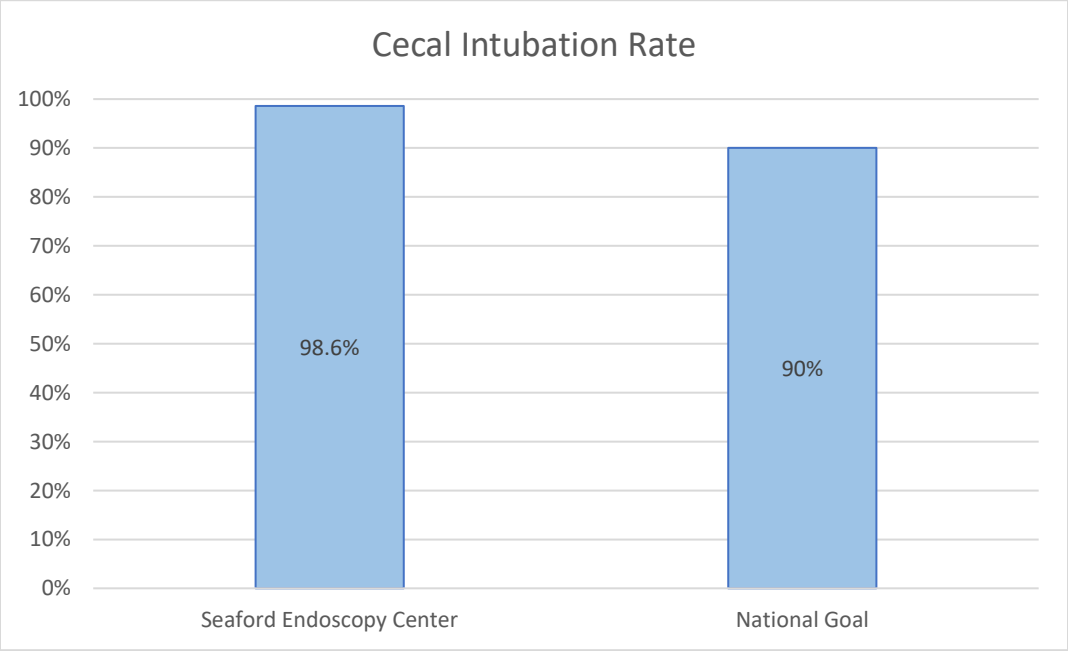
The physicians at Seaford Endoscopy Center participate in GIQuIC, the GI Quality Improvement Consortium, a medical registry utilized by gastroenterologists in the United States. Physicians contribute procedure data to GIQuIC which is then analyzed so adjustments can be made to allow us to continuously improve the quality of care we provide to our patients. The data in GIQuIC is also used to advance research and develop guidelines for care across the field of gastroenterology. None of the data submitted contains any individual patient identifiers.

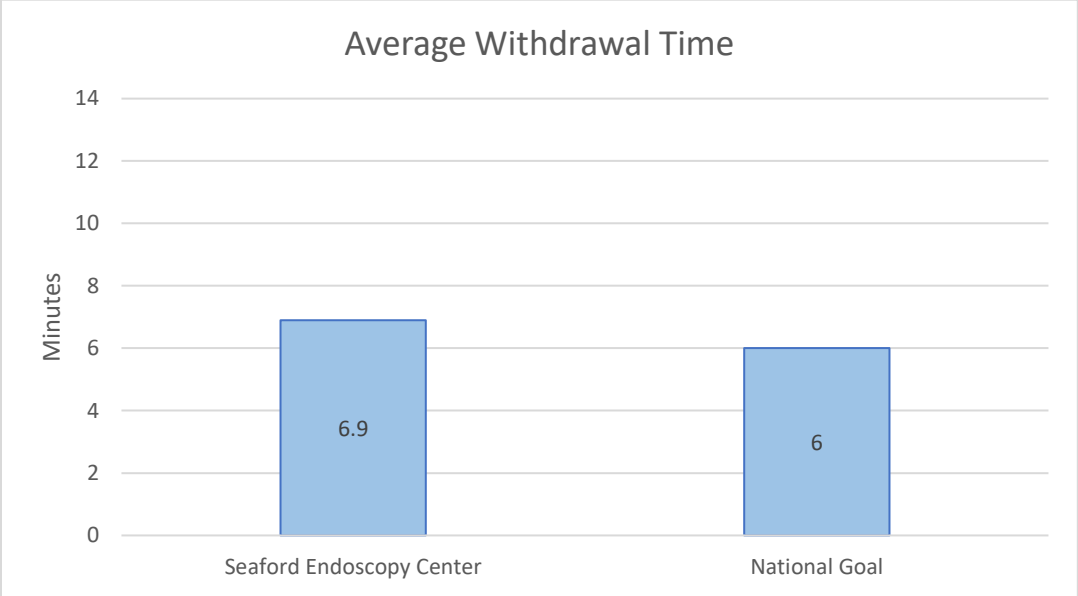
GIQuIC is a powerful tool in the fight against colon cancer and we use it to look at several different measures to ensure our procedures are as thorough and effective as possible. Below are three measures we track against the national goals that have been set by the GI societies. The data is from 2021.

<u>Cecal Intubation Rate</u>
The goal of a colonoscopy is to advance the scope all the way to the cecum and that is measured by Cecal Intubation Rate. Reaching the cecum means that the gastroenterologist may view the entire colon as long as the colon cleanse is adequate. The national standard for doing so has been set at 90% by the GI societies.



Average Withdrawal Time

Once the cecum is reached, the endoscopist will withdraw the scope while searching for polyps and other abnormalities. Adenomas are a type of polyp that can turn cancerous so it's important to identify and remove them during a colonoscopy. It has been determined that the withdrawal time should be no less than six minutes to ensure a thorough examination.



Adenoma Detection Rate

Adenoma Detection Rate, or ADR, is one of the most important quality indicators for a gastroenterologist and it calculates the percentage of time that at least one adenoma is detected during a colonoscopy. In fact, for every 1% increase in ADR, colo-rectal cancer rates decrease by 3% and morbidity decreases by 5%. The GI societies have set a national goal of 25% for Adenoma Detection Rate in screening colonoscopies.