

# ASGE Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program

## Program Application – International Tier 1

**The application must be reviewed and signed by the medical director of the endoscopy unit.**

*If applying for more than one unit, please provide this information for each unit on a duplicate form.*

**Name of Medical Director:**

(Please print clearly)

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As the medical director of this unit, I hereby attest to the accuracy of all information submitted via this application with my signature.

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**Type of endoscopy unit:**

Office-based  Ambulatory Surgical Center  Hospital Outpatient Department

**Unit/Group Name:**

*Please list your unit/group name exactly as you wish it to appear on your recognition certificate.*

*If your name has changed since your unit's last application, please provide former name*

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**Practice Manager:**

*Primary Contact for this application*

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**Practice Manager's Email:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

*if different from physical address*

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**City/State/Postal Code:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Country:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate any institutional affiliation of your endoscopy office/unit(s), if applicable.**

*If applying for multiple units regardless of affiliation, total number of endoscopy units under your supervision \_\_\_\_\_*

*For the purposes of the EUR Program units at separate physical addresses are considered separate units, regardless of institutional affiliation or ownership. Please complete an application for each individual unit seeking recognition and note the additional unit names below or on a separate page.*

**Indicate the organization from which the unit received accreditation. Proof of current local accreditation is required.**

**Accrediting Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Completion of the ASGE Quality and Safety in Endoscopy Units Around the Globe On-Demand Course**

To meet this program criterion, at least one unit representative must participate in the course within a year prior to a new application.

**Name of Course Participant(s)**

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### Attestation of Guideline Adoption

The Medical Director of the endoscopy unit must attest to adopting the following seven ASGE clinical guidelines as unit policy. By signing this form, you attest that you understand the guidelines and have adopted them as unit policy. The ASGE guidelines are linked below and published online at [www.asge.org](http://www.asge.org).

**Unit/Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### ADOPTION OF ASGE GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are based on a critical, systematic review of the available data and expert consensus. They represent best practices around maintaining and ensuring that quality and safety are upheld in endoscopy units. The following guidelines can be found at <https://www.asge.org/home/resources/key-resources/guidelines>.

- Guidelines for safety in the gastrointestinal endoscopy unit
- Infection control during GI endoscopy
- Multisociety guideline on reprocessing flexible gastrointestinal endoscopes
- The management of antithrombotic agents for patients undergoing GI endoscopy
- Antibiotic prophylaxis for GI endoscopy
- Sedation and anesthesia in GI endoscopy
- Guidelines for privileging, credentialing, and proctoring to perform GI endoscopy

I certify that I understand the above seven ASGE guidelines and that our unit has adopted these seven guidelines as unit policies and will adopt any revised versions of them.

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**Name of Medical Director**

**Medical Director Signature**

**Date**

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## Attestation of Competency

Please attest that all pertinent staff members have completed training and competency assessments for endoscope reprocessing, sterile medication administration, and infection prevention in the endoscopy unit within the prior year.

(Please duplicate this form, as needed, to list additional staff or include on a separate page labeled *Attestation of Competency*.)

### Assessment for Endoscope Reprocessing

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name of Medical Director</b>	<b>Medical Director Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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### Sterile Medication Administration (Safe Injection Practices)

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name of Medical Director</b>	<b>Medical Director Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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### Infection Prevention

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Quality Policy Assessment

For sample materials to assist you in completing the Quality Policy Assessment components of the application, please visit the [EURP web page](#). Your materials do not need to mirror these samples; however, many have found them useful.

### Part A

Demonstrate that unit policies have been developed and adopted for continuous or intermittent assessment of the following Quality Measures, with associated performance targets for selected measures, by including copies of policies with dates of approval/adoption to this application. **Please submit only the policies related to the following, labeling documents submitted along with this application as indicated below. Please do not staple application materials.**

1. **Quality of preparation** during colonoscopy, employing standardized criteria (**labeled as Attachment A.1.**)
2. **Cecal Intubation Rate** by endoscopists, during colonoscopy (**labeled as Attachment A.2.**)
3. **Polyp detection rates** by endoscopist, during colonoscopy (**labeled as Attachment A.3.**)
4. **Adverse event tracking**, by major classes and severity, for the unit as a whole (**labeled as Attachment A.4.**)
5. **Use of Patient Satisfaction surveys** by the unit as a whole (**labeled as Attachment A.5.**)

All EURP recognized units must administer a patient satisfaction survey. The policy should note the method by which your unit's patient satisfaction survey is administered. Please submit a blank copy of the survey tool currently in use.

### Part B

Submit one cycle of data pertaining to the measures listed on page 6 of the application: (a) quality of bowel preparation documented; (b) cecal intubation rate; and (c) polyp detection rate. You will be reporting the data in aggregate and by individual endoscopist.

- **In aggregate:** Report the aggregate data on page 6.
- **By individual endoscopist:** Include in the application submission a listing the performance by endoscopist, as seen on Page 7 of the application. A separate page(s) with individual endoscopist performance results may be submitted and should follow this format.  
*Please de-identify the physicians, using unique identifiers (e.g., MD1).*
- In cases of suboptimal performance, demonstrate that remediation plans have been formulated. If the performance targets noted on Page 6 of the application have not been met, submission of detailed remediation plans is required.

**Remediation plans ideally should include educational plan, time period anticipated for physician/staff education, details of other interventions, goal sample size, estimated time period to reach sample size, and estimated date of completion.**

**The data provided is confidential, considered Quality Assurance data and inadmissible.** Please retain underlying data for possible future use/audit.

1. For what type of endoscopy unit is the award being sought? (Please select one.)

Office-based     Ambulatory Surgical Center     Hospital Outpatient Department

2. How many of the following procedures did your unit do in the last year, and how many physicians perform each procedure type?

Colonoscopy        \_\_\_\_\_ procedures, performed by \_\_\_\_\_ endoscopists

EGD                    \_\_\_\_\_ procedures, performed by \_\_\_\_\_ endoscopists

EUS                    \_\_\_\_\_ procedures, performed by \_\_\_\_\_ endoscopists

ERCP                   \_\_\_\_\_ procedures, performed by \_\_\_\_\_ endoscopists

## Quality Policy Assessment *continued*

3. Enter aggregate results below for the unit in the past year based on annual numbers or other sequential or random data – **at a minimum review of the last 50 or more screening/surveillance colonoscopies per endoscopist**. Include a supplemental document listing the performance by endoscopist (i.e., Page 7 or similarly formatted page).

Is the data per endoscopist being submitted for the whole year, 50 consecutive cases, or otherwise?

Year    50 cases    Other, please specify (e.g., one quarter) \_\_\_\_\_

Please help us understand the unit's workflow relative to data collection.

Manual Chart Review    EHR-supported performance monitoring    Registry-supported monitoring  
 Other, please provide a supplement labeled **Attachment B.3.** explaining the unit's data collection workflow.

**a. Quality of bowel preparation documented** (Number yes / Number reviewed; % Yes): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%)  
(rate of documentation)

Percent Adequate or better: (\_\_\_\_%) (rate of adequacy of bowel prep)

If the preparation quality is not documented as adequate or better (e.g., good/excellent, Boston Bowel Prep Score  $\geq 6$ ) in  $\geq 90\%$  of cases for the entire unit, then a remediation plan labeled **Attachment B.3.a.** must be submitted.

**b. Cecal Intubation Rate for entire unit** (Number yes / Number reviewed; % Yes): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%)

If the cecal intubation rate is not  $\geq 95\%$  in screening and surveillance procedures for the entire unit and for each individual endoscopist, then a remediation plan labeled **Attachment B.3.b.** must be submitted.

**Note:** Cecal intubation indicates photodocumentation of at least one cecal landmark (i.e., appendiceal orifice, ileocecal valve, or terminal ileum). If the unit monitors performance based on photodocumentation of at least two cecal landmarks, please indicate Yes. [Circle or highlight one] Yes or No

**c. Polyp detection rate for unit in Screened patients  $\geq 45$  Years Old**

Numerator = Number of patients with polyps detected = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Denominator = Number of patients screened = \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%)

**OR**

Numerator = Number of male patients with polyps detected = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Denominator = Number of male patients screened = \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%)  
 Numerator = Number of female patients with polyps detected = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Denominator = Number of female patients screened = \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%)

If the polyp detection rate for the entire unit and for each endoscopist is not  $\geq 25\%$  or  $\geq 30\%$  for male and  $\geq 20\%$  for female, a detailed remediation plan labeled **Attachment B.3.c.** must be submitted.

Please note: Adenoma detection rate (ADR) is the optimal metric. Adenoma detection rate indicates histological confirmation of findings. For the EURP international application pathway, polyp detection rate is accepted. Units are encouraged to move from PDR to ADR as their quality program matures.



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## Quality Policy Assessment *continued*

### Adverse events for unit as a whole (All procedures and types)

(Number / overall procedure Number): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_ %)

How many adverse events of each variety were experienced *within the past year*?

<b>Deaths attributable to a procedure</b>	
<b>Unplanned admissions within 14 days</b>	
<b>Unplanned anesthesia calls to intubate or use of reversal agents (during planned moderate sedation)</b>	
<b>Perforations</b>	
<b>Bleeds requiring transfusion</b>	
<b>Cardiopulmonary events attributable to a procedure</b>	

What practices does your unit use to identify adverse events? (Please check all that apply.)

- Intra-procedure and post-procedure complications recorded during visit
- Change in-patient status - requirement for hospital admission
- 24-48 hour call back
- Delayed callback (> one week) post procedure
- Other, explain:



# Quality Improvement Project Summary

Submit as an attachment [labeled **Attachment QI**] to this application a summary (minimum 200-300 words, maximum 2 pages) of a **clinical** quality improvement project completed in your unit. This should be a project with an issue addressed by the unit for which there was a demonstrated change in performance based on an intervention. It should **not** be a quality activity but a quality improvement project.

You may use the **Define-Measure-Analyze-Improve-Control** format to present your project, the related outcomes and future goals. The following questions are provided as guidance; they do not need to be answered individually.

### **Define** your project

- What is/was the gap in quality of care?
- What were the project goals or anticipated changes you sought to achieve?

### **Measure** your project

- What were the performance measures of interest?
- How was the data acquired? Was it easily accessible?
- What was the baseline performance? (measurement before intervention)
- What were the targets for performance?

### **Analyze** your project

- What local or higher-level factors contribute to defects, gaps, or variance?
- Which factors does the project address?
- What quality improvement methods and tools were utilized? (e.g., run charts, control charts, reports showing changes over time, PDSA, Lean Six Sigma)

### **Improve** your performance

- What intervention did you pilot or implement?
- What did repeat measurement of performance measures show?

### **Control** summary

- What were the outcomes of the project?
- Did you achieve the project goals? If not, what did you learn? What barriers did you encounter?
- Are there any limitations to the findings? Are there additional benefits?
- Were financial benefits or cost savings realized? If so, explain.
- How will the findings be communicated?
- Are the improvements sustainable?
- Can the intervention be disseminated to the other sites as a best practice?

*The summary provided is confidential, considered Quality Assurance data and inadmissible.*

# ASGE Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program

## Application Fees and Payment Information

### Application Fees

At least 30% of unit endoscopists providing endoscopic services in the unit must be ASGE members to apply to the program.

**EURP International Pathway Pricing** All fees are in US dollars.

Application fees are assessed based on the GDP per capita of the unit's country at the time of application as reflected by the most recent value determined by The World Bank found at <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD>.

Country's GDP per capita	Tier 1 Application Fee (3-Year Recognition)
< \$5,000	\$150
\$5,000-10,000	\$350
\$10,001-20,000	\$550
\$20,001 or greater	\$750

**Your program application will not be processed until the application fee is received.** The application fee is nonrefundable.

Units have one year from the time the application fee is paid to meet all requirements. Applications are reviewed for completeness and then physician reviewers from the ASGE Quality Assurance in Endoscopy and International Committees perform a clinical review. Once the application meets *Recommended* status from the physician reviewers, the application advances to the ASGE Governing Board for final approval. The Practice Manager listed on Page 1 of the application should be attentive to questions from ASGE Quality staff. Approval times are variable and can be from one to three months once the application is received and complete.

### Payment Information

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit/Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment** (Please check one.)  Credit Card (please complete below)  Check payable to ASGE

**Credit Card Type:**  Master Card  Visa  American Express

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Name on Card** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Cardholder's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail, email, or fax completed application with payment to:**

American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, ATTN: Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program  
 PO Box 809055, Chicago, IL 60680-9055  
 Fax: 630.963.8332

**When paying by electronic funds transfer, please remit to:**

**Beneficiary Bank Name & Address:** U.S. Bank National Association, 800 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402

**Swift Number:** USBKUS44IMT

**Beneficiary Account Name:** American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

**Beneficiary Account Number:** 157690267248

**Other Information:** Member Name and ID Number or Invoice Number

**Email confirmation of Wire to:** [accountsreceivable@asge.org](mailto:accountsreceivable@asge.org)

### Application Checklist

#### **Be sure to submit these completed materials!**

*Please do not staple or bind materials. Applications with credit card payment may be submitted as one complete PDF file via email to [EURP@asge.org](mailto:EURP@asge.org) or via fax.*

- Program application form
- Proof of successful and current local accreditation by a recognized accrediting body
- Membership Verification form
- Attestation of Guideline Adoption form
- Attestation of Competency form
- Quality Policy Assessment forms along with labeled attachments  
*Please note all attachments must be labeled as instructed.*
- Quality Improvement Project Summary [labeled Attachment QI]  
*Please note only a summary of a completed QI project is required for submission.*
- New member application(s) (Visit [www.asge.org](http://www.asge.org) to apply today and save.)
- Application fees

**Questions regarding your application, the program or group membership?**

**Please contact ASGE by phone at 630.573.0600  
or via email at [eurp@asge.org](mailto:eurp@asge.org).**