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Dear Surgeon,

Thank you for your interest in the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative Video Review Program for laparoscopic colectomy surgery. This document is intended to provide you with a brief overview of our program.

MSQC endeavors to help surgeons become better surgeons and we have expanded our efforts in surgical quality improvement into measuring surgical technique. Surgeons submit a recorded laparoscopic colectomy for evaluation by surgeon peers in the MSQC. We utilize an approach first described by John Birkmeyer in the New England Journal of Medicine, which de-identifies the surgeon so that peer reviewers are able to objectively grade technical skill. At the same time, to ensure objective feedback, the submitting surgeon does not know the identity of the peer reviewers. We use an evaluation tool validated for laparoscopic right colectomy by the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS).

A brief overview of the process:

- Submit your contact form to participate: <http://msqc.org/video-coaching-project>
- Record a laparoscopic colectomy surgery (preferably a left or sigmoid colectomy).
- Remove any patient identifiers
- Upload your video to Box
- Our team edits the video to include specific elements of the surgery
- Your video will be evaluated by your peers from MSQC
- In turn, you will evaluate peer videos. You may earn 5 CMEs for evaluating 10 peer videos.

The University of Michigan IRB has waived the need for informed patient consent as the study group is not patients, but surgeons. By sending videos and agreeing to rate the videos of others, consent is implied.

Please make sure that your consent for surgery allows for the use of photos or video for educational purposes and, as mentioned, always remove patient identifiers. Permission on the part of the patient to have their surgery video recorded is an important detail for the home institution.

This is the beginning of important work in quality improvement for colectomy patients. We hope you will be interested in participating! To sign up or for more information, please visit [our website](#) or contact [MSQCCustomerSupport@med.umich.edu](mailto:MSQCCustomerSupport@med.umich.edu)

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