

Indications

- Prior to surgery to localise pathology
- To mark lesions for endoscopic surveillance
- **DO NOT TATTOO RECTAL LESIONS** as they disrupt surgical planes.
- There is no need to tattoo lesions in the caecum, however, if in doubt, then place a tattoo

Equipment

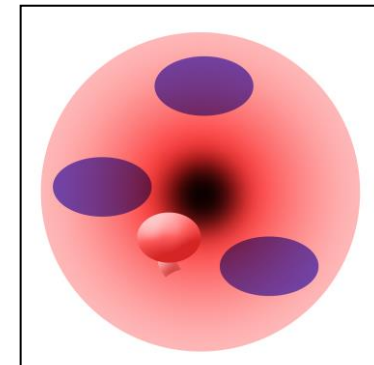
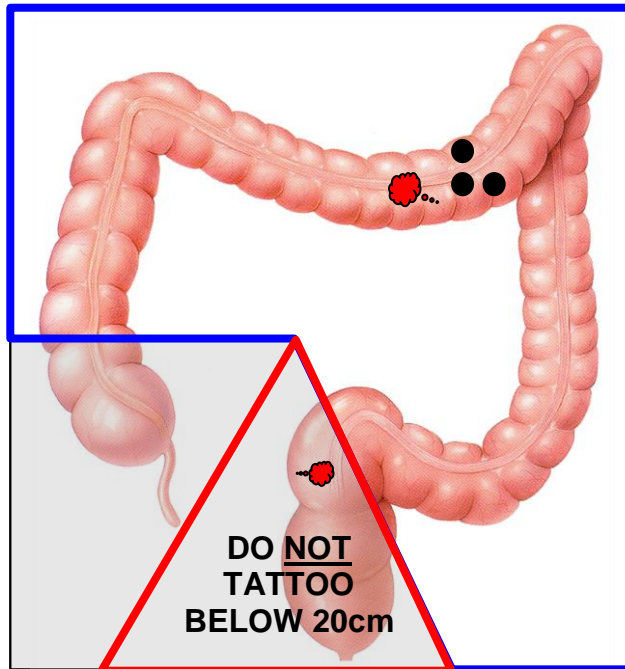
- Primed variceal injection needle with 10ml syringe filled with normal saline
- 5ml syringe filled with Spot® (or 0.9ml sterilised Black (India) Ink made up to 5ml with normal saline)

Procedure

- Direct needle at an angle to mucosa
- Raise a bleb using 1-2ml of saline
- Swap to syringe filled with Spot® or India Ink
- Inject 1ml into the bleb to create tattoo
- Swap to syringe filled with saline and flush ink out with 1ml saline before removing needle
- Repeat process for 3 tattoos

Place 3 tattoos 120° apart
at least 2cm
DISTAL to lesion

DO NOT place tattoo
below 20cm but clearly
record distance of
LESION from anal verge



REMEMBER: TO DOCUMENT HOW MANY TATTOOS WERE PLACED AND THE POSITION RELATIVE TO THE LESION