

Question 18 – Week of June 16

Anorectal manometry can provide information regarding all of the following parameters except:

- A. Anal resting sphincter pressure
- B. Length of the anal canal
- C. Sphincter defect
- D. Rectoanal inhibitory reflex
- E. Anal squeeze sphincter pressure

Answer: C

Anorectal manometry is a technique to assess function of the anorectal canal and its structures. It is not the test of choice for the assessment of anatomical defects or abnormalities.

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