

**Title: Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (Upper) & Colonoscopy Privilege Criteria**

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**POLICY:**

1. Current competency in endoscopic procedures requires ongoing clinical activity.
  - A. In order to maintain endoscopy privileges in the following procedure, the physician should perform over a two-year period the minimal number:
    - 1) Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy – 50
    - 2) Colonoscopy – 50
    - 3) Endoscopic polypectomy – 5
    - 4) Fiberoptic sigmoidoscopy - 20
  - B. Documentation of the physician caseload from other endoscopic facilities in the Michiana area will be accepted. If there are questions regarding documentation, the physician would be responsible to obtain operative notes, etc. for review.
  - C. If the physician does not meet the minimal number of procedures over a two-year time period, further proctoring would occur until the physician has demonstrated competency in the procedure.
2. The committee was asked by the Medical Executive Committee to determine what would be appropriate training to grant credentials in colonoscopy to a surgeon who did not have colonoscopy training during residency and who wished to obtain that now.
  - A. SAGES criteria would be used to document training.
  - B. The surgeon could use an approved colonoscopy teaching program to arrange individualized training that would meet SAGES criteria.
  - C. The surgeon could also obtain training from a “non-approved training center” providing a description of the course of training was presented to the Medical Staff Credentials Committee (or a committee designated by the Medical Executive Committee) for review prior to beginning that course of study.

**References/Standards:**

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