

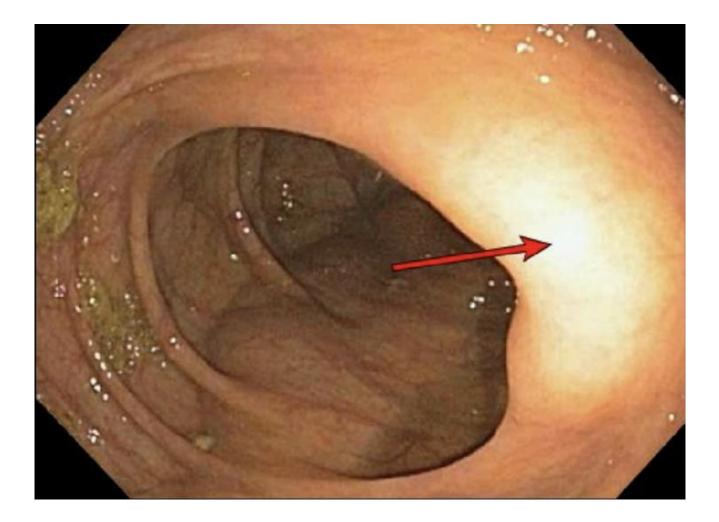


# Overview of colonoscopy in adults

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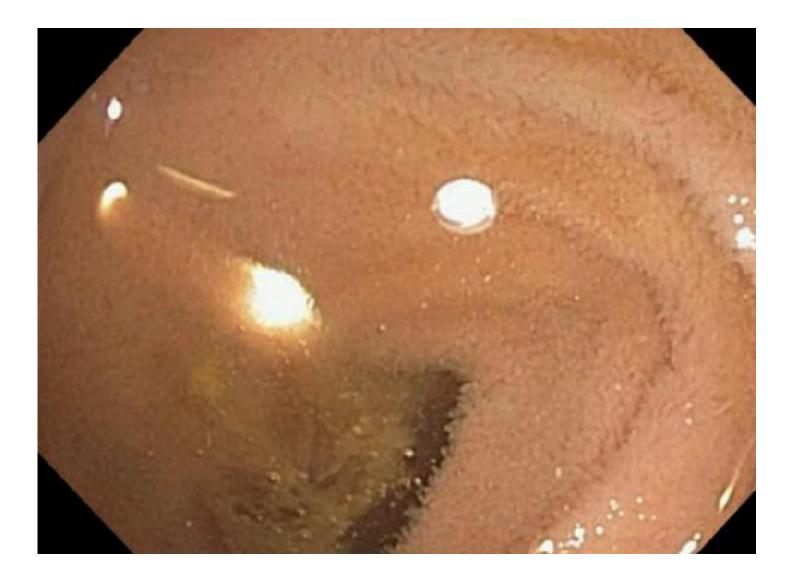
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- Diagnostic & therapeutic
- Rectum , colon and a portion of the terminal ileum
- Mastery of cognitive and technical skills









• Preprocedure

Timely scheduling

Appropriate patient preparation

Targeted history & Physical examination

Evaluation of bleeding risk

Assessment for appropriate sedation

 Appropriate indications & recommended surveillance intervals

(family history of colorectal cancer , prior adenomatous polyps , hereditary colon cancer syndrome ,or inflammatory bowel disease )

Informed consent ,detailed explanation of the risks

• Intraprocedure

Careful visualization of the entire colonic mucosa

- Cecal intubation rates
- Withdrawal times
- Adenoma detection rates
- ; markers of careful visualization

• Postprocedure

Immediate ,complete , and accurate documentation (both written and photographic ) & recommendations for follow-up

- Documented tissue samples
- A system for tracking complications

#### **Patient Selection**

- Results likely to change the patient's management
- Empiric treatment of a benign disease has failed
- A therapeutic intervention
- An alternative to radiologic evaluation

#### **Patient Selection**

 Endoscopy is not indicated when the results are not expected to impact management or for the follow-up of benign diseases that have healed ,unless surveillance of a premalignant condition is appropriate

#### Indications

#### Signs/symptoms

Abnormal imaging

Lower gastrointestinal bleeding and unexplained iron deficiency anemia

Lower gastrointestinal symptoms (eg, chronic diarrhea)

#### Screening/surveillance

Colon polyp

Colon cancer

Inflammatory bowel disease

#### Therapeutic

Polypectomy

Localization of lesion

Foreign body removal

Decompression of sigmoid volvulus

Decompression of colonic pseudo-obstruction

Balloon dilation of strictures

Palliative treatment of bleeding or stenosed neoplasms

Placement of percutaneous endoscopic cecostomy tube

#### Indications

• Screening or surveillance for colon cancer

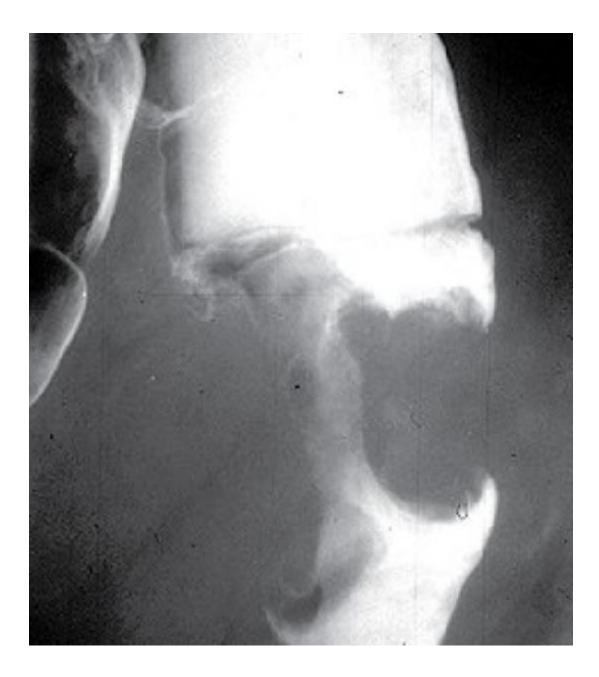
• Lower gastrointestinal bleeding

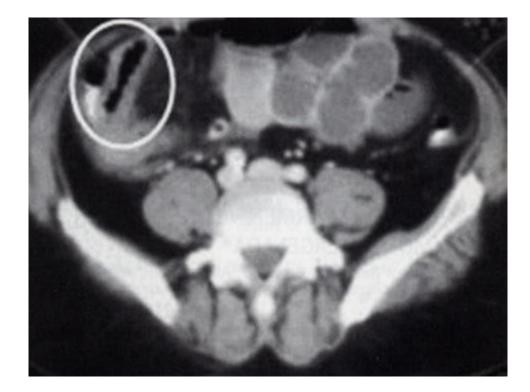
• Lower gastrointestinal symptoms

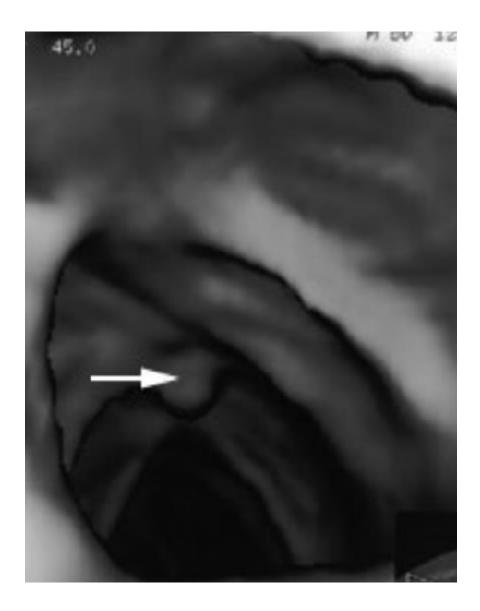
• Abnormal imaging

#### Indications

- Evaluation for synchronous or metachronous cancer in patients with colon cancer
- Intraoperative lesion localization
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Evaluation of the terminal ileum
- Therapeutic indications

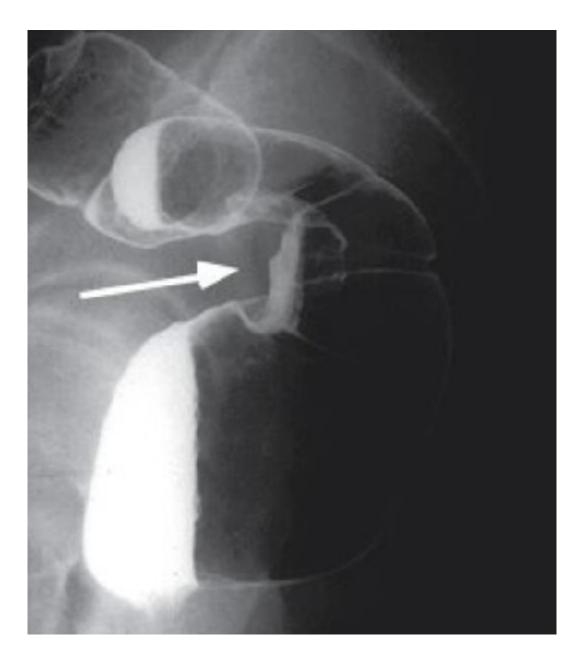








Persistent India ink staining is visible on colonoscopy two years after polypectomy.



#### Contraindications

- Risks outweigh the expected benefits
- Not to achieve consent for a non-urgent procedure
- Known or suspected perforation
- Documented acute diverticulitis
- Fulminant Colitis

#### Important considerations

- Anatomic issues
- Comorbidities
- Implanted cardiac defibrillator and some pacemaker
- Chronic use of medications
- History of difficult intubation by anesthesia

#### **Patient Preparation**

- Diet
- Low residue
- Avoid foods with high fiber
- **Clear liquids**
- Avoid red liquids
- No food four to eight hours prior to the procedure ,no liquids for two hours

#### **Patient Preparation**

- Medications
- Most continued
- Some adjustment for diabetics
- Stop oral iron five days before the colonoscopy
- Antiplatelet (weigh the risk )
- Aspirin and NSAIDS may be continued
- Antibiotic prophylaxis is not recommended

#### Preprocedure testing

- Routinely not recommended ,except for some settings :
- Pregnancy testing
- **Coagulation studies**
- Chest radiograph
- Hemoglobin/hematocrit
- Blood typing
- Serum chemistry testing

#### **Bowel preparation**

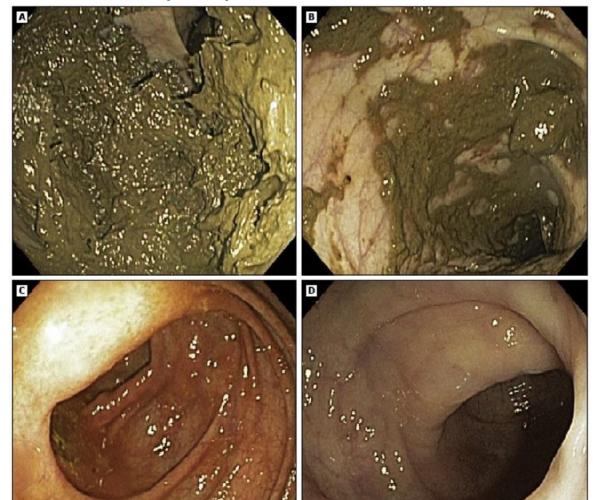
- Critical for best visualization
- 20 to 25 % of colonoscopies ; inadequate or poor

Increased time of procedure ,risk of complications ,probability of missing lesion

Unsatisfactory/inadequate , poor ,fair, good and excellent

#### **Bowel preparation**

• Boston bowel preparation



#### Sedation Assessment

- Options : no sedation , moderate procedural sedation , or deep sedation
- Based on patient assessment risk

#### Informed consent

- Nature of the procedure
- Benefits
- Risks
- Alternatives
- Limitations of the procedure

• Use of clear and simple language

## Complications

- 3 per 1000 screening colonoscopies ;
- Complications related to sedation
- Complications related to preparation
- Bleeding
- Perforation
- Postpolypectomy syndrome
- Infection
- Gas explosion

