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Call for abstracts

- Delegates who would like to present their work at the conference, either orally or as a poster, are invited to submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Committee.
- Abstracts are accepted on a wide range of topics. The corresponding topic must be selected to ensure correct scoring of the abstract.

SUBMISSION

There are 12 submission categories for BSG 2017:

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

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

When submitting abstracts on the online system, authors need to state:

1. Into which category their abstract falls
2. Whether their abstract is of a pathology, radiology or laboratory science** nature
3. Whether the author is a nurse or an associate physiologist or another allied healthcare professional (AHP) ***
4. Whether they are applying for a travel bursary

** Laboratory science research is conducted to understand what causes a disease, to analyze the mechanisms by which current treatments work, and to develop potential new therapies. It is done in laboratories using molecules and cells, not people. Meta-analyses are not basic science.



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*** To be considered for the nursing free paper session, a nurse who made a substantial contribution to the work (not just data collection) must be an author, be involved in writing and submitting the abstract and present the oral communication. Only the nurses listed as authors will be permitted to present the oral communication / poster. Joint ventures between nurses and doctors should highlight how the work impacts on nursing practice. Abstracts accepted as posters in the nursing subcategory will be judged by both nurses and doctors.

Please read this information carefully before proceeding to the online submission form.

1. IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions accepted from:	28 October 2016
Submission deadline:	24 February 2017, 23:59 GMT
Notifications to submitters:	28 April 2017

Abstracts received after the deadline will not be accepted!

2. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- The abstract submission system works best with Internet Explorer 8.0 or higher / Mozilla Firefox 5.0 or higher / Google Chrome.
- Cookies and JavaScript must be enabled.

3. GENERAL

Abstracts can only be submitted **online via the abstract submission form** via the official BSG 2017 submission website:

<https://b-com.mci-group.com/AbstractSubmission/BSG2017.aspx>

Abstracts sent by post or email will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

GUIDANCE FOR FORM COMPLETION

- If the abstract has already been submitted to and / or presented at another meeting this must be declared at the time of submission in the respective section.
- For standardization, the acceptable length of the abstract is a maximum of 3,000 characters and 55 lines. This includes the author's details, titles and non-visible characters, such as spaces and line breaks.
- Abstracts can be saved in "Draft" status to be re-edited and modified until the submission deadline (24 February 2017, 23:59 GMT). Therefore, every submitter will be required to create a user account.
- Abstracts fulfilling all criteria can be saved in "Final submission" status. **Only abstracts in "Final submission" status will be regarded as successfully submitted and considered for the conference.**
- The submitted / draft abstracts cannot be edited after the submission deadline (24 February 2017, 23:59 GMT)



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- The abstract should be structured into the following sections:
 - A title which clearly indicates the nature of the abstract
 - Introduction should contain 1-2 sentences that clearly indicate the scientific question of the study and its clinical (or other) importance
 - Methods should contain sufficient information to be able to understand the experimental design, the analytical techniques and the statistics used in the study
 - Results should contain objective data to answer the scientific question(s).
 - Conclusions should provide only conclusions of the study directly supported by the results, along with implications for clinical practice, avoiding speculation and overgeneralisation.
 - Images and graphics may be inserted, fulfilling the following criteria:
 - Width: min 50 pixels / max 500 pixels
 - Height: min 50 pixels / max 500 pixels
 - File size: min 35 KB / max 1000 KB
 - DPI: min 96 / max 300
 - Images and graphics are included in the overall characters count, and may therefore reduce the number of characters crucially.
- Conflict of interest: BSG intends to provide high-quality sessions focused on educational content that is free from commercial influence or bias. Thus the submitting author of an abstract is requested to declare any potential conflicts of interest for all authors during abstract submission.
- Abbreviations should be defined on first use.
- Abstracts submitted to the Endoscopy Category may be accompanied by a video up to 5 minutes in length; see separate information about how to do this.
- Trade names can be mentioned in the title, as well as in the body of the text.
- Please ensure your abstract does not contain spelling, grammar, or scientific mistakes, as it will be published exactly as submitted. Linguistic accuracy is your responsibility. No proof reading will be done.

POLICIES

- The submission of an abstract constitutes a formal commitment by the submitting (presenting) author to present the abstract (if accepted) in the session and the time assigned by the Scientific Committee.



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- **Registration fees will not be waived, but successful submitters are allowed an extension of the early bird registration deadline to 8th May 2017.**
- **The early bird registration fee will be extended to apply to the presenting (submitting) authors of the accepted abstracts to 8th May 2017.**
- The presenting author of the abstract must be registered at the conference. Any change of the presenting author needs to be communicated in the form of a written statement to the BSG Secretary at nick.thompson@nuth.nhs.uk and MCI UK Ltd at BSG2017abs@mci-group.com. If the original presenting author is unable to present the abstract it is his/her responsibility to ensure that one of the co-authors takes over this role. Failure to present the abstract, without prior notification and explanation to the BSG Secretary, may lead to automatic rejection of abstract submission at the next BSG meeting.

AFTER SUBMISSION

MCI will allocate abstracts to reviewers who have been selected by the topic chairs, randomly within each topic.

- The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to the following criteria:
 1. Is the abstract original?
 2. Does it address an important scientific or clinical question?
 3. Is the abstract clearly written with all salient facts?
 4. Does the work adhere to ethical guidelines?
 5. Is there evidence of statistical method if appropriate?
 6. Are the conclusions justified by the results?
- The responsible author (whose details were on the online submission's contact page) will be notified of the outcome of their submission by 28th April 2017. The early bird registration fee will be extended to apply to the presenting author of accepted abstracts.
- If you need to withdraw your abstract, a written statement reflecting the reasons for this decision must be sent to bsg2017abs@mci-group.com not later than 28th April 2017.

PRESENTATION OF ABSTRACTS

- Abstracts can be accepted either as poster or oral communication.
- If your abstract is accepted as a poster, you will be required to be available for discussion during the viewing session to which your poster is assigned. The BSG takes a very dim of authors who fail to display their poster(s).
- Further details regarding poster size and format will be provided at a later stage.



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PUBLICATION POLICIES

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- Accepted abstracts will be published online in a supplement to GUT and will be available on the BSG 2017 Annual Meeting event app and website.
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- It is the authors' responsibility to submit abstracts in perfect order with no errors in spelling and grammar. Abstracts will not be corrected. The authors agree that the BSG publishes the abstracts in *Gut* and audio-visual recording of the presentation may be made and subsequently used for educational purposes. Furthermore submission of an abstract constitutes a formal commitment by the author to present the abstract in the session and at the time decided upon by the BSG Programme Committee.
- Posters which are nominated as a poster of distinction may be published as an e-poster.