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### Regional and Local Gastroenterology Meetings

If you have a local Gut Club or hospital meeting that focuses on any aspect of GI medicine and is open to a wide audience please send details through to [Howard Ellison](#) at the BSG for inclusion in the BSG website's events calendar.

### St Mark's Postgraduate Gastroenterology Course 2016

27th June – 8th July 2016

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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### 48th meeting of the European Pancreatic Club

6th – 9th July 2016

St George's Hall, Liverpool –  
Liverpool

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## CLINICAL

### IBD Registry Update June 2016: Join us at the BSG!

Join Stuart Bloom, Ian Arnott, Pearl Avery, Keith Bodger and Fraser Cummings at the BSG meeting in Liverpool in a few weeks' time.

*Delivering Quality with the IBD Registry* will be an opportunity to hear about plans for the Registry to take over from the Audit as the vehicle for ongoing data collection for audit and quality improvement in the UK, and to find out what this means for you and your patients. The session is on Thursday 23rd June 8:45-10:15 in room 3B on the upper level of Liverpool ACC. Pearl, Keith and Fraser will be talking about the ways in which being part of the Registry can help teams provide better local care, support research initiatives as well as service evaluation and other projects. We'll also be including mini workshops and discussions in the programme to give you a chance to help shape the future of the Registry project. For more information and to register, see <https://ibdregistry.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you can't make the Thursday morning session, the IBD Audit Programme and IBD Registry teams will be sharing stand C06 in the charities section in Hall 2. Do come and see us to find out more about plans for the future and how you can get involved.

#### July data submission

Our next scheduled 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.

#### Web tool update and support for local implementation

The web tool has undergone its final development and testing so that sites can use it for ongoing data collection for audit and quality improvement. It will shortly be installed on our N3 server so that we can begin to set up sites that have all of their information governance approvals and IT arrangements in place. Starter packs have been sent to all registered sites. If you haven't received your starter pack please contact [IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:IBDProgramme@rcplondon.ac.uk)

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)

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#### 3rd Athens International Symposium

8th – 9th July 2016

Athens Hilton Hotel – Athens

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

11th – 14th July 2016

University of Warwick – Coventry

▶ [Further Information](#)

#### Summer Conference 2016: New technologies in nutrition research and practice

11th – 14th July 2016

University College Dublin – Dublin

▶ [Further Information](#)

#### Methods for Evaluating Medical Tests and Biomarkers

19th – 20th July 2016

University of Birmingham

▶ [Further Information](#)

#### Mucosal Immunology Course & Symposium (MICS)

## Opportunity: JAG Clinical Fellow

The JAG Clinical Fellow is a full time, fixed term role for two years. The fellow will be responsible for co-ordinating, analysing and publishing numerous research projects primarily based on data from the JAG Endoscopy Training Portfolio (JETS). The post holder will also support developments to the JETS ePortfolio and other related JAG training activity.

For full information please see the advert and job description in the JAG download centre on [www.thejag.org.uk](http://www.thejag.org.uk). Please note the closing date for applications is Friday 10 June 2016 (extended from original deadline of 31 May 2016).

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## UEG Elections 2016

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

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

Deadline for nominations: September 16, 2016.

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

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

Election of Chairs of the EUG Scientific and Public Affairs Committee

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

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## 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](#)

27th – 30th July 2016

Westin Harbour Castle – Toronto

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Indonesian Society of Internal Medicine (PAPDI)

22nd – 25th August 2016

Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center – Nusa dua

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Endoscopic Assessment and Treatment of Oesophageal Neoplasia

1st September 2016

University College London Hospitals – London

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Edinburgh International Conference of Medicine: Past, Present & Future

12th – 13th September 2016

Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) – Edinburgh

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The Leeds course in Clinical Nutrition 2016

14th – 16th September 2016

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## The UK NSC recommendation on Stomach cancer screening in adults

Recommendation: Systematic population screening programme not recommended

Last review completed: March 2016

Why is screening not recommended by UK NSC?

Screening is not recommended because:

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

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## Survey: Heartburn, Barrett's, Oesophagus – Priorities

Core is leading a priority setting exercise for research into Barrett's, heartburn and cancer. An initial survey for patients and professionals can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/corehbbo](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/corehbbo). Paper copies for distribution can be obtained from the Core office by calling 020 7486 0341. Initial results and further details of how the project will progress from this initial survey will be announced at the Science of Digestion event in Liverpool at the BSG meeting on Monday 20 June.

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## Survey: Use of diathermy for polypectomy in lower GI endoscopy

[Dr Ajay M Verma](#)

Consultant Gastroenterologist & Physician – Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

[Dr Andrew Chilton](#)

Consultant Gastroenterologist & Physician, Medical Director – Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

We are inviting responses to a 2 minute survey looking at the use of diathermy for polypectomy in lower GI endoscopy. This is an important topic given the large number of endoscopists in the UK. Understanding the variability in practice will help scope and plan future guidance and training in safe diathermy use for endoscopists performing colonic polypectomy.

University of Leeds – Leeds

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15th – 16th September 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow

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Oxford IBD MasterClass 2016

17th – 21st September 2016

Examination Schools – Oxford

[▶ Further Information](#)

ISDE 2016

19th – 21st September 2016

Singapore EXPO – Singapore

[▶ Further Information](#)

Advanced ERCP Nursing Workshop 2016

21st September 2016

Liverpool Medical Institution – Liverpool

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The 8th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium – SAVE THE DATE

The link is: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NationalDiathermySurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NationalDiathermySurvey)

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## Survey: Management of Eating Disorders in Inpatient Medical Settings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## EDUCATION

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

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

The BSG is solely responsible for all aspects of administering the

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

[Further Information](#)

Surgical Anastomosis  
Techniques – October 2016

5th October 2016

Royal College of Physicians &  
Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

[Further Information](#)

BSG Gastro Education Weekend  
2016

7th – 8th October 2016

Hilton Hotel Cardiff

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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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## BSG 2016 Twitter Debates

The British Society of Gastroenterology would like to invite you to take part in a series of Twitter debates in the weeks leading up to the [Annual Conference](#) in Liverpool.

Each debate will take place between 8–9pm GMT, on the 1st, 8th and 15th June, and will be led by leading gastroenterological experts and BSG members.

The debates are being held on:

- Wednesday 1st June – The first debate will be co-hosted by Dr Kofi Oppong, winner of the Hopkins Endoscopy Prize for his work around the use of endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) in the diagnosis and treatment of pancreaticobiliary disease, and Dr Ye Oo ([@ye\\_yehtunoo](#)), winner of the Sir Francis Avery-Jones Research Medal, giving participants the chance to ask questions about their leading work.
- Wednesday 8th June – The second debate will be hosted by Professor Pradeep Bhandari ([@gastro3570](#)) alongside Frontline Gastroenterology ([@FrontGastro\\_BMI](#)) on the question, *'With a capacity crisis in the NHS, what is the future of specialist endoscopy?'*
- Wednesday 15th June – The final debate will be hosted by Dr Simon Greenfield ([@Simongreenfield3](#)), Chairman of the BSG's Clinical Services and Standards Committee on the question, *'Should gastroenterologists do general medicine?'*

We would encourage all members to join in – it's simply a case of logging in to [Twitter](#) and interacting with us, using the hashtag [#BSG2016](#) in your posts. These debates will be a useful opportunity to talk about your ideas with our experts and other BSG members.

Please follow [@BritSocGastro](#) for further updates.

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## Oesophageal Neoplasia Masterclass

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

7th October 2016

Hyatt Regency Hotel – Birmingham

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UEG 2016

15th – 19th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

[▶ Further Information](#)

20th ESGENA Conference

15th – 17th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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First Conference of the European Association of Systems Medicine

26th – 28th October 2016

Kaiserin Friedrich-Haus – Berlin

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APDW 2016

2nd – 5th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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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 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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## 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 promises to be an excellent meeting, as always – so mark your diary now and look for the full programme, which will be posted soon 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)

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:

### JDDW 2016

3rd – 6th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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### European Capsule Endoscopy Lumley Training Programme Autumn 2016

10th – 11th November 2016

Lumley Castle Hotel – County Durham

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

11th November 2016

RCGP – London

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### International Feeding Conference 2016

15th – 16th November 2016

UCL Institute of Child Health – London

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### EGHS-WGO International Congress 2016

1. Develop existing skills for safe and effective practice of colonoscopy
2. Enhance appreciation of colonoscope handling and colonoscope positioning and methodology to facilitate endoscope intubation
3. To observe and be able to critically appraise colonoscopy practice by use of a tri-split video system

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## BSG TV

Presentations from DDF 2015 are now available through BSGtv. For the first time, all main-programme sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have been recorded! To access the recordings, log in at [www.bsg.org.uk/component/option.com\\_rsform/Itemid.657/](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.

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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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### 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

17th – 19th November 2016

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre – Abu Dhabi

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19th TECNA Course

18th November 2016

Manchester Conference Centre – Manchester

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Coventry Colonoscopy November Course – Sharing Good Practice

25th November 2016

University Hospital Coventry – Coventry

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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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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)
- 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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## Tom's a winner!

The BSG Research Committee is pleased to announce that a new 32GB iPad Pro 9.7inch has been won by Dr Tom Pembroke of the Institute of Infection and Immunity at Cardiff University. Tom completed the Research Committee's recent national survey of trainees' experience and intentions in research and academia. When the results have been analysed, outcomes will be provided through the BSG Research and Trainees Committees. A better understanding of what exposure trainees have had to date and their future career plans will allow us to develop tools to assist in promoting research exposure and academic career pathways. The information we receive will enable the Research Committee to plan a BSG-sponsored research symposium and will assist in the development of Registrar Research Networks.

Tom writes: "I am currently an ST6 gastroenterology Clinical Lecturer on the Welsh Clinical Academic Tract (WCAT). During my PhD in Professors Godkin's and Gallimore's lab, I developed the use of fine needle aspiration of intrahepatic lymphocytes in chronic HCV infection and longitudinally during interferon-based treatment. I currently hold a Starter Grant for Clinical Lecturers from the Academy of Medical Sciences. This scheme allows me to spend 50% of my time continuing research focusing upon natural killer cell responses to HCV and as a clinical fellow on the TACTICC immunotherapy phase Ib/IIa trial for palliative colorectal cancer, which has just completed recruitment. I have been very well supported during my time as a clinical lecturer; the recent survey of trainees' experience and intention in research is a means of feeding back to the BSG to help further improve support structures for trainees considering research. I am starting a year-long hepatology and liver transplantation fellowship at McGill University Health Centre in Montreal in July before returning to the UK to complete my training and apply for intermediate fellowships. I am very grateful to the BSG Research Committee for the very generous prize of the iPad for completing the survey. It will be extremely useful for keeping in touch whilst I'm away and in particular to help to keep our 2 children (4yrs and 16 months) entertained on the flight out!"

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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 November 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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Endolive 2017

2nd – 3rd March 2017

ICC Birmingham

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Surgical Anastomosis Techniques – May 2017

31st May 2017

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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20th TECNA Course

10th June 2017

## 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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## 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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## NIHR Call for Research into National Clinical Audit Outcomes

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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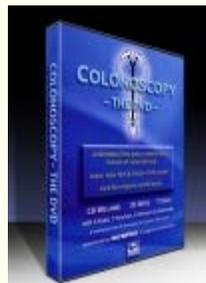
BSG Annual Meeting 2017

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.

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

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

The 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).

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## OTHER MATTERS...

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### Just 2 weeks to go until GastroCycle 2016!

From 16th–19th June 30 of your colleagues will be courageously cycling the hilly route from Newcastle to Liverpool to raise funds for Core's vital research into digestive diseases.

It's not too late to join them! If you want to take part for 1,2,3 or 4 days of the ride please get in touch with Daniel Garnett at Core on 020 7486 0341 or [dgarnett@corecharity.org.uk](mailto:dgarnett@corecharity.org.uk). If you haven't already been persuaded to take part, here's an extra incentive: every participant will be entered into a draw to win a Boardman bike worth £999 donated by Halfords!

If cycling's not your thing, you can do your bit by welcoming the riders into Liverpool on the Sunday afternoon, congratulating anyone you see hobbling around at the BSG Annual Meeting or by donating to Core.

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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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## BSG Section Membership

Full BSG members are eligible to belong to 3 clinical sections and Trainees may belong to 2 sections on the following list:

- Adolescent & Young Persons
- BSG Endoscopy
- Colorectal
- Gastroduodenal
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Liver
- Neurogastroenterology & Motility
- Oesophageal
- Pancreas
- Pathology
- Radiology
- Small Bowel & Nutrition

Section members are eligible to vote on committee representation, participate in section affairs, such as research and clinical consultations, and will receive communications on matters relevant to that sub-specialty of GI medicine.

If you wish to check to which sections you belong, or update your section membership, please contact the [BSG office](#).

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