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## Procedural Area
| Polypectomy |

## Article
A prospective randomized comparison of cold versus hot snare polypectomy in the occurrence of postpolypectomy bleeding in small colonic polyps

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## Purpose
Compare cold snare and hot snare polypectomy techniques of polyps 3-8mm in size and postpolypectomy bleeding complications

## Key Points
- Randomized trial of 414 patients with colorectal polyps 3-8mm in size
- Postpolypectomy bleed rates measured at three intervals: “intraprocedural” bleeding lasting 1 minute or more during the procedure, “early” bleeding within 24 hours of the procedure, and “late” bleeding 24 hours up to 30 days post-procedure
- Intraprocedural bleeding was more common with cold snare polypectomy, but did not require extraneous intervention and stopped on its own
- No instances of early or late bleeding recorded with either technique
- Procedure time was significantly shorter with the cold snare technique
- Retrieval rates of polyps were identical with both techniques

## Conclusions
There is no difference in the rate of postpolypectomy bleeding with either the cold snare or hot snare technique for the resection of diminutive polyps 3-8mm in size. However, cold snare polypectomy is safe, effective and less time consuming than hot snare polypectomy.

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