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BASIC ENDOSCOPY TRAINING IN EUROPE: A SURVEY ACROSS 40 COUNTRIES IDENTIFYING GAPS BETWEEN ESGE/ESGENA RECOMMENDATIONS AND REAL-WORLD PRACTICE

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Survey of 710 gastroenterology trainees across 37 European countries reveals substantial gaps between current endoscopy training practices and 2023 ESGE/ESGENA recommendations, with 35% receiving no structured competency assessment and 27% reporting no structured training at all.

KEY POINTS

- Only 2.5% of respondents reported regular and formal competency assessment during training, while 35% had no assessment at all
- 27% of trainees reported no structured training, relying primarily on observation (94%) and self-learning (81%) rather than formal teaching methods
- Only 26% had a formally assigned supervisor, and 36% reported their supervisors lacked formal training in teaching endoscopy
- Key barriers included lack of structured teaching (68%), limited access to procedures due to clinical workload (58%), and pressure to complete procedures quickly due to service demands (54%)
- Mean training satisfaction score was 3.4 out of 5, with only 26% using logbooks for both official requirements and tracking training progression as recommended

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