

# Colonoscopy

## Clinical Care Standard



Nine evidence-based quality statements for safe and appropriate colonoscopy

- 1 Initial assessment and referral**  
Ensure referral allows assessment of urgency and appropriateness
- 2 Appropriate and timely colonoscopy**  
Provide colonoscopy according to guidelines
- 3 Informed decision making and consent**  
Inform patients and obtain consent before bowel preparation
- 4 Bowel preparation**  
Use an effective regimen and make sure patients know what to do
- 5 Sedation**  
Provide safe, appropriate sedation according to current guidelines
- 6 Clinicians**  
Maintain requirements for credentialing and recertification
- 7 Procedure**  
Conduct a high quality examination and record quality indicators
- 8 Discharge**  
Discharge the patient safely with information about outcomes and follow-up
- 9 Reporting and follow-up**  
Communicate results and follow-up plan to the patient and referring clinicians

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support clinicians and health services to deliver high-quality care and meet the requirements of the NSQHS Standards (second edition)



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