

**ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education
in Colon and Rectal Surgery
Summary and Impact of Focused Requirement Revisions**

Requirement #: IV.A.6.g); Lines: 1140-1142

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

Residents must document the following minimum overall case numbers, ~~to include no more than 50% endoscopic procedures:~~ ^(Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision:
The Committee recognizes that an increasing number of procedures are now done endoscopically. Removing the limitation to the percentage of procedures permitted to be done endoscopically is expected to permit residents to develop their competence in advanced techniques during their residency education.
2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
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3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
No impact on continuity of patient care is anticipated.
4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how?
No. There is no change to the expected number of procedures and no mandate for a particular surgical approach.
5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?
No impact on other accredited programs is anticipated.