



ECQI stands for European Colonoscopy Quality Investigation Group. ECQI has assembled specialists, academics and advisors from many European countries with the goal of raising awareness of the need for improvement in colonoscopy standards across Europe. Since its inception in 2013, the chairman has been Prof. Dr. Jürgen F. Riemann.

The ECQI Group developed an online colonoscopy assessment questionnaire (for affiliated institution, the practitioner themselves and individual procedures) which could complement quality assessment initiatives in colonoscopy, and provide reinforcement of quality indicators. 1861 patient procedures were recorded at the pilot phases.^{1,2} The latest data, recorded between June 2016 and April 2017, 2,094 colonoscopies were documented across 8 European countries by 47 practitioners.³ Data collection is an ongoing process and is available for completion by any fully qualified colonoscopist at www.ecqigroup.eu. The ECQI questionnaire is being refined to align with the latest performance measures,⁴ and the new version will be available in early 2018.

ECQI seeks to engage with national societies, is recognised by the Swedish Society for Gastroenterology (SGF) and is liaising with GIQuIC in the United States. Dr David Greenwald from GIQuIC was the guest speaker at the annual ECQI meeting in Barcelona in 2017, and is pictured on the left.

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The ECQI Group philosophy is to:

- Complement the initiatives of other groups to drive quality standards in colonoscopy and collaborate with all
- Facilitate the measurement of clinical practice quality in colonoscopy
- Enable individuals and institutions to measure their quality against others in order to improve
- Discuss, identify and analyse how to facilitate improvement
- Be widely and freely available to those who wish to participate, including those countries seeking to improve their standards

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Further information on the ECQI Group initiative can be found on www.ecqigroup.eu

ECQI is a collaborative group seeking cooperation and input from all those involved in colonoscopy.

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