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RE: EAGLE2 STUDY

Dear Italian Society of Colorectal Surgery (SICCR) Members,

I am writing to ask for your support in promoting the EAGLE 2 study to your national society members.

EAGLE 2 is a snapshot audit that will evaluate the impact of the ESCP safe-anastomosis virtual training programme on patient outcomes. The first <u>EAGLE study</u> published in the BJSurg December 2023, found the in centres where >80% surgeons completed the online training; anastomotic leak rate in those centres fell by 50%. EAGLE 2 aims to validate this key finding and show that surgeons from across the world can work together to benefit their patients.

EAGLE 2 will be open to all centres who participated in the first EAGLE study, and also open to new centres interested in participation. It will be open to high and low volume centres, with no minimum number of patients. Each participating centre may have up to 7 collaborators who will be eligible for co-authorship.

All eligible surgeons at participating centres are invited to complete the online training prior to the audit beginning. The online training can be accessed at https://eagle-escp.eu.com/. This training needs to be completed by the end of May 2024.

We aim to run the audit in May-June 2024, with centres collecting routinely recorded patient level data for an 8-week period. All patients (aged 18 year and older), undergoing right-sided bowel resection should be included. Results will be presented at the ESCP Congress in Thessaloniki, Greece in September and publish in the British Journal of Surgery by the end of this year.

We would be very keen to include members from your national society in this audit and invite them to register to take part at https://redcap.link/EAGLE2. We would be grateful if you could circulate this letter to your members.

If you require any further information, please contact eagle@contacts.bham.ac.uk. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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