**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 |