

Table 1: Top 10 Physician Specialties Performing Colonoscopies, Medicare Fee-for-Service, 2015		
Specialty	Number of colonoscopies	Percent of all colonoscopies
Gastroenterology	1,473,257	78.32%
General surgery	184,419	9.80%
Internal medicine	103,996	5.53%
Colorectal surgery (formerly proctology)	74,342	3.95%
Family practice	20,317	1.08%
Emergency medicine	2,558	0.14%
General practice	2,480	0.13%
Vascular surgery	1,341	0.07%
Critical care (intensivists)	534	0.03%
Osteopathic manipulative therapy	506	0.03%
Other specialties	17,478	0.92%
Total	1,881,228	100.00%

Source: Medicare 100% Carrier File, 2015.

Colonoscopies were identified using the HCPCS included in the Comprehensive Colonoscopy Advanced Alternative Payment Model Proposal; these consist of HCPCS/CPT 44388, 44389, 44391, 44392, 44394, 44403, 44404, 45378, 45380, 45381, 45382, 45384, 45385, 45390, G0105, and G0121. Only colonoscopies rendered in an outpatient hospital, ambulatory surgical center or a physician office are included.