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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.

### Indonesian Society of Internal Medicine (PAPDI)

22nd – 25th August 2016

Bali Nusa Dua Convention  
Center – Nusa dua

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### Sheila Sherlock Update 2016

1st – 3rd September 2016

Royal Free Hospital – London

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## BSG 2016 – thank you and please provide feedback

Many thanks to all those that attended BSG 2016 in Liverpool and made it such a success. The success of the BSG's annual meeting relies on the time and energy of sections and committees but would not be the same without an engaged set of delegates.

Early analysis shows 2016 to have been one of the best attended BSG meetings with 2,199 delegates. In order for us to continue to improve the meeting for all delegates please remember to fill in the evaluation survey by July 11th via the link below. In order to receive CPD points you must complete the survey.

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## BSG Annual Review

In advance of this year's BSG Annual Meeting members should have received by post a copy of the Annual Review for 2015-16. This was also available at the BSG stand in Liverpool and highlights the activities and achievements of the Society as a whole. Do take the time to look over it to see the extent of what your Society does for its members and the patients they care for.

You can download an electronic copy of the Annual Review below.

1st September 2016

University College London  
Hospitals – London

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BASL Annual Meeting 2016

6th – 9th September 2016

Manchester Central Convention  
Complex – Manchester

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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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Short Course in GI Physiology

13th – 15th September 2016

Northern General Hospital –  
Sheffield

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The Leeds course in Clinical  
Nutrition 2016

14th – 16th September 2016

University of Leeds – Leeds

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## Co-owned BSG Journal Gut improves its impact factor again

The BSG is pleased to update members that 2015 journal Impact Factors have just been released and Gut's has increased from 14.660 to 14.921. This is the fourth consecutive increase in these figures and is testament to the work of the excellent Editorial team.

Gut retains second place in the world rankings behind Gastroenterology (18.187) and just ahead of Nature Reviews Gastroenterology & Hepatology (14.435). Hepatology was 4th at 11.711 and J Hepatology dropped to 5th at 10.590. Am J Gastroenterology dropped a little to 10.383 and CGH also dropped a little to 7.680. In total, there were 6 GI/Liver journals with Impact Factors above 10 out of a total of 78 GI journals at present, demonstrating the strength of the specialty.

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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 UEG 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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### Teesside Pancreatic Symposium 2016

14th September 2016

Wynyard Park House –  
Billingham

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### MEDICINE24

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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## IBD audit transition to IBD Registry

At the BSG annual meeting in Liverpool last week outgoing president Ian Forgacs praised the leaders of IBD Registry and called for all IBD teams in the UK to participate in the new programme for data capture and quality improvement using the IBD Registry.

### Transition focus

This new programme is still on the quality accounts list and the national clinical audit and patient outcomes programme (NCAPOP) in England. The aim for the transition year is to report on 6 quality indicators for patients newly started on a biological therapy. This focus will enable the UK IBD clinical community to build the largest biologics registry in the world.

### What to do next

If you haven't already done so, please register to be part of the programme using the form at <http://ibdregistry.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Registration-Form-for-participating-in-the-IBD-Registry2.pdf>.

You can participate using the data entry system that best meets your local needs and arrangements are slightly different in different parts of the UK. If you opt to use the web tool you'll be sent a starter pack once we've received your registration form.

Country	System	Next step
England	Web Tool	Complete web tool starter pack and return to <a href="mailto:IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk">IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk</a>
Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales	Web Tool	We are awaiting permission for data to flow across NHS England's N3 secure network. Once this is confirmed the IBD programme team will issue registered sites with web tool starter packs
UK wide	PMS	If the PMS is already installed at your hospital and you are collecting or about to start collecting data no action is required. If the PMS is not fully implemented at your hospital please contact <a href="mailto:IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk">IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk</a>
UK wide	Third party systems: EMIS, Rotherham, Hospital EPR, other	We ask that you ensure the IT system you intend to use is fully IBD Registry compliant. If your system is already established and you are collecting data, no action is required. If such a system is not yet implemented at your hospital or you wish to know more about what being Registry compliant means please contact <a href="mailto:IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk">IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk</a>

If you have not yet registered to take part or would like more information on joining the IBD Registry please contact [IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk)

### July data submission

The next scheduled IBD Registry data submission is at the end of July. If you are a site that has data that you would like to start submitting to the Registry, please email [mark.allan@ibdregistry.org.uk](mailto:mark.allan@ibdregistry.org.uk) and he will support you in making the necessary arrangements.

### APASL Single Topic Conference on Non-Responders

22nd – 24th September 2016

Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus – Istanbul

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### The 8th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium – SAVE THE DATE

23rd September 2016

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria 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

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## Conference Report: Improving Outcomes for Gastrointestinal Cancer in the UK

On 7 December 2015, the British Society of Gastroenterology and the Royal College of Physicians held a joint conference: GI cancer in the UK: can we do better? The meeting was timely as, although outcomes for patients with most gastrointestinal cancers in the UK have steadily improved in the past 10 years, survival figures remain substantially worse than in many other comparable nations.

The meeting covered screening, early diagnosis, specific tumour sites and the interface between primary and secondary care, all discussed by leading experts. This has been published in Frontline Gastroenterology and can be accessed through the link below.

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## CRUK & Macmillan Cancer registration Review: Deadline for submissions – 5th July

The Government has been reviewing how people can be offered a clearer choice about what happens to data relating to their medical treatment and care in England. The process identified the need for improvements in the way that people are currently informed about cancer registration.

Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support are undertaking a rapid review that is exploring how cancer patients in England could be better informed about cancer registration and the choices they have about their data. There are more details about this review on their websites at [www.cruk.org/cancer-registration](http://www.cruk.org/cancer-registration) and [www.macmillan.org.uk/cancer-registration](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/cancer-registration).

They are working with healthcare professionals and patients to understand what information patients currently receive on this topic and what opportunities there might be to improve awareness of this.

They would like to hear the views of healthcare professionals working in primary, secondary, palliative care, and across the diagnostic and treatment services, providing care to cancer patients and would really value input from any BSG members who could complete a survey they have developed. [The survey is available here.](#)

Deadline for submissions: 5th July

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## British Society of Gastroenterology Welcome New Bowel Cancer Screening Test Roll Out

5th October 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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BSG Gastro Education Weekend 2016

7th – 8th October 2016

Hilton Hotel Cardiff

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Falk Forum on IBD – Have you got the right answers for your patients?

7th October 2016

Hyatt Regency Hotel – Birmingham

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Imaging, Sensing and Digital in GI Medicine – Enteric HTC Hackday 2016

14th October 2016

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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UEG 2016

15th – 19th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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The British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) are pleased to welcome Public Health Minister Jane Ellison's announcement for the roll out of the Faecal Immunochemical Testing, known as FIT.

The move, following a successful pilot programme involving 40,000 and a recommendation by the UK National Screening Committee to roll out the test nationally, is expected to see an extra 200,000 people tested a year.

Commenting, Chairman of the BSG Endoscopy Committee, Professor Colin Rees said:

"The BSG welcomes the government's announcement introducing Faecal Immunochemical Testing into the bowel cancer screening programme. The BSG are committed to the prevention and early diagnosis of bowel cancer; there is a direct link between patients receiving earlier diagnoses and better outcomes.

"Screening is a key component of earlier diagnosis of bowel cancer and Faecal Immunochemical Testing is an easier to use and more effective initial screening test.

"BSG has been a key player in making the NHS bowel cancer screening programme one of the best screening programmes in the world and we look forward to working with Public Health England to deliver an even better programme."

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## Opportunity: GMC seeks Council members (Wales/Scotland based)

The GMC seeks to appoint two lay and one medical member to fill three vacancies on its governing body, the Council. The Council of the GMC sets the organisation's strategy and defines its high-level policies. It is responsible for the oversight of the GMC and makes sure that the organisation fulfils its statutory and charitable purposes. The Council comprises 12 members (6 lay and 6 medical). Two vacancies are for members who must live or work wholly or mainly in Wales or Scotland; the other vacancy is open to applicants from any of the four UK countries.

Applicants for these roles must be able to contribute to setting strategy, exercising oversight and ensuring effective corporate governance. Additional desirable knowledge and skills are sought for specific areas, including commercial acumen; financial/business management; investment income generation; information systems and communications technology; and the legal sector.

Deadline for applications: 11th July

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## Chair sought for the Joint Advisory Group on GI Endoscopy (JAG)

The Royal College of Physicians invites application from persons interested in taking up the role of Chair, for the Joint Advisory Group on GI Endoscopy (JAG).

### 20th ESGENA Conference

15th – 17th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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### 9th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

20th – 21st October 2016

Queens Medical Centre Campus – Nottingham

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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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The JAG is a multi-stakeholder body hosted at the Royal College of Physicians, and provides UK-wide support for endoscopy services to ensure that they have the skills, resources and motivation necessary to provide the highest quality of patient-centred care.

The Chair provides the leadership, direction and strategy for the JAG. The Chair will be expected to maintain and enhance the national and international reputation of the JAG and to ensure its proper governance. The Chair will ensure that patients and all relevant stakeholder bodies and professions are represented on the JAG Committee and are able to contribute to the development of the JAG.

The appointment will be for two years, renewable for a further two years by agreement and will be remunerated on a sessional basis of one PA per week, in line with national consultant pay rates.

Interested parties are welcome to have an informal discussion ahead of application with Dr Roland Valori ([roland.valori@nhs.net](mailto:roland.valori@nhs.net)), Accreditation Unit Clinical Director or Mr John Stebbing, current Chair of the JAG ([j.stebbing@nhs.net](mailto:j.stebbing@nhs.net)).

 [Download the description of the job role](#)

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## NICE Clinical Guideline Updates Programme: Alcohol use disorder- Topic expert recruitment

NICE are looking for topic experts to join their Updates Committee in updating the Alcohol use disorder: diagnosis and management of physical complications guideline. They need both lay members (people using services, family members and carers, and members of the public and community or voluntary sector) and people with a professional or practitioner background in the topic.

The update will look at the following:

- In-patients with acute alcohol-related hepatitis, what is the safety and efficacy of corticosteroids versus placebo?

We are therefore seeking to recruit the following experts:

- 3 x Hepatologists/Physicians
- 1 x Lay member
- 1 x Nurse specialist
- 1 x Pharmacist

Adverts for both the professional and lay members can be found on the NICE website at the following links:

Healthcare Professional Members: <https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-committee/alcohol-use-disorders-cgu-topic-expert>

Lay Members: <https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-committee/alcohol-use-disorders-cgu-laymember>

Deadline for applications: 5pm on Wednesday 20th July 2016

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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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Falk Forum on IBD – Nutritional complications and intestinal failure in IBD

11th November 2016

RCGP – London

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King's Live 2016

12th – 13th November 2016

King's College Hospital – London

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International Feeding Conference 2016

15th – 16th November 2016

UCL Institute of Child Health – London

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Lower GI Polypectomy Skills Course

# FIPO Consultant Survey 2016

FIPO are writing to all consultants regarding a survey that they are now launching with regard to certain aspects of consultant and medical insurer practices. FIPO would greatly appreciate your assistance in completing this survey. You can access the survey at: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FIPO2016](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FIPO2016)

[Download the survey letter](#)

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## Survey: Narcotic Bowel Syndrome

Eleesia Kilgallon, Dr Dipesh Vasant, Dr Philip Shields and Dr Peter Paine

Narcotic Bowel Syndrome appears to be increasing in prevalence, yet appears to be poorly understood, its management is complex and challenging and requires a multidisciplinary approach and considerable healthcare resources.

We have created a short survey questionnaire to understand the magnitude of the clinical problem in terms of prevalence, diagnosis, related in-patient admissions, current opinions, services available and to help understand areas for improvement of services nationally.

Your input in this short survey would be much appreciated.

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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](mailto:r.jones9@nhs.net)).

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

17th November 2016

Newcastle Surgical Training Centre – Newcastle upon Tyne

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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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London Live Endoscopy (UCLH)

24th – 25th November 2016

UCH Education Centre – London

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Coventry Colonoscopy November Course – Sharing Good Practice

25th November 2016

University Hospital Coventry – Coventry

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appreciated.

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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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## Repository of Clinical Practice Guidelines in the field of GI and Liver Diseases

Please note the launch of the UEG repository of Standards & Guidelines: <https://www.ueg.eu/education/standards-guidelines/>

BSG standards & guidelines are being added to the current repository and are centrally searchable alongside further European Standards and Guidelines of UEG Member Societies and other publishers. This central search tool will help to advance the harmonisation of care within the whole Digestive Health community.

Please note the opportunity for colleagues interested to work with UEG on further projects to enhance the dissemination of Standards & Guidelines:

For the two open positions on the National Societies Committee, UEG particularly looks for female candidates with interest and/or experience in the field of Clinical Practice Guidelines and European standards of care.

[Job description](#)

Deadline for nominations: September 16, 2016

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## EDUCATION

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### Ten BSG/MSD Bursaries for Travel to UEG Week 2016

Taster Course in Gastroenterology 2016

26th – 27th November 2016

UCH Education Centre – London

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4th NREG Symposium – Endoscopy at the Coalface – SAVE THE DATE

28th November 2016

The Sage, Gateshead

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2016 Advances in IBD, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's Clinical & Research Conference

8th – 10th December 2016

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel – Lake Buena Vista

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – February 2017

22nd February 2017

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

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](mailto: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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## Sheila Sherlock Update 2016

1st – 3rd September 2016

The Atrium, Royal Free Hospital, London NW3 2QG

This is the second of a series of international meetings with the Sheila Sherlock brand aimed at renovating the tradition of the periodic up–dates introduced by Dame Sheila Sherlock at the Royal Free Hospital. The 2nd Sheila Sherlock Updates meeting is dedicated to current fundamental themes in Hepatology that will be presented and discussed by the Royal Free Liver Specialists together with some of the most renowned international speakers. It has been endorsed by the Education Committee.

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## Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass

1st September 2016

Please join us for the inaugural Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass exploring novel and innovative advances in the early diagnosis and endoscopic treatment of oesophageal neoplasia at University College Hospital, London. The one–day workshop, endorsed by the BSG Education Committee, will focus on latest updates on advanced endoscopic imaging for diagnosis and staging of oesophageal neoplasia as well as lectures and live demonstrations on the latest staging and therapeutic techniques. The workshop will be delivered by some of the most well respected endoscopists in this field from around the world. The day will combine short lectures with key

ICC Birmingham

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CDDW 2017

3rd – 6th March 2017

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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

updates and live endoscopy to inform fellow endoscopists, trainees and nurse endoscopists on the latest developments in oesophageal neoplasia management. There will also be updates from the United Kingdom registry on patients treated with Barrett's Neoplasia. The workshop will also feature live debates from the experts on best practice for the management of patients and finish with a live MDT discussion of complex cases submitted by delegates and faculty. The course will finish with drinks followed by dinner in London. We look forward to welcoming you to UCLH for this course. Please email Mr Cameron Thompson (course administrator) on [endocourses@uclh.nhs.uk](mailto:endocourses@uclh.nhs.uk) to confirm attendance. Further information is available on the BSG's events calendar.

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## Teesside Pancreatic Symposium 2016

14th September 2016

The Teesside Pancreatic Symposium will take place on the 14th September 2016 at Wynyard Business Park, Wynyard. The speakers are of international repute and will be delivering talks on a wide variety of topics in pancreatico-biliary medicine.

Consultants, GI specialist trainees, GPs, Associate specialists, specialist nurses, dieticians, endoscopy nurses and anyone with an interest in gastroenterology will find something of interest.

To register for a place in the meeting, which has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee, please email [joanne.waiting@mylan.com](mailto:joanne.waiting@mylan.com). There are 80 places available for free.

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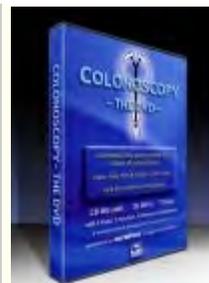
## 8th Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

Save the date – the 8th Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium will be held on Friday 23 September 2016 at the Holiday Inn Royal Victoria. It has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and it promises to be an excellent meeting, as always – so mark your diary now and look for the full programme, which has been posted on the BSG's events calendar!

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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](mailto:rachel.davies2@uhcw.nhs.uk)



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

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

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

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

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 SpR/StR Education Weekend, Cardiff, 7th – 8th October 2016

Places are now available on the BSG Education Weekend course being held at the Hilton Hotel in Cardiff.

Course content will be delivered by nationally recognised experts-in-the-field. Topics included in this year's Education Weekend include:

- Intestinal Failure
  - Managing the high-output stoma
  - Complications of parenteral nutrition
  - Transplanting the gut: who, how and when?
- Endoscopy & Physiology
  - Lesion recognition & decision making in endoscopy
  - ERCP for the non-ERCPist: what do you need to know?
  - Manometry: a fool's guide
- Hepatology
  - Palliating in chronic liver disease: an opportunity to get it right
  - Coagulopathy in liver disease: getting it right
  - Vascular complications of liver disease

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

If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact the course organiser, MCI UK Ltd, at [bsgeducationweekend2016@mci-group.com](mailto:bsgeducationweekend2016@mci-group.com) or telephone them on 0141 202 2888.

The event is limited to 100 attendees only.

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## BSG 2016 prize winners

The BSG Programme Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted an abstract to the conference, all those who reviewed the submissions and all those who judged presentations. Your contributions to the success of the Annual Meeting was tremendous. The details of the winners have been posted on the BSG's website in Research News and Education News. Please join us in congratulating the winners on their achievements!

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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/](http://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.

Presentations from BSG 2016 will become available shortly.

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## RESEARCH

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### 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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### New Chair of IBD CRG

The IBD Clinical Research Group would like to announce that John Mansfield has been elected to chair the Group. He takes over from Miles Parkes, who has run the Group very successfully over the past 3 years. In addition to acting as a peer-review resource for applications being submitted to major funders, the Group has also begun running an annual IBD Investigators' meeting. The BSG would like to welcome John into the role and thank Miles for his energy

over the past few years and for his continuing enthusiasm as he continues as a Group member.

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## Are you a researcher interested in incontinence?

BSG, Core, Parkinsons UK and colleagues want your help designing a workshop. Please complete this survey

<http://surveys.parkinsons.org.uk/s/Incontinenceresearchworkshop/>

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## Your expertise is needed by the JLA Alcohol-Related Liver Disease PSP

Last year, the [James Lind Alliance Alcohol-Related Liver Disease Priority Setting Partnership](#) carried out a survey asking for questions for research around the diagnosis, prevention, care and treatment of alcohol-related liver disease.

Every survey response was considered carefully. They have now been analysed and checked against existing research to ensure that they are all true uncertainties. This has resulted in a list of 45 confirmed questions around the diagnosis, prevention, care and treatment of alcohol-related liver disease.

We are now looking for patients, carers and health professionals to help us narrow down the 45 questions into a shorter list to take to our final prioritisation workshop in September, at which patients, carers and clinicians will come together to discuss and agree a final shortlist of questions for research.

The Partnership would be very grateful if you could complete the survey (<http://www.psp.nihr.ac.uk/alcohol-related-liver-disease/survey>).

To ensure that we hear the views of as many patients, carers and health professionals with experience of alcohol-related liver disease as possible, we would be really grateful if you could forward the information and the link to the survey to encourage its completion.

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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.

One award of up to £5,000 is 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. Applications by networks are encouraged.

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 (within three months of the date of the award) and should last for no longer than 12 months. 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](http://www.corecharity.org.uk)

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## Core Development Award

One Core Development grant of up to £50,000 will be awarded for translational or proof of concept research in any area of gastroenterology. Applications are particularly encouraged in the following areas pancreatitis, nutrition, upper GI diseases, functional bowel disorders, IBD, GI infections/microbiome but all applications will be considered.

This call is only open to UK applicants. Core will fund only the direct costs associated with the project and will not fund overhead allocation or other indirect costs, including senior or supervisory posts which are already covered by HEFCE, or other, funding. We will not fund equipment or capital costs. This award is not for a fellowship. Applicants must have established academic positions. Academic Clinical Lecturers may apply if they have completed a MD or PhD.

Projects should be for 12-18 months duration and ethical approval must have been sought before the application is submitted.

The deadline for applications is 2nd September. The awards will be decided in November.

To download an application form, guidance notes, grant terms and conditions go to: <http://corecharity.org.uk/research/research-awards-information/core-development-award/>

For further information please contact Alice Kington on 020 7563 9994 or at [akington@corecharity.org.uk](mailto:akington@corecharity.org.uk).

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## UEG Rising Stars 2017

Application period begins 1 June 2016

Every year, the [National Societies Committee](#) and the [UEG Scientific Committee](#) jointly select 6–8 emerging clinical scientists as 'Rising Stars', based on a track record of international quality research and developing scientific independence. This initiative provides a durable platform for these young researchers to further evolve their professional careers.

Applications are invited from the following target group:

- Clinical scientists at any level (but a full professor title will not be accepted)
- 40 years of age or younger at the time of application (born September 16, 1975 or later)\*
- Must have as country of residence Europe (including UK) and/or a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea
- Candidates may apply maximum 3 times for the Rising Star Award

\*add two years to age limit per child as main carer

To apply, please follow these steps:

- Download and carefully read the [criteria for applicants and selection process](#)
- Download and complete the 2017 [application form](#)
- Download the [Template for Society's support confirmation](#) (which must be completed and signed by the supporting Society)
- Email all application documents by 1 September 2016 to [research@bsg.org.uk](mailto:research@bsg.org.uk) for review by the nominations panel. Applicants will be told whether their application for nomination was successful no later than 12 September.
- Submit the completed forms via the UEGs online [Application system](#)

Enquiries should be directed to [Mika Nagl](#). The application deadline is 15 September 2016.

Please note that you must be a member of the BSG if you would like the BSG to consider supporting your application.

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## Crohn's and Colitis UK Research Awards 2017

Applications are invited for grants to be awarded in 2017 by Crohn's and Colitis UK. Research Projects may be directed towards:

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

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

Closing date for applications is 4pm on Monday 26th September 2016.

An Application Form and Information for Applicants can be downloaded from [www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk](http://www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk) or contact us at [research@crohnsandcolitis.org.uk](mailto:research@crohnsandcolitis.org.uk) or on 01727 734 468.

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## Dr Matthew Kurien wins the Julie Wallace Lecture Award

The Julie Wallace Lecture, in memory of Professor Julie Wallace and her sustained commitment to supporting and promoting early career researchers, is an award that recognises early stage scientific excellence in the field of nutrition.

Congratulations to Dr Matthew Kurien from University of Sheffield for his winning abstract entitled 'The unresolved epidemic of malnutrition and the consequences to society'.

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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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## 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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## TRAINING

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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](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk).

## OTHER MATTERS...

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### Receiving Your Journal(s)

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

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

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

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### 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](mailto:membership@bsg.org.uk) giving your preferred e-mail address and we will resend the information to you.

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