



BMEC Quality Measures

As promised in our first newsletter, we at Bux-Mont Endoscopy Center continue to share our quality data with you, our referring providers. Below is a table of our indicators for the calendar year 2013. As described in Dr. Douglas Rex's article *Quality Indicators for Colonoscopy* (1), adenoma detection rates, perforation and cecal intubation rates, as well as withdrawal times of greater than six minutes have been advanced as objective measures of quality colonoscopy. We hope you will find the data useful and appreciate your continued confidence in our Center.

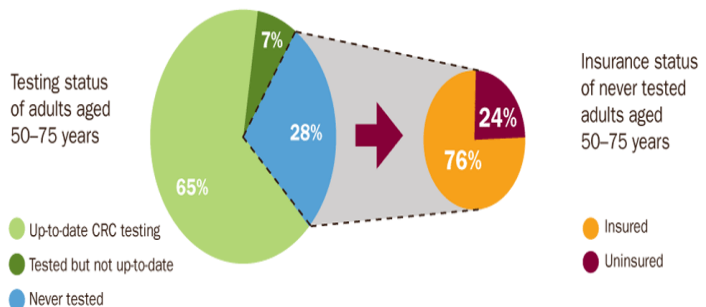
	Total	Perforations	Cecal	≥ 6 Minute	Adenoma
Bux-Mont Endoscopy	2858	0	99.13%	99.6% (10 min. average)	24% female 38% male
Comparison Standards	NA	≤ 1/1000 screenings	≥ 95% screenings	NA	≥ 15% female ≥ 25% male

*Our adenoma detection rate is based on screening colonoscopies in asymptomatic patients age 50 and over with no personal or family history of polyps or colorectal cancer.
 Reference: Rex DK, Petrini, JL, et al. Quality Indicators for Colonoscopy. *American Journal of Gastroenterology* 2006;101:873-885.

Colon Cancer Remains a Public Health Burden

The American Cancer Society estimates that 96,830 new cases of colon cancer and 40,000 new cases of rectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2014. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the US, accounting for over 50,000 deaths annually. The lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is about 5%. The incidence and mortality rate of colon cancer has been declining in United States over the past 20 years. There are multiple reasons for this including improved surveillance which allows endoscopic removal of precancerous polyps and diagnosis of cancer at an earlier stage. Thanks to better screening and treatment options there are now more than 1 million colorectal cancer survivors in the United States.

Many adults are not being tested



SOURCE: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2012

Unfortunately, despite multiple screening options and strong evidence that colorectal cancer screening saves lives, only 65% of Americans age 50-75 are up-to-date on screening.

Sources: <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/colonandrectumcancer/>; <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/colorectalcancerscreening/index.html>

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