUS Users meeting). The aim of the meeting is to provide a forum for clinicians, health professionals, GPs and patients to review the latest evidence and guidelines in cystic tumours.

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

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## Bowel Cancer UK Grant Round now open

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

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

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

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

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## Research Priorities for Alcohol-Related Liver Disease

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

Traditionally, the focus of medical research is decided by funders and researchers. There is often a mismatch between what gets researched and what would actually make a real difference to the lives of patients. The James Lind Alliance (JLA) offers a process to ask

patients, carers and health professionals to identify and then prioritise the unanswered questions that concern them most. In 2014, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) asked the JLA to run a Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) to find unanswered questions about the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of alcohol-related liver disease that are important to the people it affects. This is the first known PSP involving an alcohol-related condition.

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

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## Core-Dr Falk SpR Trainee Audit/Quality Improvement Awards

Core and Dr Falk are celebrating ten years of collaboration (2007 – 2017) with a brand new £10,000 award to support UK-based gastroenterology specialty trainees who would like to conduct an audit or quality improvement project in any area of gastroenterology, pancreas or liver disease or nutrition.

The aim of this award is to engage and support trainee gastroenterologists in audit and quality improvement that will bring about real benefits for patients. Core and Dr Falk are committed to engaging trainees with research, obtaining funding and adding an extra dimension to your career at an early stage. Research, audit and service improvement benefits all of us.

Applications can be made for the full £10,000 or for smaller amounts. Applications can come from individual trainees or from collaborators within trainee networks working across different sites regionally or nationally. Applications may be for new projects for existing networks or for the development of a project within a new research network. [Download Pointers for setting up a successful trainee research network here.](#)

The project must address an area of clinical need within gastroenterology and have clear patient benefit. Pilot and feasibility work to enable larger grant applications will be considered. The project must be entirely based within the UK and for a period of one year only.

The successful project should be able to start within a maximum of six months of the date of the award.

All relevant non-capital project costs can be funded under this award. This can include, for example, network-related set up costs such as website, database expenses as well as project-related travel or volunteers expenses but excludes conference attendance.

The deadline for applications is Friday September 8th 2017.

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

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## Crohn's and Colitis UK Research Awards

## 2018

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

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

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

Closing date for applications is 4pm on Friday, 22nd September 2017.

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

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## Research Funding Opportunities

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

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## Research news on the BSG website

More news items than those included here are added frequently to the website – go to [www.bsg.org.uk/research/news/index.html](http://www.bsg.org.uk/research/news/index.html) for additional articles. Read about clinical trials in IBD and IBS, research career development opportunities, investment in research and more!.

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## TRAINING

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BSG National Introduction to

# Gastroenterology 2017

20th November 2017 – Royal College of Physicians

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

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

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

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

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## BSG Travelling Fellowship to EndoClub Nord, Hamburg, November 3rd – 10th 2017

EndoClub Nord has developed over the last 20 years into the largest live endoscopy congress in the World, with > 2500 delegates attending from Germany and beyond. It remains a centre for the introduction of innovation in endoscopic practice and new technologies. BSG Endoscopy are delighted that Professor Thomas Rosch has invited BSG members to join the faculty of EndoClub Nord 2017, and Colin Rees, Pradeep Bhandari, John Anderson, Siwan Thomas-Gibson, and George Webster will be involved in live cases, debate, and commentary from Hamburg, with projection to other English-speaking centres around the world. To extend the BSG's engagement we have the opportunity, through fully supported travelling fellowships, for 10 trainees or junior consultants to join them in Hamburg. As well as attending EndoClub Nord ([endoclubnord.de](http://endoclubnord.de)) November 3rd-4th, the fellows will also have the exciting opportunity to stay on for a further week, for tailored endoscopic experience within the EndoClub Nord Academy and allied hospitals. Fellows can expect to be able to select training and exposure to a wide range of interventional endoscopy, including upper and lower GI EMR and ESD, small bowel endoscopy, POEM, ERCP, cholangioscopy, enteral stenting, and HPB/OG EUS.

Who should apply?

Applications will be considered from medical/surgical trainees and consultants within 5 years of appointment, and will be most appropriate for those with a career focus including diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy. Applicants must be BSG members.

What does the sponsorship cover?

Return flights to Hamburg, hotel accommodation, and registration to EndoClub Nord will be covered as part of the fellowship.

Closing date for applications: Friday August 11th 17:00.

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## BSG/BASL Trainee Bursary to attend the BASL Annual Meeting 2017, 20 – 22nd September in Warwick

Deadline: 11th August 2017

Norgine Pharmaceuticals have made provision for 5 bursaries to be made available to assist BSG or BASL trainee members to attend the forthcoming BASL Annual Meeting in Warwick (20–22 September 2017). Each bursary will cover the winning trainees' conference registration fees, reasonable travel costs, accommodation expenses (2 nights) and one evening meal. Norgine Pharmaceuticals, on behalf of the winning trainees, will arrange all aspects of the above. Recipients must attend all days of the conference.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:support@bmj.com).

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