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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 COMMENTS

Background

Colonoscopy quality is essential to effective colorectal cancer screening.

Research frontiers

Polypectomy rates of 30% in men and 40% in women have recently been proposed as screening colonoscopy quality indicators. We sought to estimate and compare screening polypectomy rates in Québec with published screening colonoscopy quality benchmarks.

Innovations and breakthroughs

Sex-specific polypectomy rates did not meet quality benchmarks at all ages except for: males aged 65-69 (patient screening indication), and males aged 70-74 (endoscopist screening indication).

Applications

Our findings showed that for individuals undergoing outpatient colonoscopy, sex-specific polypectomy rate estimates were lower than quality benchmarks, with two exceptions: males aged 65-69 according to patient screening indication and males aged 70-74 according to endoscopist screening indication. Our findings corroborate those of others that showed higher polypectomy rates in men compared to women and increasing polypectomy rates with advancing age in screening and non-screening colonoscopies.

Terminology

Screening colonoscopy was defined as colonoscopy performed in asymptomatic individuals aged 50-75 years.

Peer review

To provide the comments from peer reviewers that most represent the characteristics, values and significance of the article, and allow the readers to have an objective point of view toward the article.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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