“Optics in the lower GI tract: Using light where the sun don’t shine”

Non-invasive optical diagnostics is playing an increasing role in many different organ systems and in various parts of the body. The lower GI tract and colon are particularly relevant in this regard due to the high risk posed by colon cancer. Optics are also being used to explore the basic biology and physiology of the intestine using mouse models and innovative “organ-on-a-chip” designs.

Current Diagnostic Challenges in Colonoscopy
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Tissue Optical Spectroscopy for Clinical Diagnostics in the Colon and Pancreas
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Optical microscopy for the studies of the murine intestine
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A Really Small Colon
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