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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.

Guy's PACES Course 2017

10th – 13th January 2017

The Education Centre Guy's & St Thomas', London

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10th Portsmouth Advanced Endoscopy Symposium 2017

12th – 13th January 2017

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BSG Annual Meeting: 19th–22nd June 2017

Dr Jayne Eaden – BSG Senior Secretary & Chair, BSG 2017 Organising Committee

We are pleased to announce that abstract submission for the BSG Annual Meeting 2017 is now OPEN!

To submit an abstract for consideration, please visit the dedicated abstract page by clicking [here](#).

Abstracts are welcome on the following topics, for both oral and poster presentation:

1. Endoscopy (including video)*
2. Inflammatory Bowel Disease
3. Liver
4. Oesophagus
5. Gastroduodenal
6. Pancreas and neuroendocrine
7. Small bowel
8. Nutrition
9. Colon and anorectum
10. Neurogastroenterology: functional disorders, motility and clinical physiology

19th – 20th January 2017

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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The IBD Summit 2017

20th – 21st January 2017

Hilton Heathrow, Terminal 5 – Colnbrook, Slough

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2nd Annual Human Microbiome Congress

24th – 25th January 2017

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BSPGHAN Annual Meeting 2017

25th – 27th January 2017

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel – Glasgow

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4th National Gastrointestinal Nursing Conference

27th January 2017

America Square Conference Centre – London

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10 years of the UK IBD audit: framing the future

11. Gastroenterology service: development, delivery, IT
12. Education and training

* The Endoscopy Section encourages submission of videos with a focus on novel therapies or stenting in the GI tract.

Abstract submission closes: 24 February 2017.

For full abstract guidelines please click [here](#) to download.

For any abstract related questions please do not hesitate to contact the BSG 2017 secretariat at bsg2017abs@mci-group.com.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

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BSG Endolive 2017 – registration now open

On behalf of the BSG we are delighted to provide the full programme for Endolive 2017, and invite you and your endoscopy team to sign up! This 2 day meeting will build on the success of the inaugural Endolive 2015, and will be the largest live endoscopy course ever held in the UK. The meeting will be held at the Birmingham ICC, with live links to 2 of the premier endoscopy centres in the UK, St Mark's Hospital in London, and Glasgow Royal Infirmary. We will be joined by an outstanding UK and international faculty, and highlights will include:

- Live endoscopy. Cases will be transmitted over the 2 days from up 6 rooms in high definition, and the full range of procedures will be covered, including diagnostic and therapeutic OGD, colonoscopy, small bowel enteroscopy, EUS and ERCP. Procedures demonstrated will include those widely experienced in clinical practice, as well as new and advanced techniques.
- State of the art lectures, with short punchy updates on topical areas of common endoscopic scenarios.
- Clinical symposia, at which selected areas of practice are discussed in enhanced detail.
- Meet the expert sessions. These popular morning meetings allow delegates to interact and discuss technical aspects of endoscopic procedures with international experts in the field.
- A dedicated nurses forum, aimed at addressing technical and training aspects of endoscopy nursing.
- Delegates at Endolive 2017 will receive a 20% discount on early bird registration fees for the annual conference in Manchester (June 19–22).

A real focus of the meeting is for all of us to improve the clinical endoscopic practice that we offer, with an emphasis on quality. The live cases, discussions, lectures and meet the expert sessions will aim to help all of us better understand not only 'how to do it', but 'when to do it'. Safe and effective endoscopy is a team effort, and to reflect this we would encourage all members of your service to attend. Very competitive registration fees include a team registration to support this.

As previously, we expect Endolive 2017 to be challenging, inspiring and fun – we will be absolutely delighted to see you there!

Please find the full programme and online registration at: www.endolive-uk.org.uk

3rd February 2017

The Royal College of Physicians,
London

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Immunogenomics of Disease:
Accelerating to Patient Benefit

6th – 8th February 2017

Wellcome Trust Genome
Campus – Cambridge

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12th ECCO Congress 2017

15th – 18th February 2017

CCIB – Centre Convencions
International Barcelona

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ENDO 2017 – The future in
focus

16th – 19th February 2017

Novotel & HICC Complex,
Hyderabad, India

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Surgical Anastomosis
Techniques – February 2017

22nd February 2017

Royal College of Physicians &
Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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Prof Colin Rees wins 'Clinical Research Impact' category at HSJ Awards

On 23 November 2016, BSG Vice-President for Endoscopy, Prof Colin Rees and his team at South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust won the Clinical Research Impact category of the Health Service Journal annual awards, for their entry "*Delivering High Quality Gastroenterology Research*". Sponsored by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network, the award is presented to an NHS organisation that has made an extra effort to embed clinical research as core business and harness the outcomes of clinical research to improve services and treatments for its patients. The full statement from the NIHR can be found on the [NIHR website](#). The full list of awards is on the [Health Service Journal website](#). The BSG congratulates Prof Rees and his team.

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Chair of the Research Advisory Committee on PHE Screening

Public Health England are currently advertising for three Chairs for Public Health England's cancer screening programme Research Advisory Committees (RAC). One for each of the below RACs:

- Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP)
- Breast Screening Programme (BSP)
- Cervical Screening Programme (CSP)

The RACs are responsible for ensuring that PHEs screening programmes support good quality research without compromising the day to day function of the screening programmes. Candidates should be able to demonstrate experience in one or more of the following:

- Experience in chairing a multidisciplinary group.
- A detailed understanding of screening.
- Experience in health services research (ideally in screening programmes).

Closing date: 7th December 2016

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APPEAL: Send us your service success stories

Cancer Research UK Early Diagnosis Research Conference

23rd – 24th February 2017

Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton, London

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AGIP Upper GI Physiology Masterclass in Good Practice

1st March 2017

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

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Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

ICC Birmingham

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CDDW 2017

3rd – 6th March 2017

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Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Training Weekend

3rd – 5th March 2017

Holiday Inn – Stoke on Trent

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

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Latest IBD Registry data submission and site numbers

As we approach the end of the year, the Registry team would like to thank all the IBD teams who have now joined the project for all their hard work. We've reached an important milestone in November with 20 sites now having submitted data, giving a total of 17,328 records. More records will be uploaded in December as we now have 44 teams who have completed their registration with NHS Digital. If you have data you'd like to upload and need any help at all please contact Mark at support@ibdregistry.org.uk.

Altogether, 176 IBD teams from across the UK have registered to participate, and there are 78 sites 'live' with a system for data capture, using a variety of different data entry methods (e.g. web tool, patient management system, local system etc). If you're in one of the teams that haven't yet registered please contact IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk to find out more about joining in.

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10 years of the UK IBD audit: framing the future

The UK inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) audit event will take place on Friday 3 February 2017. 10 years of the UK IBD audit: framing the future will take place at the Royal College of Physicians between 10am and 4pm.

Join us to celebrate 10 years of the IBD audit programme as it comes to an end

Hear about its successes and the future for the Registry and opportunities for continued quality improvement

Network and learn how other teams achieved improvements

Learn more about the transition to the IBD Registry – what this means to you and how the IBD Registry will continue to support improvements in care.

Share and help shape the future of IBD planning.

Click here to book your free ticket:

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/10-years-of-the-inflammatory-bowel-disease-ibd-audit-framing-the-future-tickets-29648427244>

The first 30 people who register for this event will be eligible for a £50 reduction against their travel arrangements if booked by 15th

Clinical Leadership and Management Course for Medical Specialties

6th – 8th March 2017

Keele, Staffordshire

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Supporting Gastroenterology Trainees in Careers in Research and Academia

20th March 2017

Birmingham Conference and Events Centre – Birmingham

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Liver Disease in Primary Care

21st – 22nd March 2017

Centre for Professional Development – Birmingham

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

23rd – 25th March 2017

Busan Exhibition and Convention Center – Busan

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4th Leeds Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

December. If you would like to take advantage of this early booking offer, please select the General admission – Early bird £50 voucher ticket (details on claiming this offer are provided on the ticket).

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News from the Association of GI Physiologists (AGIP) Section

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

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

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

Highlights of the most recent edition include:

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

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BSG guidance on vaccination against MAP in humans

Dr AB Hawthorne, Chair BSG IBD Section, October 2016 (planned review date: October 2017)

A vaccine has been developed that could be used in patients with Crohn's disease, and phase 1 trials are planned to start at the end of 2016, with phase 2 trials in Crohn's patients to follow in 2017. There has been extensive publicity, particularly in social media around the potential that a vaccine has as a 'cure for Crohn's disease'. As yet this is unproven. Patients have understandably been keen to have PCR testing for MAP, and knowing that they have the infection, have sought treatment to eradicate it pending availability of the vaccine.

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Judicial Review on NHSE run rate approach for treatment of hepatitis C

Specialised Commissioning Blood and Infection Programme of Care

24th March 2017

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

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The Principles of Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block 1

27th March – 31st March 2017

Torbay Hospital

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The International Liver Congress 2017

19th – 24th April 2017

Amsterdam RAI

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Stoke ERCP Symposium

27th – 28th April 2017

Royal Stoke University Hospital – Stoke-on-Trent

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Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2017

6th – 9th May 2017

McCormick Place – Chicago

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Briefing – November 2016

The decision on permission in respect of the claim for a judicial review brought against NHS England was made on 21 September 2016. The court declined permission.

On the case for judicial review, the judge concluded that the run rate approach being followed by NHS England was a legitimate way of giving effect to the NICE guidance which requires the treatment to be made available to 'patients with the highest unmet clinical need'. Work will now focus on re-engaging with stakeholders. Work on plans for a multi-year strategic procurement for hepatitis C is well progressed. There are two new treatments subject to NICE appraisal with final announcements expected during the remainder of 2016/17 which may necessitate further rate cards to be issued during this contract year. This is being kept under review and the intention is to provide as much notice of changes as possible.

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BSG Quality Improvement Project

The mission of the BSG is to support its members to provide the best care and achieve the best outcomes for patients with gastrointestinal and liver diseases. As one of the ways to achieve this, the BSG has embarked on a quality improvement project through the Clinical Services and Standards Committee (CSSC). Read about the quality improvement project on www.bsg.org.uk/clinical/quality-improvement/index.html. The recent Future Hospital Journal, a Journal of the Royal College of Physicians has presented a series of articles that offer readers the opportunity to view quality improvement from multiple perspectives including theory, educational requirement, delivery and intended outcomes of quality improvement, futurehospital.rcpjournals.org/content/3/3/3.toc.

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1st European Digestive Health Summit

The first European Digestive Health Summit will be hosted by UEG on December 6, 2016 at the Hotel Silken Berlaymont in Brussels.

The one-day conference is being held in cooperation with UEG Member Societies such as European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL), European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO), European Society of Digestive Oncology (ESDO), European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN), and the surgical block European Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (ESSAT). Up to 100 delegates from the European Institutions, Member States, public health organisations, and the media will discuss key horizontal challenges to European healthcare systems with a focus on the prevention and treatment of gastrointestinal diseases.

For further information on the agenda and registration please visit www.ueg.eu/european-digestive-health-summit, or contact UEG directly before December 2nd at publicaffairs@ueg.eu.

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The Principles of Gastrointestinal Nursing – Block 2

8th May – 12th May 2017

Torbay Hospital

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The Sheffield Dietetic Gastroenterology Symposium 2016

12th May 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

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Birmingham Liver Course 2017

25th – 26th May 2017

Centre for Professional Development – 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

Survey: An opportunity to share your thoughts with us – Core

As a member of the BSG you will want to see Core develop and grow income for research into digestive diseases. And you will also appreciate we must aim for a transformational change if we are to achieve the levels we need to make a real difference in this area of research. So please, let Core have your input with this short survey. We want to gather input and insight from far and wide to inform the charity's new strategy, new brand and new proposition. Your thoughts are important. Your views and feedback will help us know more about what you think and help the charity communicate better in the future. Thank you in advance for this vital 10 minutes of your time.



With best wishes, Julie Harrington CEO jharrington@corecharity.org.uk
0207 4860341.

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Survey: Biosimilar medicines and potential barriers to their prescribing

You are invited to participate in a brief web survey as part of a research study on biosimilar medicines and potential barriers to their prescribing. The purpose of this survey is to study UK healthcare professionals' opinions, attitudes and experiences regarding biosimilars.

The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

To access the survey online, please go to the URL (<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/keelebiosimilars>) and follow the online survey instructions. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Mohammed Aladul at (m.i.m.aladul@keele.ac.uk) or Professor Stephen Chapman at (s.r.chapman@keele.ac.uk) or Tel: 01782 734131.

[▶ Download invitation to survey](#)

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Survey: Acute severe alcoholic hepatitis

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

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

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BSG Annual Meeting 2017

19th – 22nd June 2017

Manchester Central Convention Complex – Manchester

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Stoma Care Module Course

19th – 23rd June 2017

Torbay Hospital – Torquay

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ACPGBI Annual Meeting 2017

3rd – 5th July 2017

Bournemouth International Centre – Bournemouth

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 2

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EDUCATION

Stream UEG Week Lectures

UEG Week 24/7 brings the congress to your home: the majority of talks at UEG Week 2016, over 600, is available for you to stream anytime of your convenience. Acquire the complete congress set which will keep you up-to-date with everything that's new in GI this year, or choose a UEG Week Pathway bundle fitting your speciality.

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FG Twitter Debate: Endoscopic training in the UK: the trainee perspective—am I doing enough to get signed off?

Date: Thursday 12th January 2017

Time: 8–9 BST

Guest: Dr Brian Mckaig, West Midlands Regional Endoscopy Training Centre

Dr Brian Mckaig is our featured guest for this month's Frontline gastroenterology debate. Brian has a highly active role in endoscopic training and serves as the director of the West Midlands endoscopic training centre, and QA lead for the bowel screening programme. Amongst other things Brian will be discussing how both trainers and trainees can make sure they can achieve the most from their local endoscopy training programs, when should trainees aim to be signed off and where the future of endoscopic training in the UK lies.

For those who are new to Twitter please visit www.twitter.com, joining is very easy and takes only a few minutes. Please follow [@FGDebate](https://twitter.com/FGDebate) as well as [@FrontGastro_BMI](https://twitter.com/FrontGastro_BMI) and join in.

More information will be posted on <http://fg.bmj.com> and <http://blogs.bmj.com/fg/> in the next few weeks. We look forward to you joining the debates and remember to add #FGDebate to your tweet!

PS if you have any suggestions for future debates drop us a tweet [@FGDebate](https://twitter.com/FGDebate)

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Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Training Weekend

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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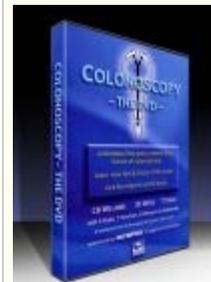
21st Therapeutic Endoscopy course for Endoscopy Nurse Assistants and Nurse Consultants (TECNA)

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs



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

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

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

You can find out more about the St. Mark's range of DVDs at

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

this website: [Click Here](#)

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

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

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4th European Update Congress in Gastroenterology

Vienna, 6–8 April 2017

Over two full interactive days, 14 different sessions will cover relevant international developments in gastroenterology. Several ePoster sessions with the latest scientific research results will give young physicians the opportunity to present their work.

The BSG has a few free registrations to offer on a first-come, first-served basis (2 regular tickets and 2 tickets for gastroenterologists participating with an ePoster), representing a total value of €1600! If you would like to attend, please email [Julie Solomon](mailto:Julie.Solomon) and ask if a free ticket is still available.

Visit <http://www.gastro-update-europe.eu> for all congress info.

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My College Online – RCPSG

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow have some new modules available on their eLearning Store, My College Online. There are also some reduced priced modules. More information is available from [their site](#). There is also a November 2016 offer for 20% off, using discount code November10.

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Advanced endoscopic imaging: European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) Technology Review

Background and aim: This technical review is an official statement of

the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE). It addresses the utilization of advanced endoscopic imaging in gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy.

Methods: This technical review is based on a systematic literature search to evaluate the evidence supporting the use of advanced endoscopic imaging throughout the GI tract. Technologies considered include narrowed-spectrum endoscopy (narrow band imaging [NBI]; flexible spectral imaging color enhancement [FICE]; i-Scan digital contrast [I-SCAN]), autofluorescence imaging (AFI), and confocal laser endomicroscopy (CLE). The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) system was adopted to define the strength of recommendation and the quality of evidence.

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Introducing The Essentials of Clinical Nutrition – updated E-Learning Modules from BAPEN

Dr Simon Gabe, BAPEN President

We are pleased to announce that BAPEN has updated its Virtual Learning Environment platform and a range of e-learning modules that have been specifically designed to support nutrition education of health professionals. Although appropriate for all professions it is worth noting that they meet the requirements of the curricula for the foundation and core medical training years.

These modules are free to all those who work in the NHS.

In addition to these three modules, there are two other types of e-learning available: www.bapen.org.uk/e-learning-portal

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UEG fellowships 2017 for young clinicians and researchers

UEG are supporting 25 young clinicians and 5 researchers below 40 with up to €1,000 each. Don't miss this unique opportunity to spend two weeks in a top-class European training centre in 2017:

- [Apply for a Fellowship for Clinicians](#)
- [Apply for a Fellowship for Researchers](#)

Application deadline: January 31st 2017

Learn more about UEG fellowships – meet next year's host centres in the Young GI Lounge at UEG Week on October 18th

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Presentations from the BSG's 2016 Annual Meeting are now available through BSGtv. For the first time, most sessions (all four days) were 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.

As always, speakers were asked to give their consent for their presentations to be uploaded to BSGtv. If you're looking for a particular talk and can't find it, there could be three reasons why not. Either it was one of the free papers (which weren't recorded), or the speaker didn't want their talk to be available after the conference, or they didn't let the conference secretariat (MCI) know that their talk could be included. If you're a speaker in the last category and would like your presentation to be available along with the others, [please email the BSG](#). Include your full name, the day, date, time and title of your presentation, and a statement of explicit consent for your presentation and slides to be made available to BSG members on the BSG website. BSGtv is a membership benefit from the BSG.

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RESEARCH

Research Funding Opportunities

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

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Research news on the BSG website

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

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New animation from the Royal Society – What is gene editing and how does it work?

Gene editing allows scientists to change gene sequences by adding, replacing or removing sections of DNA. [This animation](#) explains how this technology works, as well as its possible ethical and societal implications. The animation was produced jointly with the Wellcome Trust.

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Supporting Gastroenterology Trainees in Careers in Research and Academia

This [one-day workshop](#), organised by the BSG Research Committee, is aimed at gastroenterology and hepatology trainees. It aims to inspire them to develop their own national research network by building an understanding of what is involved in research and confidence in undertaking it. If you're at CT2 level or beyond, or know someone who is and could be interested, please come along! The workshop is also for new academic trainees and late developing clinical researchers, so don't be shy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Help and advice on applying to EME

To support applicants to either the researcher-led or commissioned EME workstream, two webinars (12 and 16 January 2017) are being offered to provide an outline of the programme, tips for a successful application and an opportunity to ask questions of the team. Go to the [registration page](#) to register for your preferred date.

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Dame Sheila Sherlock travelling fellowships in hepatology

The fellowships offer consultants and trainees the opportunity to learn new techniques and acquire new experiences, ideas and stimulation through travel and the exchange of ideas.

Two travelling fellowships are available, covering a period of 1 month each, and will be offered to one consultant and one trainee. Each fellowship will be for a maximum of £2,000, with the recipients being responsible for funding any additional costs.

How to apply

Please email your completed application form and any supporting papers for the attention of the academic vice president to fundingandawards@rcplondon.ac.uk by Monday 16 January 2017. Application forms can be downloaded at the link below.

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BSG Hopkins Endoscopy Prize 2017

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

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

All applications must include the following:

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

Sir Francis Avery-Jones BSG Research Award 2017

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

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

Entrants need not be a member of the Society.

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

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

Graham Bull prize in clinical science and Goulstonian Lectureship 2017

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

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

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

The award is open to RCP members and fellows who must apply for their own work to be considered. The sum of £1,000 is offered on a competitive basis each year. The winner of this prize will be invited

to deliver the Goulstonian Lecture, an annual lecture endowed in 1635 by Mrs Ellen Goulston in memory of her husband, Dr Theodore Goulston FRCP.

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

Deadline for applications: Friday 31st March 2017

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

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Frontline Gastroenterology will now be citable from PubMed Central

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

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The Core–Dr Falk Pharma UK Awards 2017

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



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

Awards include:

- A £1,000 prize for the best essay on gastroenterology or hepatology research personally undertaken by medical students who were on an intercalated BSc/MRes/MBPhD/MSc/MPH course during the previous academic year (2015/16)
- Four £1,500 prizes for medical students taking full-time science degrees (BSc/MRes/MBPhD/MSc/MPH) focusing on gastrointestinal or liver-related disease in the current

academic year (2016/17)

- Two £2,500 awards for F1/F2 doctors to facilitate prospective research in an area relevant to gastroenterology or hepatology
- A £1,000 award for primary and secondary care gastrointestinal / liver nurses for initiatives that have advanced patient care.

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

For further information and to apply:

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

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The Core – Amelie Waring 3 year fellowship for research in pancreatic inflammation or injury

Applications are invited for a 3-year full-time fellowship for research into any aspect of pancreatic inflammation or injury. Preference will be given to candidates who intend to pursue research in the future. In making the award, emphasis will be placed not only on the project itself, but also on the candidate's potential and the quality of the training proposed.



The total value of the fellowship is £180,000 to cover salary costs and consumables over 3 years.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 16th December 2016. Interviews will be held towards the end of February 2017.

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The Core – Derek Butler 3 year fellowship for research in GI tract diseases and conditions

Applications are invited for the Core – Derek Butler Fellowship. This is a 3-year full-time fellowship for research into diseases of the upper gastrointestinal tract including cancer. Research should be on the oesophagus, stomach or duodenum. Studies on the liver and pancreas are excluded as funded elsewhere. Preference will be given to candidates who intend to pursue research in their future. In making the award, emphasis will be placed not only on the project itself, but also on the candidate's potential and the quality of the training proposed.

The total value of the fellowship is £210,000 to cover salary costs and consumables over 3 years.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 16th December 2016. Interviews will be held towards the end of February 2017.

2017 Cancer Research UK Early Diagnosis Research Conference

Registration is now open for this meeting, which was formerly known as the NAEDI Conference. It will take place on 23rd and 24th February 2017 at the Radisson Blu Portman Hotel, 22 Portman Square, London W1H 7BG. The 2017 conference aims to bring together researchers, clinicians, patients and policy makers to share and discuss the latest research findings, their impact on policy, and future implications for early diagnosis.

This year's conference will focus on new data and outputs within the following themes:

- Cancer screening
- Patient factors in timely presentation and diagnosis
- Optimising clinical practice and systems
- Risk assessment and risk stratification
- Inequalities
- Cancer data to achieve new insights in cancer control
- Health economics

TRAINING

Trainees Section prizes 2017

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

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

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

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

This is a single award of £1000.

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

This is a single award of £1000.

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

This is a single award of £1000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SCE and ESBGH Exams

Registration for the ESBGH exam will be through the EBGHE website (www.ebghe.eu) which will also provide detailed information about the exam.

Applications open: December 29th 2016

Last applications: January 26th 2017

Examination date: April 27th 2017

Date of SCE Examination: The next Gastroenterology SCE Examination will take place on 27th April 2017. UK registration period: 29th December 2016 – 23rd March 2017. (European registration period: 29th December 2016 – 26th January 2017).

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Receiving Your Journal(s)

The BMJ Publishing Group (BMJPG) manages production and distribution of Gut, Frontline Gastroenterology and BMJ Open Gastroenterology, NOT the BSG. The BMJPG uses a mailing list

provided by the BSG to post copies of the printed journals to BSG members; this mailing list is not held or maintained by BMJPG.

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

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

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BSG's Aptify Membership System

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

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