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Dear Adjunct Professor Picone

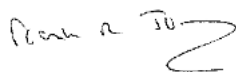
RE: ACSQHC colonoscopy safety and quality model public consultation

Thank you for your recent invitation to provide comment on the draft safety and quality model for colonoscopy services in Australia.

The RACGP notes that the colonoscopy clinical care standard should include explicit detail about the sedationist. In particular, the standard should specify the credentials required to perform colonoscopy sedation. Further, the standard should clarify whether the colonoscopist can also be the sedationist. It should be noted that the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists' (ANZCA) guidelines¹ state there must be three staff present (the proceduralist, the practitioner administering sedation and monitoring the patient, and at least one additional staff member to provide assistance as required).

In addition, the clinical care standard should also provide guidance on the decision to use screening colonoscopy in asymptomatic patients as well as surveillance colonoscopy in cancer patients. This should include guidance on the initial decision to screen and on what to do when the first colonoscopy is normal.

Yours sincerely



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¹ ANZCA Faculty of Pain Medicine. Guidelines on Sedation and/or Analgesia for Diagnostic and Interventional Medical, Dental or Surgical Procedures. Melbourne: ANZCA; 2014.