

PROCEDURE:, Colonoscopy.,PREOPERATIVE  
DIAGNOSES: , Change in bowel habits and rectal  
prolapse.,POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: , Normal  
colonoscopy.,PROCEDURE: ,The Olympus pediatric variable  
colonoscope was introduced through the rectum and  
advanced carefully through the colon to the cecum identified  
by the ileocecal valve and the appendiceal orifice. The  
preparation was poor, but mucosa was visible after lavage  
and suction. Small lesions might have been missed in certain  
places, but no large lesions are likely to have been missed.  
The mucosa was normal, was visualized. In particular, there  
was no mucosal abnormality in the rectum and distal sigmoid,  
which is reported to be prolapsing. Biopsies were taken from  
the rectal wall to look for microscopic changes. The anal  
sphincter was considerably relaxed, with no tone and a  
gaping opening. The patient tolerated the procedure well and  
was sent to recovery room.,FINAL DIAGNOSIS: , Normal  
colonic mucosa to the cecum. No contraindications to  
consideration of a repair of the prolapse.