

1. Emails for Andrew Johannes, Erik Nelsen, Ahmed Akhtar?

Answer to reviewer 1:

2. Patients with benign strictures underwent stent placement only if requested by surgical services and were deemed to be poor surgical candidates.
3. Information in the result and abstract corrected regarding benign stent placement indications, also given in table 4.
4. Image of colon tumor before stent insertion provided.

Reviewer 2:

1. 'Each interventionist in the group had been in practice for at least 5 years.' Experience of endoscopist added to the method section
2. Left sided colonic stents were placed with therapeutic adult esophagogastroduodenoscope. For right sided obstruction an adult colonoscope was used.
3. Methods section expanded.