

**OC-047** CORRELATION OF CAECAL INTUBATION RATE TO VOLUME – COLONOSCOPISTS SHOULD UNDERTAKE AT LEAST 120 PROCEDURES PER YEAR

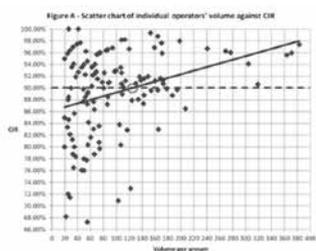
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**Introduction** Quality assurance of colonoscopy is a central theme in endoscopic provision. In the UK the Joint Advisory Group on Gastrointestinal endoscopy (JAG), has issued guidance for caecal intubation rates (CIR) of 90% or higher on an intention-to-colonoscopy basis. They also advise that practitioners should undertake at least 100 colonoscopies per annum. We looked at the correlation between volume per annum and CIR to test JAG's standard.

**Methods** We analysed 129 operator records who undertook between 20–399 colonoscopies per annum. This amounted to 12 594 colonoscopies undertaken over a two year period (2008–9) across 6 hospitals in 3 regions. Each operator's volume per annum was plotted against CIR. This was done as individual operators and also when individuals were grouped with others performing a similar volume of colonoscopy per annum (groups of 50). An additional analysis of operators undertaking 20–199 colonoscopies per annum looked at groups of 20 and groups of 10.

**Results** Figure A shows a scatter plot of individuals' volume (per annum) against CIR, the trend-line crosses the 90% CIR standard at 125 procedures per annum. The 3 other scatter plots of individuals grouped with others undertaking a similar volume per annum (groups of 50, 20 and 10) plotted against CIR, the trend-line crosses the 90% CIR standard at 110–120 procedures per annum.



**Abstract OC-047 Figure**

**Conclusion** The analysis of 12 594 colonoscopies, performed by 129 operators, carrying out between 20–399 colonoscopies per annum, suggest that to meet a minimum CIR standard of 90% at least 120 colonoscopies should be performed per annum. This is equivalent to performing 3 colonoscopies per week. We recommend advisory bodies on quality standards adopt this minimum activity threshold into their guidance.

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**OC-048** COLONOSCOPY: WHAT IS THE NUMBER REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN COMPETENCY? – A RETROSPECTIVE AUDIT

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**Introduction** There has been increasing demand for gastroenterologist to maintain JAG competencies year on year.<sup>1</sup> However there

are few studies into the adequate number required despite the bowel cancer screening programme suggesting > 100 per annum. The study aims to compare competencies standards in relation to the number of colonoscopies performed in a year.

**Methods** Data was collected retrospectively within the trust between 1/12/2010 and 30/11/2011. These include colonoscopies performed in the 3 main hospitals within the UHMBT – Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Furness General Hospital and Westmoreland General Hospital. A total of 2502 colonoscopies performed were retrieved. The endoscopy reporting system 'Endobase' and 'Indigo 4 Review' were used to retrieve endoscopy report and pathology report respectively. The caecal intubation rate (completion rate), polyp detection rate, adenoma detection rate, adequacy of bowel prep and sedation rate were set standards. Chi squared test for correlation was used to compare all standards. Two groups were formed to compare the set standards as colonoscopist who performed > 100 colonoscopies per annum (pa) and those who performed < 100 colonoscopies pa. Withdrawal time, polyp recovery and complication rates were not included in this audit.

**Results** Of the 2502 colonoscopies performed, 633 were performed by colonoscopist who performed < 100, 1869 colonoscopies were performed by colonoscopist who performed > 100 colonoscopies. Completion rate for < 100 colonoscopies was 85.62% and > 100 colonoscopies was 92.24% ( $p < 0.0001$ ). Polyp detection rate (PDR) for <100 colonoscopies was 17.85% and > 100 colonoscopies was 30.34% ( $p < 0.0001$ ). Adenoma detection rate for < 100 colonoscopies was 25.28% and > 100 colonoscopies was 32.98% ( $p = 0.0003$ ). Comparison of completion rates between both good and satisfactory bowel prep was 91.27% against poor prep 81.25% ( $p < 0.001$ ). Reasons for non completion in order of frequency were patient discomfort, excess looping, pathology encountered limiting progression, inadequate bowel preparation, tight stricture and instrument inadequacy. For sedation, the number of times pethidine given > 50mg was 0.15% and number of times midazolam given > 5mg was 0.05%.

**Conclusion** Performing at least 100 colonoscopies a year statistically improves completion rate, polyp detection rate and adenoma detection rate. Good and satisfactory bowel prep statistically improves completion rate. This audit supports the JAG recommendation that a colonoscopist should perform > 100 colonoscopies per annum to maintain competency.

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**OC-049** ARE ENDOSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS PERFORMED BY TRAINEE ENDOSCOPISTS LESS TOLERABLE THAN THOSE CONDUCTED BY SENIOR COLLEAGUES?

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**Introduction** Endoscopic training for gastroenterology trainees is an integral part of specialty training, with defined competencies required prior to independent practise. Whilst training of future endoscopists is essential to meet the future demands of endoscopy, previous studies have suggested that tolerability and patient satisfaction is decreased when trainees undertake endoscopic examinations. This study evaluates the influence trainees may have on endoscopic tolerability with 3 outcome measures assessed: procedural pain, discomfort and distress.