

Patient interest in video recording of colonoscopy

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Colonoscopy is operator-dependent and substantial numbers of pre-cancerous polyps are missed during colonoscopy. Colonoscopies are often poorly documented, with only a few still photographs taken of anatomic landmarks and abnormal findings. Video recording is rarely used in colonoscopy except for teaching purposes; therefore, the potential impact of systematic video recording on the quality of colonoscopy is unknown.

To find if patients are interested in obtaining a [video recording](#) of their colonoscopy procedure, a research team from United States conducted a survey of patients undergoing colonoscopy at Indiana University Hospital. Their study will be published on January 28, 2010 in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Their survey found that the majority expressed interest in obtaining a video recording of their procedure. Awareness of missed lesions during [colonoscopy](#) increased patient interest in having a video recording. While there were no predictors of interest in having a video recording, younger patients were more willing to pay for a video recording.

Prior colorectal [cancer](#) and family history of colorectal cancer predicted willingness to pay more for a video recording. Payment by patients for video recordings is a potential mechanism of offsetting the cost of making video recordings.

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