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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.

Gastroenterology Update for Primary Care 2016

7th June 2016

Centre for Professional Development – Edgbaston – Birmingham

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Bioinformatics for Nutritionists workshop

7th – 8th June 2016

The Nutrition Society HQ – London

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2016 Section Committee and Council Elections

The following members have been elected to the BSG Council and Section Committees.

Council

Dr Penny Neild
Professor David Sanders
Dr Robert Logan
Professor Yash Mahida

Adolescent and Young Persons Colorectal

Dr Naila Arebi
Dr John O'Donohue
Professor Pradeep Bhandari

Endoscopy

Dr Manu Nayar

Gastroduodenal

Dr Ian Beales
Professor Pradeep Bhandari
Dr Adrian Stanley

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ACP NSM 2016

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

➤ [Further Information](#)

18th TECNA Course

10th June 2016
Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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Warwick University Short Course 2016 – 'Laboratory Skills'

Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Dr Bu'Hussain Hayee Dr Patrick Allen
Liver	Dr Deepak Joshi Dr Kapil Kapur
Neurogastroenterology & Motility	Dr Anton Emmanuel Dr Peter Paine Dr Adam Farmer Professor John Mclaughlin
Pancreas	Dr Shyam Menon Dr Bharat Paranandi Dr Fanny Shek
Pathology	Dr Salvador Diaz-Cano
Small Bowel & Nutrition	Dr Charlotte Pither

13th – 24th June 2016

University of Warwick –
Coventry

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The King's Liver Golden Jubilee:
International Summit 2016

16th – 18th June 2016

King's College Hospital –
London

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2016 Trainee Section Committee and Regional Representative Elections

The following members have been elected to the Trainee Section Committee and as Regional Representatives.

Colorectal	Dr Manmeet Matharoo
Gastroduodenal	Dr Monika Widlak
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Dr Phil Smith
Liver	Dr Katherine Arndtz
Neurogastroenterology & Motility	Dr Dipesh Vasant
East of Scotland	Dr Laura Kitto
Mersey	Dr Sinan Al-Rubaye
Wales	Dr Hasan Haboubi
Yorkshire & Humber	Dr Eleanor Taylor

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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Dr Cathryn Edwards appointed President-Elect

The BSG is delighted to announce that following a competitive process Dr Cathryn Edwards has been appointed as the BSG's President-Elect (2016–18) and then President from (2018–2020). Cathryn takes on the role after the Annual Meeting in June and will work closely with Martin Lombard and the wider BSG Executive, Council and office to take forward the priorities of the Society. Cathryn is a consultant gastroenterologist at Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust and a previous Honorary Secretary of the Society.

48th meeting of the European
Pancreatic Club

6th – 9th July 2016

St George's Hall, Liverpool –
Liverpool

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Dr Mark Hudson appointed Vice-President Hepatology

The BSG is delighted to announce that following a competitive process Dr Mark Hudson has been appointed as the BSG's Vice-President for Hepatology. He will succeed Dr Steve Ryder following the Annual Meeting in June and hold the position for two years. Mark will form a key part of the BSG's Executive and be the Society's leading voice on hepatology matters. Mark is a consultant hepatologist at Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the immediate past-President of BASL and an elected member of the BSG Council until June.

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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 Regsitry Update: Join us at the BSG in June!

Join us at the BSG in June!

Join Stuart Bloom, Ian Arnott, Pearl Avery, Keith Bodger and Fraser Cummings at the BSG meeting in Liverpool next month. Delivering Quality with the IBD Registry will give you a chance to find out more about IBD Audit and IBD Registry plans as the Registry takes over from the Audit as the vehicle for ongoing data collection. The session is on Thursday 23rd June 8:45-10:15 and will include group work and discussions to give you a chance to help shape the project.

If you can't make the Thursday session, the IBD Audit Programme and IBD Registry teams will be sharing a stand in the charities section of the exhibition throughout the conference. Do come and see us to find out more about plans for the future.

Please see visit the further information link below to see the full IBD Registry update for May.

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3rd Athens International Symposium

8th – 9th July 2016

Athens Hilton Hotel – Athens

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

11th – 14th July 2016

University of Warwick – Coventry

[Further Information](#)

Summer Conference 2016: New technologies in nutrition research and practice

11th – 14th July 2016

University College Dublin – Dublin

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Methods for Evaluating Medical Tests and Biomarkers

19th – 20th July 2016

University of Birmingham

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Mucosal Immunology Course & Symposium (MICS)

27th – 30th July 2016

UEG Digestive Health Month

UEG Digestive Health Month in May to shine the light on GI diseases in Europe.

The first UEG Digestive Health Month will take place this May to increase awareness about digestive health and to highlight how more funding can help to advance our understanding of related diseases. It will bring much needed attention to gastrointestinal diseases that people often shy away from.

Two of the key initiatives being organised by UEG will be the "Digestive Health and Children" and "Prevention, Promotion and Screening" events to be held in the European Parliament. They will enable UEG members to raise awareness and reach out to policymakers about the rising incidence of GI diseases in the EU and the worrying lack of research funding to address them.

UEG will point out that more than 600 million patients over 60 suffered from a gastrointestinal disease in 2000. This number is expected to double to 1.2 billion by 2025. And yet, GI receives far too little of Europe's current annual health research budget.

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UEG Elections 2016

The UEG has given notice that the following positions will be elected during UEG Week Vienna 2016:

- Chair of the Scientific Committee
- Chair of the Public Affairs Committee
- Two Members on the National Societies Committee

Deadline for nominations: September 16, 2016.

The specific job descriptions for each position are [available online](#) and the UEG statutes should be carefully considered during the definition of suitable candidates. 2 positions for Members on the National Societies Committee

Given UEG's focus on equality and the current composition of the National Societies Committee they will only consider female candidates for this round of elections during the meeting of the National Societies Forum at [UEG Week Vienna 2016](#). Access the [Call for Elections](#) and [Job Description](#).

Election of Chairs of the EUG Scientific and Public Affairs Committee

Following Article 11 of the UEG statutes, Chairs of the Committees are elected already one year before the term of their predecessor ends to allow a smooth handover of business. Chair Elects for these positions will thus be elected during the Meeting of Members (former General Assembly) on occasion of UEG Week Vienna 2016.

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Westin Harbour Castle –
Toronto

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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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Endoscopic Assessment and
Treatment of Oesophageal
Neoplasia

1st September 2016

University College London
Hospitals – London

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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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The Leeds course in Clinical
Nutrition 2016

14th – 16th September 2016

University of Leeds – Leeds

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UEG – Quality in Endoscopy Reporting Standards

A cooperation between ESGE and UEG as part of the Quality in Endoscopy initiative of UEG's Strategic Plan and its first publication, with significant UK input, are now available. [Requirements and standards facilitating quality improvement for reporting systems in gastrointestinal endoscopy.](#)

[Press Release: Medics call for urgent improvements in the quality of endoscopy across Europe](#)

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BMJ Awards 2016

Congratulations to BSG member Professor Rebecca Fitzgerald and team, part of the MRC Cancer Unit and Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust team, who submitted the winning entry for the Gastroenterology category of the BMJ Awards 2016: Cytosponge: find cancer early.

Congratulations must also go to BSG members Kay Greveson, Charlie Murray and Phil Smith, part of the team at the Royal Free London Foundation NHS Trust whose entry, *IBD Passport travel resource*, was chosen as runner-up in the Gastroenterology category.

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NHSE proposed revisions to Clinical Reference Groups

The recent engagement period on the proposed revisions to Clinical Reference Groups has resulted in changes to their structure. All changes, along with a summary of the feedback received during the engagement period, are set out in the attached engagement outcome report:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec>

Revisions have now been agreed by NHS England's Specialised Commissioning Oversight Group and they will be implementing the changes over the next few months. The recruitment process for the new CRG chairs and request for interest in members has now started and the advert can be found at:

<http://jobs.bmj.com/employer/14706/nhs-england/>

The closing date for applications is midnight on 15th May.

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The UK NSC recommendation on Stomach

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15th – 16th September 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow

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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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The 8th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium – SAVE THE DATE

23rd September 2016

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria

cancer screening in adults

Recommendation: Systematic population screening programme not recommended

Last review completed: March 2016

Why is screening not recommended by UK NSC?

Screening is not recommended because:

- as of yet there is no initial test that is both reliable and harmless, and therefore which can be used on everybody
- there are diagnostic tests that can confirm the presence of cancer, but they are too harmful and invasive to be used on everybody as the first test
- it is not known how and when to treat suspicious signs of cancer

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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

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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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).

Sheffield – Sheffield

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Cambridge Liver Symposium 2016

23rd September 2016

Robinson College – Cambridge

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Coventry Colonoscopy September Course – Sharing Good Practice

30th September 2016

University Hospital Coventry – Coventry

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – October 2016

5th October 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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UEG 2016

15th – 19th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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20th ESGENA Conference

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Hepatitis C Coalition Newsletter

Please find below the April edition of the Hepatitis C Coalition quarterly newsletter. Topics covered include:

- News and developments: including introduction to the newsletter and NHS England's CQUIN payment scheme for hepatitis C ODN lead providers
- Members' activity: including Hepatitis C Trust patient councils, the Haemophilia Society's campaign, Addaction's pilot project in Bournemouth, CRI's name change and LJWG appointment of new Co-Chairs
- News updates: including short news items, parliamentary activity and visits to the Operational Delivery Networks
- Coalition information: including an update on meetings regarding the national improvement framework for hepatitis C services

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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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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 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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15th – 17th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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First Conference of the European Association of Systems Medicine

26th – 28th October 2016

Kaiserin Friedrich-Haus – Berlin

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APDW 2016

2nd – 5th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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JDDW 2016

3rd – 6th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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European Capsule Endoscopy Lumley Training Programme Autumn 2016

10th – 11th November 2016

Lumley Castle Hotel – County Durham

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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: Management of Eating Disorders in Inpatient Medical Settings

Dr. William Rhys Jones (Consultant Psychiatrist, Yorkshire Centre for Eating Disorders, Newsam Centre, Leeds).

Dr. Paul Robinson (Consultant Psychiatrist, Barnet Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust, St Anns Hospital, London)

The Yorkshire Centre for Eating Disorders invites you to take part in a survey looking at your experience of managing patients with eating disorders in medical settings. Before you decide to take part please read the information below.

The aim of this survey is to assess gastroenterologists' experiences of managing patients with eating disorders in medical settings. By doing so we will be able to focus future training to meet the needs of gastroenterologists and improve patient care.

You will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire assessing your experience which should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. All the information about your participation in this survey will be anonymised and kept confidential. The survey has been peer-reviewed by the St. George's Eating Disorders Research Network and approved by the Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Research and Development Department.

If you have any concerns or require any further information please send an email to the chief investigator Consultant Psychiatrist Dr. William Rhys Jones (r.jones9@nhs.net).

Thank you for taking part in this survey and your time is much appreciated.

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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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Coventry Colonoscopy November Course – Sharing Good Practice

25th November 2016

University Hospital Coventry – Coventry

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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

Results of judging of applications for Norgine bursaries 2016

The BSG Trainees Section are very pleased to have provided 10 bursaries for the following trainees to attend the BSG Annual Meeting 2016 to be held June 20th – 23rd in Liverpool. The bursaries were made available to trainee members of the BSG by Norgine Pharmaceuticals.

- Dr Shivkumar Budihal
- Dr Danny Cheung
- Dr Amritpal Dhaliwal
- Dr Melissa Hale
- Dr Sara Koo
- Dr Manmeet Matharoo
- Dr David Mitchell
- Dr Jenny Scott
- Dr Gareth Walker
- Dr Georgia Woodfield

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Ten BSG/MSD Bursaries for Travel to UEG Week 2016

The BSG Education Committee invites BSG members (including scientists, trainees and consultants in the first 5 years of their career in any area of gastroenterology) to apply for 10 travel bursaries. Each bursary of up to £800 is funded by MSD and is intended to reimburse the costs of registration, travel and/or accommodation for attendance at UEG Week 2016 in Vienna, Austria, 15–19 October 2016. Other costs (meals, poster preparation, visas etc.) will not be supported.

The BSG is solely responsible for all aspects of administering the BSG/MSD Travel Bursary Scheme, including Education Committee assessment of applications and selection of recipients. Additional criteria are presentation of research paper (oral or poster at UEGW) and/or specific purpose of attending UEGW i.e. workshop or clinical presentation which is not supported by other funding.

The names of successful applicants will be supplied by the BSG to MSD upon selection. Recipients will be invited by MSD to an awards dinner during UEGW. Recipients must provide structured feedback after the conference. MSD confirms that the funding is not conditional on, or provided in the expectation of, the prescription, supply, administration or recommendation of any MSD product.

Applications should be sent by 4pm on Wednesday 27 July 2016 to Ms Julie Solomon j.solomon@bsg.org.uk for consideration by the BSG Education Committee, by which decisions on recipients will be made. Applicants will be notified no later than Monday 15 August 2016.

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ICC Birmingham

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Surgical Anastomosis
Techniques – May 2017

31st May 2017

Royal College of Physicians &
Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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20th TECNA Course

10th June 2017

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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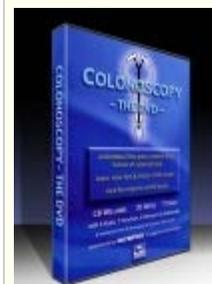
BSG Annual Meeting 2017

19th – 22nd June 2017

Manchester Central Convention
Complex – Manchester

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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

#BSG2016 Twitter Debate Series

The British Society of Gastroenterology is holding a series of weekly Twitter debates on a range of gastroenterology issues in the run up to the BSG Annual Meeting in June.

The series will begin on the 1st June 8–9pm with a debate hosted by Kofi Oppong and Ye Oo, the winners of the Hopkins Endoscopy Prize and Sir Francis Avery-Jones research medal respectively, who will provide an insight into their work.

Second up on the 8th June 8–9pm is Professor Pradeep Bhandari leading a lively debate on the question *'With a capacity crisis in the NHS, what is the future of specialist endoscopy?'*

Finally, on the 15th June 8–9pm we look forward to Dr Simon Greenfield, Chairman of the BSG's Clinical Services and Standards Committee, hosting a debate surrounding the question *'Should gastroenterologists do general medicine?'*

The Twitter debates offer a great opportunity to engage with fellow BSG members in the run up to the conference!

More details to follow on the #BSG2016 Twitter Debate Series.

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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 6th Nottingham Barrett's endotherapy course

12th – 13th May

Prof Krish Ragunath invites you to attend the 6th Nottingham 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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Coventry Colonoscopy Course – Sharing Good Practice

Dates: 30th September & 25th November 2016

Venue: University Hospital Coventry

Contact: Rachel Davies rachel.davies2@uhcw.nhs.uk

JAG-approved and endorsed by the BSG Education Committee, this is a CPD-accredited hands-on course for practicing colonoscopists. Each delegate performs 2 colonoscopies on unselected cases in the company of a peer group. Friendly group discussion and feedback. The faculty members are TCT trained. The course is suitable for Gastroenterologists, Surgeons and Specialist Registrars.

Trainers: Prof Chuka Nwokolo, Consultant Gastroenterologist; Dr Jayne Eaden, Consultant Gastroenterologist; Mr Phil Baragwanath – Consultant Colorectal Surgeon.

Learning Objectives:

1. Develop existing skills for safe and effective practice of colonoscopy
2. Enhance appreciation of colonoscope handling and colonoscope positioning and methodology to facilitate endoscope intubation
3. To observe and be able to critically appraise colonoscopy

practice by use of a tri-split video system

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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 <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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PHG – Genomics in Mainstream Medicine

The RCP working group have produced a [progress report](#) on genomics in mainstream medicine.

A complete suite of introductory resources can be found on the [PHG Foundation Website](#) and includes [Genomics and Gastroenterology](#).

The document entitled [Medical Oncology and Genomics](#) also makes a reference to colorectal cancers.

Clinical Champions are included in the Genomics in Mainstream Medicine working group. [Jack Satsangi](#) speaks for gastroenterology.

Additional information can be found on the [Health Education England Genomics Education Programme](#) website, and also in the [clinical section](#) of the BSG website.

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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.

In order to apply for this prize please visit the [UEG Website](#) and complete the online application by May 13th, 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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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

This randomised double blind placebo controlled, NIHR approved trial of oral medication with Gamma Tocotrienol (an extract of Palm oil) and Pentoxifylline 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.

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TRAINING

Malawi Training Centre to be inaugurated

Mark Hendrickse (Blackpool) has recently conducted Basic Skills in Gastroscopy training in Lilongwe, as part of the Malawi training network, and that the Malawi Blantyre training centre, jointly supported by WGO, BSG and JAG will be officially inaugurated on 10 May, with Dr Andy Veitch representing the BSG and Prof David Bjorkman the President of the WGO in attendance. We will also conduct skills improvement, endoscopy nursing, and endoscopy foundation courses in Blantyre in May.

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BSG Workforce Report Oct 2015

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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