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The research contained here-in was deemed by our institutional review board to represent minimal risk and that deidentified patient information was in concordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The data is obtained from the NIDDK: Clinical Outcomes Research Initiative and the practice data has been stripped of most patient and physician identifiers before transmitting to a central data repository, where they are tested for completeness and accuracy. Data from all participating practices are merged and stored in the National Endoscopic Database (NED) and were subsequently accessed after approval from the appropriate governing bodies.

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