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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.

### Clinical Leadership and Management Course for Medical Specialties

3rd – 5th October 2016

Keele, Staffordshire

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3rd – 4th October 2016

University College Hospital –  
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## IMPORTANT: BSG Workforce Survey goes online

The BSG's annual workforce census for 2016 has been launched in a new online format. It is vital for the specialty and the BSG that the survey is completed in good time so that important analysis can be undertaken by the BSG Workforce lead Dr Melanie Lockett. Please contact John Hayward ([j.hayward@bsg.org.uk](mailto:j.hayward@bsg.org.uk)) should you require further information.

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## JAG Chair Appointed

Professor Colin Rees, BSG Vice-president Endoscopy

As most will know, John Stebbing steps down as chair of JAG at the end of this year. A number of outstanding candidates applied to be John's successor and I am delighted to let you know that Dr Siwan Thomas-Gibson (Consultant Gastroenterologist and Endoscopy Lead, St.Mark's and Northwick Park Hospital) was appointed.

Siwan is an excellent appointment and I warmly congratulate her on behalf of the Society.

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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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Gastroenterology Update for Primary Care

12th October 2016

Centre for Professional Development – Birmingham

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New Perspectives in Clinical Hepatology

12th October 2016

Royal Society of Medicine, London

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## APPEAL: Send us your service success stories

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 to make resources available through the BSG website. Please email Richard Gardner ([r.gardner@bsg.org.uk](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk)) and Simone Cort ([s.cort@bsg.org.uk](mailto:s.cort@bsg.org.uk))

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## Commissioning: Action Plan Report published

Further to the series of commissioning workshops the BSG ran in Birmingham, Newmarket, Manchester and London in May, please follow the link below to the final feedback Action Plan Report 'Achieving a Winning Business Case to Improve Outcomes in Gastroenterology & Hepatology Services'.

Those who also attended our Satellite Symposium on Thursday 23rd June at the BSG Annual Conference will know this Action Plan contains 'Ten Top Tips for Success' on the first page of the Report and in Appendix 1, Page 11 a 'Business Case Check List'. Appendix 2 on Pages 12 - 16 has two very useful Business Case Examples.

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## CLINICAL

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### IBD Registry Update: September 2016

Local value of patient data – the Dorset experience

With the launch of the IBD Registry web tool last month, we're all set for every IBD team in the UK to join in, and to start to benefit from collecting useful local data to help deliver better patient care and support service development. Here Pearl Avery describes the approach she took to entering data on the PMS, involving patients in the process and the value of the information collected in the first ten months. This included being able to achieve CCG funding for the helpline for the first time in 20 years.

Over 160 teams have registered to be part of the project now. If you

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

14th October 2016

Royal Society of Medicine – London

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Behcet's Forum meeting

14th October 2016

The Plough and Harrow Hotel – Edgbaston

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UEG 2016

15th – 19th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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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

haven't registered to join yet, please contact [IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk)

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## NICE Quality Standards: Suspected cancer

This quality standard has been incorporated into the [NICE pathway on suspected cancer recognition and referral](#).

- Quality statement 1: Direct access to diagnostic tests
- Quality statement 2: Urgent direct access endoscopy for oesophageal or stomach cancer
- Quality statement 3: Testing for blood in faeces
- Quality statement 4: Encouraging attendance at cancer services

[▶ Access documentation on NICE website](#)

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## Guidelines: For obtaining valid consent for gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures

Lead author: Dr Simon Everett

Much has changed since the last guideline of 2008, both in endoscopy and in the practice of obtaining informed consent, and it is vital that all endoscopists who are responsible for performing invasive and increasingly risky procedures are aware of the requirements for obtaining valid consent. This guideline is restricted to GI endoscopy but we cover elective and acute or emergency procedures. Few clinical trials have been carried out in relation to informed consent but most areas are informed by guidance from the General Medical Council (GMC) and/or are enshrined in legislation. Following an iterative voting process a series of recommendations have been drawn up that cover the majority of situations that will be encountered by endoscopists. This is not exhaustive and where doubt exists we have described where legal advice is likely to be required. This document relates to the law and endoscopy practice in the UK — where there is variation between the four devolved countries this is pointed out and endoscopists must be aware of the law where they practice. The recommendations are divided into consent for patients with and without capacity and we provide sections on provision of information and the consent process for patients in a variety of situations. This guideline is intended for use by all practitioners who request or perform GI endoscopy, or are involved in the pathway of such patients. If followed, we hope this document will enhance the experience of patients attending for endoscopy in UK units.

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## UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC)

Stakeholder Conference 2016

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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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PCSG ASM and AGM 2016

4th November 2016

RCGP – London

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European Capsule Endoscopy Lumley Training Programme Autumn 2016

10th – 11th November 2016

Following the success of last year's inaugural event, this year's conference will be in London on Wednesday 14 December. As well as highlighting recent work of the UK NSC it will also mark the 20th anniversary since the committee was formed.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Sir Muir Gray, the UK NSC's first Programme Director
- Dr Angela Raffle, co-author of "Screening: Evidence and Practice"
- Prof Bob Steele, new Chair of the UK NSC
- Dr Anne Mackie, PHE Screening Director

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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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## 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.

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

17th November 2016

Newcastle Surgical Training Centre – Newcastle upon Tyne

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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 appreciated.

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## EDUCATION

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### BSG/MSD Travel Bursary

The successful applicants for the 2016 BSG/MSD travel bursary are as follows:

- Imran Aziz
- Eirini Dimidi
- Dave Gracie
- Maxworth Hu
- James Kennedy
- Luke Materacki
- David Mitchell
- Mark Samaan
- Shuann Shwana

#### 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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#### RCPE Gastroenterology Symposium 2016

18th November 2016

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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#### The Why, What & How of Endoscope Decontamination

22nd November 2016

Royal Berkshire Conference Centre – Reading

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#### Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease

22nd – 25th November 2016

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

Ruchit Sood

Each bursary is funded by MSD and is intended to reimburse the costs of registration, travel and/or accommodation for attendance at UEGW 2016, October 15–19 2016 at the Austria Centre Vienna, Vienna, Austria, but no other costs.

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## Norgine BASL 2016

The 5 successful recipients of this year's Norgine sponsored BSG/BASL bursary:

- Dr Matthew Armstrong
- Dr Morven Cunningham
- Dr Laura Harrison
- Dr Beverley Kok
- Dr Kate Williamson

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## Important UEG Week Vienna deadlines

UEG Week Vienna – October 15–19 – Registration at attractive rates

UEG Week Vienna 2016 is less than 100 days away. Make sure you register before September 8 to be able to benefit from reduced fees for the world's leading Gastroenterology Meeting:

<http://www.ueg.eu/week/attendance/registration/>

Late-breaking abstract submission

Late-breaking abstract submission opens on August 15, 2016. Submission deadline is September 9.

For more details, go to <http://www.ueg.eu/week/abstract-submission/call-for-abstracts/>

UEG Lifetime Achievement Award and Research Prize

The [UEG Lifetime Achievement Award](#), which recognises outstanding individuals who have made fundamental contribution to gastroenterology as a whole and to UEG in particular, will this year be awarded to Guenter Krejs.

The [UEG Research Prize 2016](#) will be awarded to Ernst J. Kuipers for his research project on "Hidden in plain sight: the opportunities for targeted surveillance and intervention for early gastric neoplasia".

Both Awards will be handed over during the Opening Session of UEG Week Vienna 2016 on Monday, October 17.

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

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London IBD SPR teaching group

24th November 2016

Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton – London

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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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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

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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## 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

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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## Exploring the Science of Digestion

Friday 23rd September 2016, 5:00pm  
Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel Sheffield S1 2AU

Learn all about the hidden world inside us all, the conditions that affect your digestive system and what we know about how to fight them.

This is your chance to hear from leading experts in a friendly but

28th November 2016

The Sage, Gateshead

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42nd Annual Meeting of PSGBI  
– joint with EUS Users' Group

30th November – 2nd  
December 2016

Hilton Manchester Deansgate –  
Manchester

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Cytopathology Study Day 2016

2nd December 2016

Hodgkin Building, Guy's  
Hospital – London

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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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10th Portsmouth Advanced  
Endoscopy Symposium 2017

12th – 13th January 2017

Action Stations – Portsmouth

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informative way. Exploring the Science of Digestion is open to all.

Tickets are FREE but must be reserved in advance, to book or for more information: [sheffielddigestion2016.eventbrite.co.uk](http://sheffielddigestion2016.eventbrite.co.uk) or call 020 7486 0341

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## The 9th Nottingham Endoscopy Masterclass

20th – 21st October 2016

The programme includes lectures, live endoscopy transmission, 'how I do it', course dinner and a dedicated full day for nurses' education.

View [course video](#) online.

For further information, programme and registration, please email: [bethany.robinson@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:bethany.robinson@nottingham.ac.uk) (Tel. +44 (0) 115 823 1149) Or access link below:

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## BSG Gastro Taster Course 2016

26th – 27th November

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

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

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

To book a place on the course, please visit [www.gastro-tastercourse.co.uk](http://www.gastro-tastercourse.co.uk) and follow the instructions on the website.

If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact MCI UK Ltd at [BSG2016tastercourse@mci-group.com](mailto:BSG2016tastercourse@mci-group.com) or telephone them on 0141 202 2888.

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

Free places for medical students...

The BSG Trainees Section is inviting UK final year medical students to apply for one of 5 fully funded places on the fourth 'Taster Course in Gastroenterology'.

Applicants need to be UK-based medical students starting their final year of study this year. Applicants should send a 2-page CV and 250 word (maximum) supporting statement (explaining why they want to do gastroenterology, their inspiration, experience and steps they have taken to gain insight into the specialty) to [BSG2016Tastercourse@mci-group.com](mailto:BSG2016Tastercourse@mci-group.com) by 5pm on the 7th October

### BSPGHAN Annual Meeting 2017

25th – 27th January 2017

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel – Glasgow

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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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### Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

ICC Birmingham

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### CDDW 2017

3rd – 6th March 2017

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2016. All applications must be supported by a covering letter, which is officially stamped or verified by the medical school faculty office.

An independent panel of gastroenterologists will choose the best applications. Successful applicants will be informed by the 21st October 2016. They will enjoy free registration to attend the course, have fully funded return transport to the course, and have overnight accommodation arranged for the 26th November 2016.

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## Application for the JGHFoundation Travel Grants now open

ENDO 2017 has announced that the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Foundation (JGHF) will provide travel grants for young doctors to attend the first world congress of GI Endoscopy.

The grant awards 15 selected recipients with a USD 1,000 travel stipend.

Additionally, the ENDO 2017 registration fee is waived, which includes:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Poster Exhibition & Technical Exhibition
- Admission to the Learning Center
- Admission to the Postgraduate Course
- Congress materials
- Coffee breaks and lunches

Deadline for travel grant application is 30 September 2016.

Important note: Applicants must be 40 years or younger as of 30. September 2016. To be eligible for selection, applicants are required to have submitted an abstract for ENDO 2017 by 31st August 2016.

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## BSGtv

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/](http://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.

### Clinical Leadership and Management Course for Medical Specialties

6th – 8th March 2017

Keele, Staffordshire

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### 4th Leeds Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

24th March 2017

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

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### Stoke ERCP Symposium

27th – 28th April 2017

Royal Stoke University Hospital – Stoke-on-Trent

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### The Sheffield Dietetic Gastroenterology Symposium 2016

12th May 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

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### Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – May 2017

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## RESEARCH

### Research Funding Opportunities

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

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### Research news on the BSG website

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

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### Last chance to comment: new health-data security standards and consent/opt-out model

The Government is seeking views on the proposed data security standards and new consent and opt-out models for data sharing in the NHS and social care, as proposed in the recent [Caldicott Review](#). The NIHR is keen to encourage researchers and clinicians to contribute to this consultation to ensure that the views of the research community are reflected. [The consultation is open](#) until 7 September 2016.

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### Mentoring for young scientists

A unique opportunity for aspiring researchers! The UEG Mentoring Programme, part of the Young GI Network, provides you with guidance from senior scientists such as Research Prize Awardee Rebecca Fitzgerald or Rising Star Jakub Fichna. To receive a personal invitation and secure one of the limited places, [make sure to register by September 8](#) (special rates for fellows apply).

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Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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20th TECNA Course

10th June 2017

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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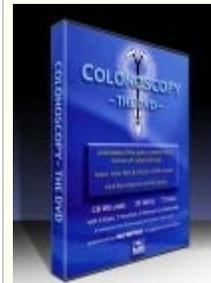
BSG Annual Meeting 2017

19th – 22nd June 2017

Manchester Central Convention Complex – Manchester

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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs



St. Mark's Hospital is a leading provider of medical training materials in gastro-intestinal 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.

## NIHR HTA Programme announces new funding board and leadership opportunities

The NIHR HTA Programme is the biggest of the NIHR research programmes and assesses around 600 research applications every year. Due to the increasing popularity of the programme a new funding board has been created. The new board will increase capacity to assess and fund high quality research. Most importantly for HTA applicants, the new board will increase the time available to consider and provide constructive feedback on applications, as well as give applicants more time to respond to calls. To support the Chair of this new HTA General Board (Professor Andrew Farmer), a Deputy Chair is being sought. In addition, [a Deputy Chair is being sought](#) to support Professor Deborah Ashby, the Chair of the Commissioning Board. The application deadline for both roles is 9 September 2016.

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## Chair of the UEG Scientific Committee

The deadline for nominations is 16 September. The new Chair will be elected one year before the current Chair's term ends, to allow for a smooth handover period. More information is available from the UEG website at the further information link below.

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## Trainee member of the CRN: Gastroenterology National Specialty Group

Applications are invited from any UK Gastroenterology SpR to be the Trainee representative on the Gastroenterology National Specialty Group of the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) for a term of two years. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about clinical trials feasibility and delivery, as well as gain valuable experience in research leadership. The Trainee will join the 15 Local CRN (LCRN) Leads on the Group and will work with/obtain mentorship from the LCRN Lead for his/her geographic region of work. Prior experience/involvement in clinical studies on the UKCRN Portfolio is desirable, as is a desire to work in the future as a Principal Investigator and potentially take on a role in the CRN. The Trainee member will also be expected to take an interest in one of the Group's themes (Industry studies, patient and public involvement [PPI], Communications). The Trainee will be expected to write a short report for review by the CRN and BSG on his/her involvement in the Group at the end of the tenure.

Expenses for travel to National meetings (3x/year) will be covered by the CRN.

Applications should take the form of a research CV and a maximum 200 word description of the reason(s) for applying and expected

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](#)

individual gains. Please email Prof Mark Hull ([M.A.Hull@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:M.A.Hull@leeds.ac.uk)) with questions or for pre-application informal contact. Send applications to [research@bsg.org.uk](mailto:research@bsg.org.uk) by 9am Monday 19 September 2016.

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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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## NIHR – Revised DH contract will benefit researchers and patients

The Department of Health (DH) and the Health Research Authority (HRA) have been working together to review the standard DH contract for NIHR funded research. From 4th August 2016 research funded by an NIHR research programme will be able to receive payments for start-up in advance of ethical approval. This enables more rapid, efficient and streamlined set-up of research and quicker translation of research into patient benefit.

This change will enable the appointment of skilled research staff earlier in the project leading to better quality applications for HRA Approval, fewer protocol amendment applications early on in the project, and a quicker and more efficient start up process.

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Basic and translational research at UEG

## Week 2016

Follow the [Basic and Translational Science Pathway](#) at UEG Week 2016 and attend sessions tailored specifically to interests of scientists in digestive health. Start planning your itinerary; e.g. by marking sessions like [Immunotherapy in cancer](#) and learn about immunotherapy and the mechanism of action by Stefan Kubicka and colleagues.

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### PRO–MC Collaboration: establishment of a European prospective data registry, and follow–up for microscopic colitis

UEG promotes closer ties with and between all its 46 national member societies by funding cross–border scientific and professional activities. Programmes such as the LINK Award initiative foster this exchange and target supporting underserved areas in gastroenterology and underprivileged regions to improve and harmonise the quality of care across Europe.

Coordinated by the National Societies Committee, a particular focus with these support programmes is put on promoting and disseminating appropriate guidelines and standards in various formats together with member societies to encourage their uptake.

The PRO–MC Collaboration, led by the Svensk Gastroenterologisk Förening (Sweden) and the Asociación Española de Gastroenterología (Spain), is endorsed and co–funded by the UEG.

The main focus of the PRO–MC Collaboration is to collect data on the disease course of MC prospectively from a large, international patient cohort and to search for markers for disease course prediction. Expectations of this registry are better insight into the number of patients with spontaneous remission, the frequency and characteristics of budesonide refractory cases, and the long–term remission rates. Pathologists will also be involved and will not only enhance data quality, but will also lead to the better identification of MC cases. For the PRO–MC Collaboration to succeed on all fronts, dedicated centres are needed to participate in this project. All interested investigators are invited to join the common interest group on Sunday, 16 October 4 p.m. within the UEG Week 2016.

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### Pancreatic Cancer Action – Early Diagnosis Challenge Awards

[Pancreatic Cancer Action](#) is inviting people to apply for one of their 2017 Early Diagnosis Challenge Awards.

They fund projects that focus on the early diagnosis of Pancreatic Cancer.

They encourage applications for projects that could:

- Explore a novel approach to diagnosis;

- Investigate areas of unexplored potential;
- Focus on the novel application of technology;
- Grow and access a rich patient/sample cohort;
- Have potential for further funding after proof of concept.

Applications will be evaluated by their [International Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (SAC) on scientific merit and compliance with their [research strategy](#).

For more information and to apply, please visit their website: [Pancreatic Cancer Action Early Diagnosis Challenge Award](#), [send an email](#) or call on 0303 040 1770.

Deadline 5pm, 31 October 2016

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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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## 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

Delegates must register for the meeting. Abstracts that fit into the main conference themes, and that present new data and outputs, are welcomed. If you are interested in submitting an abstract, please fill out the abstract submission form and send it to [EDconference@cancer.org.uk](mailto:EDconference@cancer.org.uk) by 5pm 1st November 2016.

Please do circulate this invitation to any colleagues that you think this may be of interest to. More information on the conference can

be [found on their website](#). If you have any questions, please get in touch at [EDconference@cancer.org.uk](mailto:EDconference@cancer.org.uk)

#### How to register

Delegates MUST register to attend this conference. Please [login to register](#) for the event (Username: EARLY17, Password: CRUK – all uppercase). Please register early to secure a place – as with previous conferences, those who are not allocated a space will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if a space becomes available.

Cancer Research UK's early diagnosis work is made possible thanks to donations from the public. This year, to help cover the costs of the 2017 conference, we are asking delegates to pay a registration fee:

- 1 day rate (23rd February or 24th February): £100.00
- 2 day rate (both 23rd and 24th February): £150.00

Registration fees include:

- Attendance fee
- Entry to the poster exhibition and associated evening networking event on 23rd February
- Lunch and refreshments
- Access to presentation slides after the conference (subject to speakers permission)

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## TRAINING

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### Results of the BSG Endoscopy Training Survey 2016

Dr Sujata Biswas, Dr Laith Alrubaiy and Dr Louise China – BSG Trainees Section

Many thanks to trainees who responded to our 2016 survey on endoscopy training. An Executive Summary was published in May. The findings have been brought to the attention of the BSG and JAG executive committees as well as individual Training Programme Directors.

In particular, we noted trainees' concerns regarding quality of training lists, technical issues with the JETS portfolio, and lack of experience in upper GI bleeding therapy. These issues and the results have been highlighted to respective committee leads and TPDs, and we are awaiting responses with regards to an action plan and outcomes which will be detailed in the next trainees e-newsletter.

Special congratulations to Dr Hanson Kwok and Dr Farhad Peerally who both won Amazon vouchers in the survey competition – we hope that they enjoy spending them!

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## Later life career planning

Assessing aspirations and options available for later career stages.

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Flexible Careers Group is canvassing views on the optimal career plan and working terms and conditions for colleagues in the later stages of their careers. With the planned increase in retirement age there are potentially many implications for those working in the NHS.

There may be some doctors who wish to continue to work and feel encouraged to postpone retirement. Equally, there may be many others who are concerned about their ability to continue to perform at a high enough level and will seek to retire. Others may be happy to continue to work if given the option of reducing their workload. Several flexible retirement options, some related to the Flexible Careers Scheme, exist, and, particularly in shortage specialties, should be attractive to both doctors and employers. However, there is considerable evidence of doctors who wish to access these options having difficulty resulting, in many cases, in premature retirement. Such doctors represent an enormous resource of knowledge, experience and expertise, which should not be wasted.

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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).

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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 BMJPC'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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