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## ACPGBI Chapter Update

Date: July 2017

Chapter: Mersey

Chapter Representative: Mr Paul Skaife

## **General update**

The Mersey Chapter of ACPGBI held a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Runcorn hosted by Mid Cheshire Hospitals. This included talks by our junior trainees, Consultants and invited Speaker from Macmillan Living with and Beyond Colorectal Cancer Project Manager

Mersey hosted the Northern Regional Pelican Meeting, entitled:

Evolving concepts in clinical Complete Response to Neoadjuvant Therapy for Rectal Cancer

Incorporating the regional meeting of Cheshire and Mersey ACPGBI

Professor Habr Gamma and her unit gave several insightful presentations on their work of "watch and wait" and the direction in which they felt this strategy should be going.



Pelican Meeting.docx

We are still advertising for interest in a Nursing Chapter Rep in the Mersey region.

Mersey region showed strong attendance for the recent IMPACT meeting at The Royal College of Surgeons, with representation from a number of colorectal surgeons and a liver surgeon - core member of our advanced colorectal MDT.

## **Upcoming/ future plans**

As part of my role as NHIR representative of the Northwest Coast for Cancer, we currently advertise on going trials that we are eligible to submit to through our CNG.

This is going to be extended to the Chapter Meetings and will be open for discussion at our forthcoming event.



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I believe that with a collaborative approach, the Mersey region can do a lot better by taking up national trials.

The Mersey region have been actively involved in FIT in the symptomatic population and will be represented at the ACPGBI FIT meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.



Arrangements have been made with Warrington Hospital to organise the next Chapter meeting in September 2017.

Recruitment amongst juniors is increasing and has been part of the task of the new Junior Chapter Representative.