

Peer Reviewer 1:

- 1) Please use acronym “CRC” consistently.
  - All mentions of “colorectal cancer” changed to CRC
- 2) Previous studies addressing relationship between doctor’s post graduate year level of training and CRC screening rates in patients should be reviewed and summarized
  - Willett *et al.* had similar findings in 2005 when they compared PGY-1 and PGY-2 residents in their adherence rates to national guidelines for outpatient preventive health services and found no difference between the two groups for breast and colon cancer screening amongst others<sup>[5]</sup>.
- 3) Importance of this study is unclear and should be more emphasized in the introduction section
  - We felt it was important to ascertain if current efforts to educate physicians in training are effective and to help identify ways to improve education efforts.
- 4) Limitations of this study should be described in the discussion section
  - In assessing the need for further investigations and future direction we will review the limitations of our study. Generalizability of our study, which included only residents from our primarily categorical internal medicine residency program, and if our findings are representative of other residency programs especially those which include family medicine or primary care tracks is of concern. Another limitation of the study is that it was conducted over the span of 6 weeks and may not be an adequate representation of overall practice. In addition, the patient population was not a good representation of the different races; with 54.66% of patients were Hispanic and 7.25% Whites this may explain the perception of higher screening rates in Hispanics as compared to Whites.

Peer Reviewer 2:

- 1) Several syntax corrections made by the reviewer
  - All syntax corrections suggested by the reviewer were successfully integrated into the document

Editor’s suggestions/changes

- 1) Title should be no more than 10~12 words/60 bytes. Please revise it.

- Title of manuscript changed to 12 words
- 2) Add running title
  - Running title added
- 3) Correct author listing
  - Author list and contributions modified
- 4) METHODS should be no less than 140 words
  - METHODS section now more than 140 words
- 5) RESULTS should be no less than 150 words
  - RESULTS section now over 150 words
- 6) Reformat superscripts to be in square brackets
  - Superscripts now in square brackets
- 7) Move tables to the end of the document
  - Tables now at the end of the document
- 8) Add core tip
  - Core tip added
- 9) Add audio core tip
  - Audio core tip uploaded
- 10) Add PMID and DOI numbers to references
  - References now hve PMID and/or DOI when applicable
- 11) Add “COMMENTS” section
  - Comments section added including “background”, “research frontiers”, Innovations and breakthroughs”, “Applications” and peer review”. Terminology section not added due to the fact that the article does not contain uncommon terminology