



Colonoscopy Clinical Care Standard

Quality Statement	Checklist
Initial assessment and referral	Does the referral process ensure that sufficient information about the patient is provided for the receiving clinician to assess the indication, appropriateness, risk, benefit and urgency of the consultation? Useful resources Referral template – available on the Commission website:
	safetyandquality.gov.au/ccs
Appropriate and timely colonoscopy	Is there a system to support clinical decision making about colonoscopy that supports its provision and is consistent with best practice?
	Useful resources Clinical Practice Guidelines for Surveillance Colonoscopy, Cancer Council Australia
Informed decision making and consent	Before starting any preparation for a colonoscopy is there a system in place to ensure patients always receive adequate and appropriate consumer information about the risks and benefits to them of the colonoscopy procedure and the opportunity to discuss their concerns?
	Useful resources Informed consent fact sheet - available on the Commission website: safetyandquality.gov.au/ccs
4 Bowel preparation	Is there a system in place to ensure all patients are provided with consumer appropriate instructions on how to use the bowel preparation and the importance of good bowel preparation is discussed with them?
	Are there systems in place to ensure quality indicators are being captured on the quality of bowel preparation?
	Useful resources
	 Consumer video and consumer fact sheet - available on the Commission website: safetyandquality.gov.au/ccs
	 Colonoscopy Clinical Care Standard indicators: https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/697168

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5 Sedation	Is there a process in place to ensure that the risks and benefits of sedation are discussed with the patient prior to commencement of the procedure?
	Is there a system in place to ensure that sedation is always provided in accordance with current Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) recommendations?
	Useful resources 1. Guidelines on Sedation and/or Analgesia for Diagnostic and
	Interventional Medical, Dental or Surgical Procedures
	Guidelines for the Perioperative Care of Patients Selected for Day Stay Procedures.
6 Clinicians	Have systems been put in place to ensure only a credentialed clinician performs the colonoscopy and they are meeting the requirements for recertification?
	Useful resources Certification and recertification fact sheet and the Clinician fact sheet - available on the Commission website: safetyandquality.gov.au/ccs
7 Procedure	Have systems been put in place to ensure the four quality indicators are being captured on caecal intubation, bowel prep and adenoma detection?
	Are systems in place to ensure that all the relevant details of the procedure are captured and documented in the colonoscopy report?
	Useful resources
	Colonoscopy Clinical Care Standard indicators: https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemld/697168
8 Discharge	Is there a system in place to ensure that patients are provided with feedback on the procedure both verbally and in writing and discharged into the care of a responsible adult?
Reporting and follow-up	Is there a system in place to ensure that a detailed report is provided to both the patient, their GP and other relevant clinicians on the colonoscopy findings and histology results and recommended follow up instructions?
	Useful resources Report template and GP follow-up template – available on the Commission website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au/ccs

