**Supplement**

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| Are there dedicated surgeons for colorectal surgery at your hospital? | * Yes * No | Single choice answer |
| How many surgeons perform colorectal resections? | * 0 * 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * 5 * >5 | Single choice answer |
| How many low anterior resections are performed annually at your department? |  | Open answer |
| What is your standard operating procedure for TME? | * Open * Laparoscopic * Robotic * TaTME | Multiple choice answer |
| How many open rectal resections are performed annually at your department? |  | Open answer |
| How many laparoscopic rectal resections are performed annually at your department? |  | Open answer |
| How many Da Vinci rectal resections are performed annually at your department? |  | Open answer |
| How many TaTME rectal resections are performed annually at your department? |  | Open answer |
| Does your department have a standard bowel preparation prior to colorectal surgery? | * Yes * No | Single choice answer |
| Type of preferred bowel preparation for the right colon? | * None * Mechanical preparation * Mechanical + oral preparation * Oral preparation | Single choice answer |
| Type of preferred bowel preparation for the left colon? | * None * Mechanical preparation * Mechanical + oral preparation * Oral preparation | Single choice answer |
| Type of preferred bowel preparation for the rectum? | * None * Mechanical preparation * Mechanical + oral preparation * Oral preparation | Single choice answer |