COLON SCREENING PROGRAM
Colonoscopy Specimen Table Example

Below is an example of how the specimen table should be completed:

	Specimen Type	Location	Size (mm)				Morphology	Primary Removal Mode	Submucosal Injection (Y/N)	Piecemeal (Y/N)	Complete Removal (Y/N/U)	Complete Retrieval (Y/N/U)	Specimen Sent (Y/N/#)
			<5	5-9	10-19	≥20							
Example	P	T	✓				P	HS	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
A	P (polypectomy)	Denotes location where the specimen was removed from. More detailed information about where the specimen was located can be outlined in the dictated colonoscopy report.	Estimated size of the entire polyp, this will be used to help determine if an adenoma is "low" or "high" risk.				Polyp morphology: likely to be P (pedunculated), S (sessile) or F (flat).	The primary method that was used for removing the polyp.	Prior to removing the polyp with a snare, a needle was used to inject fluid into the wall of the colon underneath the polyp. Examples of injection fluids used include saline, methylene blue, Voluven, Eleview, Orise, and others.	Piecemeal denotes polyps that are removed in multiple pieces, piecemeal is not used to describe whole polyps that broke apart in the trap.	This is the Colonoscopist's impression of whether or not the entire polyp was excised.	Incomplete retrieval is documented when an entire polyp or the portion of the polyp that was removed was not retrieved and there is no sample or an incomplete sample to send to the pathology lab.	The number of pieces must be a whole number, "many" or "lots" is not an acceptable way to document this aspect.
B	Bx (biopsies)	Denotes the location where the biopsies were taken.	Estimate the size of the lesion being biopsied. For example, size of a mass or length of an area of colitis.				The description of the morphology of the lesion, likely to be M (mass) or O (other) (for example, area of inflammation).	Primary mode for obtaining biopsies, likely to be BF (biopsy forceps).		For biopsies, this would most often be Y (yes).	This is the Colonoscopist's impression of whether or not the entire lesion was excised.	Incomplete retrieval is documented when one or more biopsies of the sample were not retrieved and there is no sample or an incomplete sample to send to the pathology lab. Most likely will be Y.	The number of pieces must be a whole number, "many" or "lots" is not an acceptable way to document this aspect.