

As a gastroenterologist concerned with barriers to care, I feel that patient's should have options that save money. Having GI tests at less costly settings such as ambulatory surgery centers ultimately lowers insurance premiums or even influences the decision as to whether they can afford to undergo colon cancer screening. Offering procedures at an ambulatory center as opposed to a hospital outpatient endoscopy center does represent a significant cost saving. The 6% tax will discourage patients by eroding the savings that ASC's offer in comparison with hospital centers. Please support the phase-out of this tax.

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