

Colonoscopy Quality Management Program (QMP) Physician Reports: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who has access to my physician report?

All practicing endoscopists in the province receive a copy of their individual physician report. The Colonoscopy Quality Management Program (QMP) Provincial Lead will have access to all physician reports, and the regional leads will have access to the reports for physicians in their region. This year, physician reports will not be shared with facilities. Reports will not be shared with the CPSO unless it was deemed relevant as the result of an investigation. In addition there may be circumstances where quality reporting and monitoring may highlight where quality standards are not being met such that there is a potential threat to patient safety. In such rare instances, professional expectations for reporting to the CPSO remain as per its policy on Mandatory and Permissive Reports and the professional obligations outlined in the Health Professions Procedural Code.

2. Who can I share my QMP physician report with?

You are encouraged to share this report with colleagues, including your facility and regional leads, to discuss findings and identify opportunities for quality improvement.

3. How often does the Quality Management Partnership (the Partnership) release reports?

Currently, reports are released annually.

INDICATOR REPORTING

4. How were the results for the indicators on the report calculated? How were the targets for the indicators determined?

For the methodology and target (if applicable) for each indicator, please refer to:

- the methodology the methodology document available online: qmpontario.ca/resources/; and
- the Partnership's Phase 2 report: qmpontario.ca/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=350481

5. Why was my indicator data suppressed in certain cases?

CCO has data sharing agreements with organizations who provide CCO with data from administrative databases. Due to these agreements, CCO cannot currently report indicator data where the denominator is less than 6 cases. If you have further questions or concerns please contact us at info@qmpontario.ca.

6. Why don't the results shown in the Colonoscopy QMP reports match my own data/my facility's data?

Differences between results reported by the Partnership and other results could be due to the use of different data sources, indicator definitions, and methodology (including inclusion and exclusion criteria). For the methodology used to calculate each indicator, refer to the methodology document available online: <http://www.qmpontario.ca/resources/>, or email info@qmpontario.ca.

7. How did the Partnership decide on which indicators to report?

An expert advisory panel (consisting of physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers, administrators and patients/service users) recommended the standards and indicators to be included in the Colonoscopy QMP reports. For additional information about the rationale for the indicators in your report, please refer to:

- the methodology document available online: qmpontario.ca/resources/; and
- the Partnership's Phase 2 report: qmpontario.ca/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=350481

Join us for a teleconference in early December to find out more about the report (for details, see the teleconference flyer in your report package). For more information, please email: info@qmpontario.ca.

8. Are the indicators on the Colonoscopy QMP report only reported on screening colonoscopies?

No, the scope of the Colonoscopy QMP report is not limited to screening colonoscopies. The indicators are calculated using administrative health databases. These databases cannot accurately distinguish screening from non-screening colonoscopies. The population or cohort used for each indicator varies – please see the methodology for indicator-specific details: qmpontario.ca/resources/. Some indicators are measured on populations intended to approximate “screen-eligible persons”. Typically, these are defined by ages of inclusion but not the indication for the colonoscopy (e.g., population ages 50-74 or 50 and older).

INDICATOR-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

9. Why does the Partnership report on colonoscopy volume? I have limited control over how many colonoscopies I can perform.

Evidence shows that colonoscopy volume is an important quality metric. However, we acknowledge that it may be difficult for some endoscopists to reach the target of 200 colonoscopies annually, and that there are many factors outside of a physician’s control. For a more detailed rationale and methodology of this indicator, please refer to the methodology document available online: qmpontario.ca/resources/, or by emailing info@qmpontario.ca.

10. Why does the Partnership not report on adenoma detection rate? This is a better indicator than polypectomy rate.

The Partnership is currently working on developing a robust methodology to report on adenoma detection rate at the physician, facility, regional and provincial levels. We are hopeful that we will be able to include adenoma detection on Colonoscopy QMP reports in the near future.

11. I use a different scale than what the Colonoscopy QMP uses for inadequate bowel preparation indicator. How did the Colonoscopy QMP decide on what scale to use for this indicator?

The scale used by the Colonoscopy QMP follows the guideline provided by the Colonoscopy Expert Advisory Panel summarised in the following document: <http://www.qmpontario.ca/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=350481>. The scale is also in alignment with the GI Endo DSP data dictionary available here: https://www.qmpontario.ca/ext/databook/db1718/documents/Appendix/GI_Endoscopy_DSP_Data_Dictionary_v4.0.pdf

12. Can I see case-specific results for an indicator?

At this time the Partnership cannot provide case-specific results. If you have concerns about your results please email: info@qmpontario.ca.