

Mistakes in colonoscopic surveillance in IBD and how to avoid them

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The diagnosis and management of colorectal cancer in patients with inflammatory bowel disease presents challenges and controversies, with mistakes in colitis surveillance potentially leading to unnecessary surgery or avoidably high cancer risk.

KEY POINTS

- Optimal management requires thorough knowledge of both IBD and colorectal cancer, including the benefits and limitations of colonoscopic surveillance
- Key components of optimal management include careful IBD control, high-quality colonoscopy, robust surveillance booking mechanisms, empathic patient education, and excellent multidisciplinary team communication
- Errors in managing patients undergoing colitis surveillance can result in patients being subjected to unnecessary life-changing surgery or exposed to an avoidably high lifetime risk of cancer
- The material discusses common mistakes in colitis surveillance management, drawing on evidence-based approaches and the author's more than 20 years of personal experience in the field

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