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EVALUATION OF “PATENCY AT HOME” PILOT PROGRAM; SUCCESS, SATISFACTION AND SAVING

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A pilot home-based patency capsule testing programme for video capsule endoscopy achieved a 45% pass rate comparable to hospital testing, with 96% of patients preferring the home approach and a cost saving of €129 per patient.

KEY POINTS

- 53 patients underwent home patency testing between October 2023 and March 2024, achieving a 45% pass rate similar to the institution's hospital patency testing pass rate
- 96% of patients felt home testing was logistically easier and 94% would choose home patency testing if offered a choice
- The programme offset a cost of €129 per patient visit, totalling a saving of €6,837
- Suspected Crohn's Disease was the most frequent indication for video capsule endoscopy at 36%, while NSAID exposure was the most common reason for patency capsule use at 30%

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