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Condensation

Six quality indicators are described defining good colposcopic practice derived following a series of meetings led by the European Federation for Colposcopy.

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Abstract

A refinement of quality indicators (QIs) is described whereby the quality of care can be measured across colposcopy services in different countries and healthcare settings.

A five-round Delphi process was conducted at successive satellite meetings from 2011 to 2015 of leading European colposcopists to refine the most high-scoring QIs relevant to colposcopic practice. A review and refinement of the wording of the standards and their criteria was undertaken by national society representatives.

Six quality indicators were identified and refined. *“Documentation of whether the squamocolumnar junction (SCJ) has been visible or not”* was changed into *“for cervical colposcopy transformation zone (TZ) type (1, 2 or 3) should be documented”*. The standard *“percentage of cases having a colposcopic examination prior to treatment for abnormal cytology”* was changed to *“percentage of cases having a*

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