Appendix 1. Rectal tubes, defunctioning stomas and drain use in low pelvic colorectal resections and ileal pouches

CSSANZ code:

1. Surgeon age:
2. Location of practice:
3. Years in consultant practice:
4. Number (approx.) rectal resections per year: ____________
5. Number (approx.) ileal pouches per year: ____________

Ileostomy Preferences:

The use of a covering loop ileostomy may not prevent an anastomotic leak but there is some evidence that it mitigates the consequences.

6. In patients who have not had pre-operative radiotherapy, do you use or plan to use a covering loop ileostomy for low pelvic colorectal anastomoses (ie. ULAR or low anterior resections) ?
   - All cases/ mandatory
   - Selectively
   - Never
   percentage (approx. proportion of cases) ____________

7. A loop ileostomy in ileal pouch surgery is more difficult to construct than after a colorectal anastomosis. Do you use or plan to use a covering loop ileostomy for ileal pouch procedures (IPAA) in:
   - All cases/ mandatory
   - Selectively
   - Never
   percentage (approx. proportion of cases) ____________

For low colorectal anastomoses:

8. At what risk, or greater, of anastomotic leak in low pelvic colorectal anastomoses do you consider a defunctioning ileostomy is in the patient’s best interest: ______%;

For Ileal Pouches:

9. At what risk, or greater, of anastomotic leak, in ileal pouches, do you consider a defunctioning ileostomy is in the patient’s best interest: ______%;

Rectal tube usage:

10. Rectal tube use in low pelvic anastomoses:
    - All
    - Selectively
    - Never

If do use a rectal tube, how long is it left?
   - 5 days
   - 7 days
   - Other: ____________ days  Comment:
11. Rectal tube use in ileal pouches:
   - All
   - Selectively
   - Never

If do use a rectal tube, how long is it left?
   - 5 days
   - 7 days
   - Other: ___________ days  Comment:

Pelvic Drains:

12. There remains controversy in the use of drains in pelvic surgery. Do you use or plan to use drains in:
   - All/mandatory
   - Selectively
   - Never

If you do use a pelvic drain, how long is it left?
   - Minimum 5 days
   - Minimum 7 days
   - Until stops draining
   - Other ___________ days  Comment:

Gastrografin Usage:

13. Do you use Gastrografin in ileus or SBO?  Yes ☐  No ☐  Sometimes ☐

14. Do you use rectal Gastrografin for diagnosing an anastomotic leak (in combination with any imaging modality)?  Yes ☐  No ☐

15. Do you use Gastrografin (in combination with any imaging modality) to confirm a defunctioned anastomosis has healed?  Yes ☐  No ☐

Thank you for your time, these results will be presented at the Spring Meeting in Fremantle.

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