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## Suspension for six months of the GESA Colonoscopy Recertification Program during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA) has announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ease the burden on medical practitioners in these challenging times, the GESA National Colonoscopy Recertification Program has been suspended from 1 April 2020 until 30 September 2020.

Medical practitioners who are currently recertified will have their recertification anniversary extended by six months.

Medical practitioners may still enrol, log procedures and submit applications during this period but processing may be delayed. Medical practitioners may continue to provide evidence to credentialing officers that they are actively involved in the program.

Hospital administrators and credentialing staff should be aware that the COVID -19 pandemic provides challenges for colonoscopists as non-critical procedures are unlikely to be performed during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The situation will be reviewed as the pandemic continues and further information will be provided via the GESA website at [www.gesa.org.au/education/gesa-colonoscopy-recertification-program-suspended/](http://www.gesa.org.au/education/gesa-colonoscopy-recertification-program-suspended/)

Practitioners seeking more information on recertification can email: [education@gesa.org.au](mailto:education@gesa.org.au).

GESA is regularly providing updates on clinical matters relating to the COVID-19 pandemic at <https://www.gesa.org.au/>

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