Variation in colorectal cancer screening and outcomes is paralleled by variation in endoscopy services and capacity across Europe.

Gastroenterology training in Europe varies from 4 – 9 years with a median of 5 – 6 years.

Inflammatory bowel disease nurse is increasingly important throughout much of Europe. The inflammatory bowel disease nurse is increasingly important in managing patients.

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A survey of 10 European countries highlighted a lack of standardised training.

33% of trainees in their last year felt under trained in endoscopic procedures.

23% in their last year felt under trained in hepatology.

Few utilise nurse endoscopy.

Currently few countries utilise a nurse endoscopy workforce.

The European Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nurses and Associates (ESGENA) has driven a collaboration between European countries to establish a harmonised training programme for endoscopy nurses.

Multi-disciplinary clinics are ad hoc in most European countries occurring only in the larger hospitals.