Records identified through Pubmed database searches (n = 7682) and Additional records identified through other sources (n=35) and Embase (241)

Records after duplicates removed (n =7958)

Records screened (n = 7958) and Records excluded* Pubmed: 5806 Embase: 231

Abstracts or full texts assessed for eligibility (n = 1921 )

Publications included in final draft (n = 328)

Abstracts or full texts excluded (subject matter inappropriate, higher quality resources available) (n = 1593)

*Excluded abstracts focused on colon cancer basic science, hereditary colon cancer, venous thromboembolism after colon cancer surgery, enhanced recovery pathways, and other topics more germane to other records ASCRS CPG’s.

**Records excluded in favor of prospective trials, meta-analyses, systematic reviews, large observational studies, and practice guidelines.