

Special Issue

Advancements in Colonoscopy

Message from the Guest Editors

Since 2019, we have all lived under a big black cloud, that of the COVID-19 pandemic. Things were quite demanding in the initial phases, with the temporary freeze of elective endoscopic activity and bowel screening programs around the world. Nevertheless, colon cancer remains a significant cause of mortality and morbidity that can only decrease by early detection and treatment. To this end, colonoscopy (conventional or not) remains the primary tool and reference standard for colonic examination. Many developments have been happening in this field, even before the pandemic: for example, new and powerful white light endoscopes with zoom and digital chromoendoscopy capabilities, the likes of which have not been seen before; the emergence of artificial intelligence; and the slow and somewhat reluctant introduction of the wireless endoscopy form of nationwide service in Scotland. In this Special Issue, we open a discussion and welcome original articles, reviews, and reports looking into new technologies, emerging service modalities, and ideas on technology adoption and the overall current and future impact of the pandemic on colonoscopy practice.

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