

# Aronchick Scale<sup>1</sup>

*Pre-washing assessment  
of the entire colon*

Grade	Description
<b>Excellent</b>	>90% of mucosa seen, mostly liquid stool, minimal suctioning needed for adequate visualization
<b>Good</b>	>90% of mucosa seen, mixture of liquid and semisolid stool, could be suctioned and/or washed
<b>Fair</b>	>90% of mucosa seen, mostly liquid stool, significant suctioning needed for adequate visualization
<b>Inadequate</b>	<90% of mucosa seen, mixture of semisolid and solid stool which could not be suctioned or washed

# Boston Scale<sup>2</sup>

*Post-washing assessment  
per colon segment*

Grade	Description
<b>3</b>	Entire mucosa of colon segment seen well with no residual staining, small fragments of stool or opaque liquid.
<b>2</b>	Minor amount of residual staining, small fragments of stool and/or opaque liquid, but mucosa of colon segment seen well.
<b>1</b>	Portion of mucosa of the colon segment seen, but other areas of the colon segment not well seen due to staining, residual stool, and/or opaque liquid.
<b>0</b>	Unprepared colon segment with mucosa not seen due to solid stool that cannot be cleared.

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