

Gastro-e-Learn Newsletter



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First CORE ENDOSCOPY sessions now available - why don't you join our extended User Testing Group to view the materials and provide us with the feedback we need to make this an invaluable on-line teaching resource for those working in the field of endoscopy. Visit www.Gastro-e-Learn.com to register.



Core Endoscopy is a package of e-learning that will comprise 20 sessions to cover all the aspects of endoscopy mapped out in the Gastroenterology SAC 2010 Curriculum.

The project has a long history dating back to 2008 when the Joint Advisory Group in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (the JAG) initiated the development of learning materials to support knowledge-based competencies related to endoscopy.

There has been a significant time involvement of contributing authors, instructional designers and editors to create interactive materials that set out the core knowledge required in each subject area and then test your application of that knowledge. In this respect it is different from just reading from a textbook or visiting an information-based website.

The reason for establishing a large User Group to look at the first 10 sessions in the Core Endoscopy course is to get your detailed feedback about the content, what works best in helping you to learn

and what features of e-learning you like best and would like to see more of in future e-learning sessions. The best e-learning always incorporates users suggestions and ideas so we are very interested to hear what you think.

2012 DDF MEETING
17-20 JUNE 2012 | ACC, LIVERPOOL
combined meeting of BSG, AUGIS, BAPEN & BASL

Digestive Disorders Federation (DDF) Conference

Register free for the Core Endoscopy sessions at the DDF.

If you are interested in registering free to view the Core Endoscopy materials then we have space for 500 users on a first come first served basis to join our extended User Testing Group. Your views on the materials will shape future developments.

The Core Endoscopy course materials have been generously supported by an educational grant from Imotech Medical who have kindly provided space on their stand at the DDF 2012. There are planned demonstrations at lunchtimes on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th June. The Imotech Medical stand (A35) is set up for you to be able to come and try out the sessions for yourself at any time.

What's next for Gastro-e-Learn?



Work will continue on the development of Core Endoscopy sessions aiming for release of all 20 modules in the course at the end of 2012.

We are also keen to provide a bank of questions to help trainees in the preparation for the Gastroenterology Specialty Certificate Examination.

We were interested to hear the views of trainees, consultants, nurse endoscopists and endoscopy nurses at the User Forum group meeting held on the 25th May 2012. There is clearly an interest in developing interactive case-based materials to test lesion recognition skills and asking the question 'What would you do next?'

We are exploring how best to deliver this type of learning resource. We look forward to hearing further views of what e-learning you feel would work best when we discuss these issues at the DDF.



News in brief

The inaugural Diagnosis GI course, approved for 6CPD points by the Royal College of Physicians, was held at the Hilton Hotel in Cardiff on Friday 25th May 2012. The program included review of endoscopic, radiological and laboratory based diagnosis and featured MDT type discussions on how to further manage interesting cases. Thanks to all who attended and to the sponsors of the meeting for making the day a success - and for the Olympic organizing committee for arranging the Olympic torch to pass by just after the meeting had finished!!

Post course learning materials are available online for all those who attended the course.

Are you sitting the Gastroenterology SCE examination?

Join us for the Preparation for the Gastroenterology SCE 2012 training day.

The training day is being held at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital on Friday 6th July 2012. We have an experienced local faculty who will present SCE formatted questions and seek your response using Interactive Audience Pad technology and then discuss the correct answers. The program covers a wide range of potential topics and we are grateful to Shire Pharmaceuticals for providing sponsorship.

Please see the Gastro-e-Learn Services page for further details of the course.

Interested in writing e-learning materials?

Why not try writing some materials under the guidance of our instructional designers and editorial team. We are aware of the potential opportunities that exist for those with an interest in medical education to learn what is involved in producing e-learning content and the steps involved in its quality assurance. If you would like to contribute to some of our ongoing projects then we would be happy to provide you with all the support you need. It can be very rewarding to see your finished work and know that others are able to learn from your efforts.

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