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1st – 2nd July 2017

Freeman Hospital – Newcastle upon Tyne

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3rd – 5th July 2017

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5th July 2017

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## 2017 Section Committee and Council Elections

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

Council	Professor Mark Hull Dr Frank Muller
Adolescent and Young Persons	Dr Fevronia Kiparissi
Colorectal	Dr Kevin Monahan Mr Janindra Warusavitarne
Endoscopy	Dr Rehan Haidry Dr David Nylander
Gastroduodenal	Dr Michael Burkitt Dr Andrew Moore
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Dr Richard Pollock Dr Gareth Parkes
Liver	Dr Dhiraj Tripathi Dr Paul Richardson

Changi General Hospital - Singapore

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18th International Congress of Mucosal Immunology (ICMI 2017)

19th - 22nd July 2017

Renaissance Downtown Hotel - Washington DC

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The 4th International Course MIBE 2017

20th - 21st July 2017

HM Sanchinarro University Hospital - Madrid

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New Horizons in the Management of Colo-Rectal Cancer 2017

21st July 2017

Michael Griffith Lecture Theatre - Cardiff

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Kenneth Rainin Foundation 2017 Innovations Symposium

24th - 25th July 2017

Palace Hotel - San Francisco

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	Dr Rebecca Jones
Neurogastroenterology & Motility	Dr Maria Eugenicos Dr Benjamin Disney
Oesophageal	Dr Danielle Morris Dr Anjan Dhar Dr Rami Sweis Dr Andrew Moore
Radiology	Dr Laith Alrubaiy
Small Bowel & Nutrition	Dr Farooq Rahman Dr Mani Naghibi

## Dr Stuart McPherson appointed BSG Honorary Secretary

Dr Stuart McPherson, a consultant hepatologist from the liver unit in Newcastle, has been appointed as the next BSG Secretary, to start in June 2017. Stuart said, "I am delighted to be appointed as the BSG secretary. This is a fantastic opportunity. I am looking forward to working with the whole BSG team to support the continued development of the society across all aspects of gastroenterology and hepatology".

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## Dr George Webster appointed BSG Vice President, Endoscopy

Dr George Webster, consultant gastroenterologist and hepatologist and clinical lead for HPB medicine at University College London Hospitals, has been appointed as the next Vice President Endoscopy of the BSG.

Commenting on the appointment George said, "I am delighted to have been appointed as Vice President (Endoscopy) of the BSG. The last 2 years under Colin Rees' leadership have seen significant progress in UK endoscopy, including two highly successful Endolive UK meetings, the introduction of live endoscopy within the BSG Annual Meeting and the roll-out of BSG Endoscopy Quality Improvement Programme (EQIP). All of these confirm the BSG's commitment to supporting and enabling UK endoscopists to deliver the highest quality of endoscopic care for our patients. I am honoured to be involved in this ongoing process".

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## Manchester Attack and BSG 2017

Following the news of the awful attack in Manchester, our thoughts remain with the victims and their loved ones, alongside BSG members and others in the NHS and emergency services who may have been involved in their care. The Annual Meeting will continue as

Royal Free International Postgraduate Advanced Endoscopy Masterclass

31st August – 2nd September 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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International Scientific Symposium 2017

5th – 6th September 2017

University of Birmingham – Birmingham

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The Microbiome in Cancer – RSM Trainees Meeting 2017

5th September 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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INHSU 2017

6th – 8th September 2017

Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson – Jersey City

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17th International Coeliac Disease Symposium

planned. Of course, the safety of our members and delegates is of the utmost priority for us, and in the light of the recent incident we have held discussions, in conjunction with our Professional Conference Organiser, with the venue and other bodies involved in the organisation of the BSG Annual Meeting to ensure additional precautions are in place where required for attendees when it opens on 19th June. There will be an additional security presence, including delegate badge checks and random bag searches, as well wider security around the venue and exhibition. Further information will be circulated with your joining instructions.

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## Visit the BSG Stand to review the BSG Website in development

In the digital age, when audiences search online for 'specialty content', they are typically seeking out information, guidance and education around clinical practice, research and professional development. The Society, as the 'voice' of gastroenterology and hepatology in the UK, needs to link itself visibly to this content by making it easy to access relevant information and support. We are currently addressing this by renewing our website (digital platform) and looking at how the Society uses all social media channels to bring the BSG together as a 'virtual community'. Making website content compelling, relevant and more easily navigated is a key objective of the project, as is making communication with you more relevant and useful. To do this, we need your help and feedback! Please come to the BSG Stand in Manchester to review the work to date and speak to one of the team.

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## Register for BSG QI Programme Drop-in sessions

The BSG has embarked on a Quality Improvement program is to try to answer the question "what does a good gastroenterology unit look like?" and support teams to improve services for patients. Healthcare providers that achieve quality standards should feel a well deserved sense of satisfaction that patient care has improved but it is equally hoped that a culture of constant improvement can be instilled through services nationally. We are very aware of the need to ensure that the time involved for teams to provide evidence is not too burdensome or an interference with good clinical care. At these drop in sessions you will learn about how we are coming up with domains, standards and measures in areas of the specialty; in addition, you will have a chance to volunteer for a focus group to evaluate what has been done so far and to discuss how the program can be implemented.

To book a place please email Simone Cort ([s.cort@bsg.org.uk](mailto:s.cort@bsg.org.uk)) specifying your preferred slot. The sessions will take place at the BSG stand during the breaks on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st June from 10.25-10.40 and 16.10 - 16.25.

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8th – 10th September 2017

Hotel Le Méridien – New Delhi

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Oxford IBD MasterClass 2017

11th – 12th September 2017

Examination Schools – Oxford

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

13th – 15th September 2017

Wellcome Trust Genome  
Campus – Cambridge

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The Leeds Course in Clinical  
Nutrition 2017

13th – 15th September 2017

University of Leeds – Leeds

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Endoscopic Assessment and  
Treatment of Oesophageal  
Neoplasia 2017

19th September 2017

UCL London – London

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# General Election Resources from The King's Fund

Ahead of the general election, The King's Fund have published a range of resources aimed at informing the election campaign and helping to make sense of the debate between the parties. This includes:

- [A guide to the main parties' manifesto commitments on the NHS and social care](#)
- [An election tracker](#) telling the story of how the campaign is unfolding
- New analysis looking at the [politics of health and what the public think about the NHS](#)
- Big election questions such as [whether the NHS is being privatised](#) and the [impact of Brexit on health and social care](#)
- Assessment of progress against key commitments from the government's 2015 manifesto such as the pledges to [increase NHS funding](#) and [deliver 5,000 more GPs](#)

There is also a range of [comment and analysis](#) from their spokespeople.

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### Updated guideline on the management of common bile duct stones (CBDS)

Common bile duct stones (CBDS) are estimated to be present in 10–20% of individuals with symptomatic gallstones. They can result in a number of health problems, including pain, jaundice, infection and acute pancreatitis. A variety of imaging modalities can be employed to identify the condition, while management of confirmed cases of CBDS may involve endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, surgery and radiological methods of stone extraction. Clinicians are therefore confronted with a number of potentially valid options to diagnose and treat individuals with suspected CBDS. The British Society of Gastroenterology first published a guideline on the management of CBDS in 2008. Since then a number of developments in management have occurred along with further systematic reviews of the available evidence. The following recommendations reflect these changes and provide updated guidance to healthcare professionals who are involved in the care of adult patients with suspected or proven CBDS. It is not a protocol and the recommendations contained within should not replace individual clinical judgement.

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Revised British Society of

9th Annual Sheffield  
Gastroenterology Symposium

22nd September 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria  
Sheffield – Sheffield

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and  
related procedures for nurses –  
Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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NIHR Colorectal Therapies HTC  
– National Meeting 2017

26th September 2017

Leeds Town Hall – Leeds

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EUS-ENDO International Live  
Course

28th – 29th September 2017

Villa Mediterranee – Marseille

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

30th September – 1st October  
2017

## Gastroenterology recommendation on the diagnosis and management of Barrett's oesophagus with low-grade dysplasia

The most recent guidelines for the management of Barrett's oesophagus published in 2014 recommended endoscopic surveillance for patient with histological evidence of low-grade dysplasia (LGD) on random biopsies. In the last 2 years, new evidence on the natural history of LGD in Barrett's oesophagus and on the safety and efficacy of endoscopic treatment in this subgroup of patients has been published.

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## BSG position statement on serrated polyps in the colon and rectum

### Abstract

Serrated polyps have been recognised in the last decade as important premalignant lesions accounting for between 15% and 30% of colorectal cancers. There is therefore a clinical need for guidance on how to manage these lesions; however, the evidence base is limited. A working group was commissioned by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) Endoscopy section to review the available evidence and develop a position statement to provide clinical guidance until the evidence becomes available to support a formal guideline. The scope of the position statement was wide-ranging and included: evidence that serrated lesions have premalignant potential; detection and resection of serrated lesions; surveillance strategies after detection of serrated lesions; special situations—serrated polyposis syndrome (including surgery) and serrated lesions in colitis; education, audit and benchmarks and research questions. Statements on these issues were proposed where the evidence was deemed sufficient, and reevaluated modified via a Delphi process until >80% agreement was reached. The Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluations (GRADE) tool was used to assess the strength of evidence and strength of recommendation for finalised statements. Key recommendation: we suggest that until further evidence on the efficacy or otherwise of surveillance are published, patients with sessile serrated lesions (SSLs) that appear associated with a higher risk of future neoplasia or colorectal cancer (SSLs >10 mm or serrated lesions harbouring dysplasia including traditional serrated adenomas) should be offered a one-off colonoscopic surveillance examination at 3 years (weak recommendation, low quality evidence, 90% agreement).

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## BSG statement on "Use of intravenous Hyoscine Butylbromide (Buscopan) during Gastrointestinal Endoscopy"

The MHRA has recently circulated a Drug Safety Update regarding the risk of serious adverse events following the use of intravenous

Hotel Pullman, St Pancras – London

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UCL Partners Nutrition Course 2017

2nd – 4th October 2017

UNISON Centre – London

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Cholestasis: a cross-specialty problem

4th October 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield – Sheffield

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Basic Skills ERCP Lab 2017 – Glasgow

5th – 6th October 2017

Glasgow Royal Infirmary – Glasgow

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Basic ERCP Skills Lab 2017 – Bath

18th – 19th October 2017

Royal United Hospital – Avon

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Hyoscine Butylbromide (Buscopan) in patients with underlying cardiac disease.

Buscopan is commonly used during endoscopic procedures. It induces smooth muscle relaxation and reduces spasm in the gastrointestinal tract. It is used during upper GI Endoscopy and small bowel enteroscopy to reduce contraction and aid mucosal visualisation. During endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, it is used to facilitate access to the common bile duct during cannulation of the Ampulla of Vater. During colonoscopy, it is used to reduce haustral definition to optimise mucosal visualisation and lesion detection.

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## IBD Registry Updates: June 2017

The June updates from the IBD Registry are now available to view on the BSG website and includes:

- IBD Registry reports
- IBD Registry 2017 Roadshow
- Quarterly Data Submission
- Data Entry Grants – Deadline Extended to 17th June 2017
- Caldicott Guardian Opportunity

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## IBD Registry Symposium at BSG in Manchester

Join us in Manchester on Wednesday 21st June at 4.30–6pm for the first presentation of the biologics KPIs, as well as the latest news on research projects using the Registry. Chaired by Stuart Bloom and Barney Hawthorne, speakers include David Barker, Fraser Cummings, Mark Allan, Keith Bodger and Angel Castro Silva. In the meantime, there's more information about the IBD Registry at [www.ibdregistry.org.uk](http://www.ibdregistry.org.uk)

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## Survey: Priority–Setting Partnership in Coeliac Disease

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

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28th October – 1st  
November 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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21st ESGENA Conference

28th – 30th October 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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Endoclubnord

3rd – 4th November 2017

Hamburg Messe West –  
Hamburg

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NCRI Cancer Conference 2017

5th – 8th November 2017

BT Convention Centre –  
Liverpool

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and  
related procedures for nurses –  
Block 2

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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## Survey: Obesity Health Alliance (OHA)

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

All of your answers will be confidential.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

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## Survey: International Survey of Polypectomy Practice

Professor Michael Bourke – Director of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Westmead Hospital, Sydney, Australia

I would be grateful if you can spend just a few minutes completing this survey on your colonoscopy and polypectomy practice. This really does not take long. If you do not perform colonoscopy you do not need to complete the survey.

This survey is trying to ascertain current international polypectomy practice. The study is led by our team in Sydney in partnership with the major gastroenterology societies. Further information and details can be found at the further information link below.

If you respond (and enter your email address) we will follow up with the results in due course.

The survey contains some high quality polyp images and should be very interesting for colonoscopists. Please take a few minutes to ensure appropriate representation is collated from the UK.

Click here to [access the survey](#)

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## Survey: UK Practice of chromoendoscopy for colitis surveillance

Dr Bu'Hussain Hayee

Chromoendoscopy for colitis surveillance is accepted worldwide as the standard of care, but– anecdotally– practice in the UK is patchy and often limited to specialist centres.

We would be very grateful for no more than 2–3 minutes of your time to complete an anonymous 10–question survey to determine who, where and how chromoendoscopy is practiced. We hope that this will form the basis of a future study to determined and address

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

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

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Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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Intestinal Failure Study Day and Workshop in Home Parenteral Nutrition

11th – 12th December 2017

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Pregnancy

11th December 2017

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs

barriers as well as potentially informing training for this technique.

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## EDUCATION

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### BSG Education Committee – endorsement policy update

From 1st September 2017, the Committee will not consider for endorsement any meeting taking place within a month each side of the BSG Annual Meeting. In 2018, the meeting will be held in Liverpool from 4th–7th June; therefore, no endorsements will be given for meetings taking place from 4th May through 7th July 2018. If you would like your meeting to be endorsed, please bear this timing in mind. The endorsement process and policy will be updated on the Education section of the website as soon as possible. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email the [Education Committee](#).

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### Upcoming RCP events on integrated care for long-term conditions

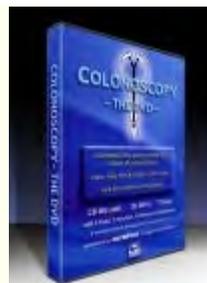
The Royal College of Physicians is hosting two events in June 2017 that will focus on integrated care for long-term conditions. The events will bring together healthcare and other professionals from primary and secondary care, who are developing or delivering integrated care services, to reflect on the barriers and facilitators for successful integration and share learning and experience gained during the integration journey.

The events will use experience from an integration project for diabetes care in Oxfordshire as a starting point to highlight the general principles, key themes and learning that are applicable to integrated care across the range of long-term conditions.

Friday 23 June 2017, 10am – 3.30pm at the RCP in London: We invite healthcare and other professionals to join us for an event that will discuss barriers and facilitators in more detail, and drill down into some of the main areas of concern for integration, including IT, patient engagement, clinical leadership, governance and finance. Find out more and book a place at: [www.rcplondon.ac.uk/events/future-hospital-journey-towards-integration](http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/events/future-hospital-journey-towards-integration)

Please contact the Future Hospital team at [futurehospital@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:futurehospital@rcplondon.ac.uk) with any questions.

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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](#)

# Inaugural RCP medical education conference: Supporting learning in the clinical environment

7 June 2017, Royal College of Physicians of London

*Co-badged by University College London*

These are times of great challenges and changes in healthcare. Healthcare organisations are facing increasing demands, not least from an ageing multi-comorbid patient population. Expectations of healthcare have never been higher.

The workforce must adapt to meet the challenges of the present and the future. Implementation of the Shape of Training report is currently being considered. Whatever happens, the tension between education, training and service will continue to be an issue.

The theme of this conference is practical measures to optimise education and training in the clinical environment. It features three nationally renowned keynote speakers and six workshops, which aim to provide attendees with practical outputs which will help them to improve the delivery of education and training in the busy service environment.

## Programme highlights

- developing your career as a medical educator
- new directions in assessment
- on-the-job learning
- work-based learning and teaching.

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## Royal Free International Postgraduate Endoscopy Masterclass

31.08.17 – 02.09.17

This unique London Masterclass is planned to be a comprehensive, major educational event with the participation of a stellar faculty of highly acclaimed international and national speakers to showcase the state of the art of advanced endoscopy. The Royal Free International Postgraduate Masterclass shall consist of 2 full days of didactic and interactive lectures (including dedicated hepatology and neuro-endocrine symposia) followed by a day of hands-on training on tissue models. The hands-on course will run in parallel with an IBD post-graduate symposium.

The Masterclass, which has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee, will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine (Number 1, Wimpole Street, London) under the auspices of the Royal Free Hospital (London). The hands-on session will be held at a neighbouring non-clinical facility (adjacent to the Royal Free Hospital). CPD points are being sought from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). BSG members will be offered a discounted registration fee. Early bird rate available until 15th June.

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## Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition

13th–15th September 2017

This 3 day course, which has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee, is aimed at all professions with an interest in Clinical Nutrition and will appeal to clinicians, SpRs (Specialist Registrars), dietitians, doctors, hospital pharmacists, nursing staff and others with an interest in patient nutrition. BSG members will be offered the reduced registration fee of £440; further information is available from [www.clinical-nutrition.co.uk](http://www.clinical-nutrition.co.uk). Early registration is recommended.

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## Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass

Taking place on 19th September 2017 at UCLH, London, the second annual Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass (ONM) live endoscopy course at UCLH is a one day masterclass exploring novel and innovative advances in the early diagnosis and endoscopic treatment of patients with oesophageal neoplasia, delivered by world renowned international experts. Further details of the programme and how to register are available from the BSG events calendar. The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee; an application has been made to the RCP for CPD credits.

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## 9th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

22nd September 2017

This is the largest regional meeting in the UK (n>300), with a wide range of clinically relevant talks and practice-changing tips. Previous delegate evaluations give the meeting a 95% good-to-excellent rating and, best of all, the meeting is entirely free! The meeting has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee and has been granted 4 CPD credits by the RCP. Please contact [Deborah French](#) to register.

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

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

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

anniversary congress in Barcelona!

A variety of interactive formats to best cover our multidisciplinary field

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

Follow a new pathway: From guidelines to clinical practice

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

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## Podcasts from around the world

Have you looked at the Podcasts page? You might find something of interest there. Feel free to recommend relevant podcasts for inclusion by emailing [Julie Solomon](#).

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## RESEARCH

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### forCrohn's announces 2017 grant recipients

The BSG is delighted to announce that the following four teams (most of whom are BSG members!) are recipients of Innovation Grants from [forCrohns](#):

- Dr Gareth Walker & Dr Tariq Ahmad (Royal Devon & Exeter): 'Identifying the genetic determinants of thiopurine toxicity'
- Prof Kevin Whelan & Dr Megan Rossi (Kings College London): 'To develop a low food-additive-emulsifier diet as a new approach to managing Crohn's Disease'
- Mr Kapil Sahnun (St Mark's Hospital): '3D printing of complex perianal Crohn's fistulas'
- Mrs Cath Stansfield (Salford Royal NHS Trust): 'Evaluation of a psycho-educational group for patients with inflammatory bowel disease'

Congratulations to all.

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## Trainee Research Awards: Deadline 30 June 2017

Core and the British Society of Gastroenterology are inviting applications under this new research programme which is open to UK-based gastroenterology specialty trainees who would like to conduct research in any area of gastroenterology, pancreatology, liver disease or nutrition.

Up to four grants of up to £5,000 each will be made. The following awards are available:

- Two awards will be available to individual applicants; and
- Two will be available for collaborators within a Trainee Research Network. Applications for the network awards may be for new projects for existing networks or for the development of a project within a new research network.

Please note there is a separate application form for each award stream (individual stream and network stream) and applicants should make sure that they complete the correct form for the correct stream.

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## Crohn's and Colitis UK Research Awards 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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## ACPGBI IMPACT Initiative: Improving Management of Patients with Advanced

# Colorectal Tumours

Patient & Public Involvement Day  
26th June 2017, Royal College of Surgeons

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) is fundamentally important when designing and running research studies as patients bring valuable contributions by providing judgements based on their own experience and understanding of their condition. They may also have different thoughts and ideas about what is important in terms of measuring outcomes. Often, patients will also be able to predict whether a research study is likely to succeed by assessing whether the proposed research will seem acceptable to other patients. Any major research funder will now only consider awarding a grant to researchers who have involved patients in study design and planning.

The IMPACT (Improving Management for Patients with Advanced Colorectal Tumours) initiative is targeted on improving outcomes for patients with advanced bowel cancer or cancer that has spread, and for patients who have bowel cancer that comes back after treatment. IMPACT will emphasise the need to improve outcomes through early access to specialist advice and services where appropriate, but also using expertise closer to home wherever possible. The idea is to tailor services to the needs of each individual patient.

However, IMPACT has highlighted areas where new research is essential to improve treatments for patients in the future. This is what this Patient and Public Involvement day will be all about.

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## The Sir Francis Avery Jones Research Award Lecture 2017

This year, the award lecture will be delivered by Professor Trevor A Graham of the Barts Cancer Institute in London. Prof Graham is interested in developing and applying methods to predict the course of tumour evolution — the process whereby normal cells are transformed over time into invasive cancer cells. With a longstanding interest in gastrointestinal cancer development (primarily in Barrett's oesophagus and in the colon), Prof Graham has three major programmes of ongoing work. The first is about predicting sporadic colorectal cancer development, the second is predicting the risk of IBD-associated colorectal cancer, and the third is predicting oesophageal cancer occurrence based on patterns of clonal diversity. It is the last of these that will form the subject of the Sir Francis Avery Jones Research Award Lecture 2017. The Lecture will be delivered at the BSG's Annual Meeting on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at the Manchester Central Convention Centre.

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## Research – Role of primary care in PBC management: Clinician perspectives needed

The University of Birmingham and NIHR Birmingham Liver BRU in conjunction with UK-PBC are conducting research into perspectives of patients, GPs and specialists around PBC care and potential future changes including an increased role for primary care. We are looking for gastroenterologists and hepatologists in the West Midlands area to take part in qualitative interviews around the role of stratification. Please see advert attached for further details or contact the study team led by Gideon Hirschfield for more details.

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## IASO trial of anakinra in ASUC

Despite huge progress in the outpatient management of ulcerative colitis, there are still around 2,500 admissions for acute severe UC in the UK every year. Our current standard initial therapy (intravenous corticosteroids) is based upon the landmark trial of Truelove and Witt in the 1950s; advances since have been restricted to rescue therapy for those failing this initial care. Led by Tim Raine and Arthur Kaser in Cambridge, with a team of researchers from across the UK, the IASO trial will be a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial to test the hypothesis that IL-1 blockade using anakinra, a safe and affordable antagonist of the IL-1 receptor, can improve outcomes when given as initial therapy in acute severe UC alongside corticosteroids. Funding for IASO has been provided by the NIHR and MRC through the EME programme, with additional funding from the Wellcome Trust and Swedish Orphan Biovitrum, totalling in all in excess of £1.6m. IASO will set this major clinical trial in the context of a detailed scientific study of the largest cohort of patients with acute severe UC ever assembled. Patient recruitment will begin in 2017, with final trial reporting expected in 2021/22.

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## Research Funding Opportunities

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

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## Research news on the BSG website

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

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# TRAINING

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## Vacancy: MRCP(UK) PACES Station 2 and 4 Scenario Writing Group

The Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK – and the trainees, patients and health services – rely on hundreds of physicians to deliver examinations that are truly world class.

It is crucial to ensure the examinations are shaped by physicians who reflect NHS medicine at its best. Our leadership must also be representative of the workforce, in terms of gender, ethnic diversity, age, specialties and experience.

All volunteers are trained through a formal induction programme and receive the support of the staff in the examinations departments and central office throughout their involvement in the exams. Advice on where to access equality and diversity training can be obtained from the examinations office of your parent college.

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## Join the Gastroenterology Speciality Certificate Examination (SCE) question writing group

Applications are invited for additional members of the SCE question writing group. Consultants and post-SCE trainees in all subspecialties are very welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the further development of a high-quality assessment and gain some excellent CPD in the process. Full training will be provided. The commitment required is to individually generate about 12 new single best answer questions annually and attend a 2-day question writing and review workshop (which is usually held in March/April). To express an interest or for further information please contact Dr Ian Beales ([i.beales@uea.ac.uk](mailto:i.beales@uea.ac.uk))

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## Workforce Report 2016

The BSG Workforce Report for 2016 is now available to view on the BSG Training page. Please follow the further information link below to view the report from 2016 and previous years.

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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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