


# Colorectal Cancer Histopathology Reporting Proforma



Includes the  International Collaboration on Cancer reporting dataset denoted by \*

Family name

Given name(s)

Date of birth

Patient identifiers

e.g. MRN, IHI or NHI (please indicate which)

Date of request

**S1.03** Accession number

Requesting doctor - name and contact details

Sex

- Male  
 Female  
 Intersex/indeterminate

Ethnicity

- Unknown  
 Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander (AU)  
 Māori (NZ)  
 Other ethnicity:

Mandatory questions (i.e. protocol standards) are in bold (e.g. **S1.03**).

Indicates multi-select  Indicates single select

## Clinical information

**\*S1.02/S2.02**

OR

- Information not provided  
 Known polyposis syndrome  
 Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)  
 *MUTYH*-associated polyposis (MAP)  
 Serrated polyposis  
 Other, *specify*

- Lynch syndrome  
 Chronic inflammatory bowel disease  
 Ulcerative colitis  
 Crohn disease  
 Previous polyp(s)  
 Previous colorectal cancer  
 Other, *specify*

### NEOADJUVANT THERAPY

- Information not provided  
 Not administered  
 Administered, *describe*

G1.01 COPY TO DOCTORS

**S1.04** PRINCIPAL CLINICIAN

G1.02 OTHER CLINICAL COMMENTS

## Macroscopic findings

**S2.01 SPECIMEN LABELLED AS**

**S2.03 \*OPERATIVE PROCEDURE** (select all that apply)

- Total colectomy  
 Proctocolectomy  
 Right hemicolectomy  
 Extended right hemicolectomy  
 Transverse colectomy  
 Left hemicolectomy  
 Sigmoid colectomy  
 Anterior resection  
 High  
 Low  
 Hartmann's procedure  
 Abdominoperineal resection  
 Other, *specify*

**S2.04 SPECIMEN LENGTH**

**S2.05 \*TUMOUR SITE** (select all that apply)

- Not specified  
 Caecum  
 Ascending colon  
 Hepatic flexure  
 Transverse colon  
 Splenic flexure  
 Descending colon  
 Sigmoid colon  
 Rectosigmoid<sup>b</sup>  
 Rectum  
 Other, *specify*

<sup>a</sup> If multiple primary tumours are present, separate datasets should be used to record this and all following elements for each primary tumour.

<sup>b</sup> Reserved for cases in which an accurate determination between rectum and sigmoid cannot be made by pathological assessment and clinical information regarding site is not available.

**S2.06 \*TUMOUR DIMENSIONS\***

Cannot be assessed

Maximum tumour dimension      Tumour identification

*\*Repeat tumour identification and maximum dimension for each tumour identified*

Additional dimensions

x

**S2.07 DISTANCE OF TUMOUR TO THE NEARER PROXIMAL OR DISTAL 'CUT END'**

Cannot be assessed      OR

**S2.08 DISTANCE OF TUMOUR TO THE NONPERITONEALISED CIRCUMFERENTIAL MARGIN**

Cannot be assessed      OR

**S2.09 \*PERFORATION<sup>c</sup>**

Not identified

Present

Through tumour (tumour perforation)

Not involving tumour

<sup>c</sup> Defined as a macroscopically visible full thickness defect in the wall.

**S2.10 \*RELATION OF TUMOUR TO ANTERIOR PERITONEAL REFLECTION**

*(Applicable to any specimen containing a rectal cancer e.g., anterior resection, abdominoperineal resection, proctocolectomy)*

Not applicable

Entirely above

Entirely below

Astride

**S2.11 \*PLANE OF MESORECTAL EXCISION**

*(Applicable to any specimen containing a rectal cancer e.g., anterior resection, abdominoperineal resection, proctocolectomy)*

Not applicable

Mesorectal fascia (complete)

Intramesorectal (near complete)

Muscularis propria (incomplete)

**G2.01 \*PLANE OF SPHINCTER EXCISION**

*(Applicable to abdominoperineal excision specimens only and should be reported in addition to the mesorectal plane)*

Extralevator plane

Sphincteric plane

Intrasphincteric plane

**G2.02 \*PLANE OF MESOCOLIC EXCISION**

*(Applicable to any specimen containing a colon cancer)*

Mesocolic plane

Intramesocolic plane

Muscularis propria plane

**G2.03 PERITONEUM**

Tumour invades to the peritoneal surface

Tumour has formed nodule(s) discrete from the tumour mass along the serosal surface

**G2.03 ADDITIONAL MACROSCOPIC COMMENTS**

**Microscopic findings**

**S3.01 \*HISTOLOGICAL TUMOUR TYPE**

*(Value list from the World Health Organization Classification of Tumours of the Gastrointestinal Tract (2019))*

Adenocarcinoma not otherwise specified (NOS)

Mucinous adenocarcinoma

Signet-ring cell adenocarcinoma

Medullary carcinoma

Serrated adenocarcinoma

Micropapillary adenocarcinoma

Adenoma-like adenocarcinoma

Other, specify

**S3.02 \*HISTOLOGICAL TUMOUR GRADE**

*(Only adenocarcinoma NOS and mucinous adenocarcinoma should be graded)*

Not applicable

Low grade ≥50% (formerly well to moderately differentiated)

High grade <50% (formerly poorly differentiated)

**S3.03 \*EXTENT OF INVASION**

Cannot be assessed

No evidence of primary tumour

High grade dysplasia/non-invasive neoplasia

Invasion into submucosa

Invasion into muscularis propria

Invasion into subserosa or into pericolic or perirectal connective tissues

Invasion onto the surface of the visceral peritoneum

Invasion directly into other structures/organs, specify

**G3.01 \*MEASUREMENT OF INVASION BEYOND MUSCULARIS PROPRIA (Only applicable to pT3 tumours)**

Cannot be assessed

Distance of invasion beyond the muscularis propria

**G3.02 INFLAMMATORY CELL INFILTRATE**

*(Record the scoring system used)*

**S3.04 \*LYMPHATIC AND VENOUS INVASION**

- Not identified
- Present
  - Small vessel (lymphatic, capillary or venular)
  - Large vessel (venous)
    - Intramural
    - Extramural

**S3.05 \*PERINEURAL INVASION**

- Not identified
- Present

**S3.06 \*LYMPH NODE STATUS**

- No nodes submitted or found
- Cannot be assessed

Number of lymph nodes examined

Not involved

Involved  
Number of involved lymph nodes

**G3.03 APICAL NODE INVOLVEMENT**

- Not applicable
- Absent
- Present

**G3.04 RATIO OF INVOLVED/TOTAL LYMPH NODES**

involved /  total

**S3.07 \*TUMOUR DEPOSITS**

- Not identified
- Present
  - Vascular
  - Other

Number of tumour deposits

**G3.05 \*TUMOUR BUDDING**

*(Should only be reported in non-mucinous and non-signet ring cell adenocarcinoma areas)*

- Cannot be assessed

Number of tumour buds<sup>d</sup>

**Tumour budding score**

- Bd1 - low budding (0-4 buds)
- Bd2 - intermediate budding (5-9 buds)
- Bd3 - high budding (≥10 buds)

<sup>d</sup> After scanning 10 fields on a 20x objective lens, the hotspot field normalised to represent a field of 0.785 mm<sup>2</sup>.

**S3.08 \*RESPONSE TO NEOADJUVANT THERAPY**

- No neoadjuvant treatment
- Complete response – no viable cancer cells (score 0)
- Near complete response – single cells or rare groups of cancer cells (score 1)
- Partial response – residual cancer with evident tumour regression (score 2)
- Poor or no response – extensive residual cancer with no evident tumour regression (score 3)
- Cannot be assessed, *specify*

**S3.09 \*MARGIN STATUS**

**Longitudinal margin status**

- Cannot be assessed
- Not involved, *estimate distance to closer margin<sup>e</sup>*

mm

- Involved, *specify proximal or distal margin<sup>e</sup>*

<sup>e</sup> Includes assessment of any separately submitted anastomotic ring(s).

**Circumferential margin status**

- Cannot be assessed
- Not involved, *specify distance to nearest 1 mm or ≥10 mm*

mm OR  ≥10 mm

- Involved (≤1 mm), *specify 0 mm or distance to nearest 0.1 mm*

mm

- By primary tumour
- By other, *specify*

**S3.10 \*DISTANT METASTASES**

- Not identified
- Present, *specify site(s)*

**G3.06 \*COEXISTENT PATHOLOGY (select all that apply)**

- None identified
- Polyp(s), *specify*

- Synchronous carcinoma(s), *specify*

- Other, *specify*

**S3.11 MICROSCOPIC RESIDUAL TUMOUR STATUS  
(completeness of resection)**

**G3.07 ADDITIONAL MICROSCOPIC COMMENT**

**Ancillary findings**

**G4.01 \*MISMATCH REPAIR (MMR) IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY**

- Not tested
- Not interpretable
- MMR proficient
- MMR deficient
- MLH1/PMS2* loss
- MSH2/MSH6* loss
- MSH6* loss
- PMS2* loss
- Other, specify

**G4.02 \**BRAF* V600E mutation testing**

- Not tested
- Test failed
- Mutated
- Wild type

**\**MLH1* promoter methylation testing**

- Not tested
- Test failed
- Methylated
- Not methylated
- Inconclusive

**G4.03 \*MMR STATUS BY MICROSATELLITE INSTABILITY (MSI) TESTING**

- Not tested
- Test failed
- MSI-high
- MSI-low
- MS-stable

**G4.04 RAS gene mutation testing (*KRAS* exons 2, 3 or 4, *NRAS* exons 2, 3 or 4 or RAS mutation)**

- Mutated
- Wild type
- Not tested

**COMMENTS**

**Laboratory performing test and report number**

**G4.05 \*NEUROENDOCRINE NEOPLASM MARKERS**

**For neuroendocrine neoplasms only**

- Not applicable
- Neuroendocrine markers, specify result(s) if available

AND

Ki-67 proliferation index  %

**Synthesis and overview**

**S5.01 \*PATHOLOGICAL STAGING (AJCC TNM 8<sup>th</sup> edition)**

**TNM Descriptors** (only if applicable) (select all that apply)

- m - multiple primary tumours
- r - recurrent
- y - post-therapy

**Primary tumour (pT)\***

- TX Primary tumour cannot be assessed
- T0 No evidence of primary tumour
- Tis Carcinoma in situ, intramucosal carcinoma (involvement of lamina propria with no extension through muscularis mucosae)
- T1 Tumour invades the submucosa (through the muscularis mucosa but not into the muscularis propria)
- T2 Tumour invades the muscularis propria
- T3 Tumour invades through the muscularis propria into pericolorectal tissues
- T4 Tumour invades\* the visceral peritoneum or invades or adheres\*\* to adjacent organ or structure
- T4a Tumour invades\* through the visceral peritoneum (including gross perforation of the bowel through tumour and continuous invasion of tumour through areas of inflammation to the surface of the visceral peritoneum)
- T4b Tumour directly invades\* or adheres\*\* to adjacent organs or structures

*\*Direct invasion in T4 includes invasion of other organs or other segments of the colorectum as a result of direct extension through the serosa, as confirmed on microscopic examination (for example, invasion of the sigmoid colon by a carcinoma of the cecum) or, for cancers in a retroperitoneal or subperitoneal location, direct invasion of other organs or structures by virtue of extension beyond the muscularis propria (i.e., respectively, a tumour on the posterior wall of the descending colon invading the left kidney or lateral abdominal wall; or a mid or distal rectal cancer with invasion of prostate, seminal vesicles, cervix, or vagina).*

*\*\*Tumour that is adherent to other organs or structures, grossly, is classified cT4b. However, if no tumour is present in the adhesion, microscopically, the classification should be pT1-4a depending on the anatomical depth of wall invasion. The V and L classification should be used to identify the presence or absence of vascular or lymphatic invasion whereas the PN prognostic factor should be used for perineural invasion.*

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**Regional lymph nodes (pN)**

- NX Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
- N0 No regional lymph node metastasis
- N1 One to three regional lymph nodes are positive (tumour in lymph nodes measuring  $\geq 0.2$  mm), or any number of tumour deposits are present and all identifiable lymph nodes are negative
  - N1a One regional lymph node is positive
  - N1b Two or three regional lymph nodes are positive
  - N1c No regional lymph nodes are positive, but there are tumour deposits in the
    - subserosa
    - mesentery
    - or nonperitonealised pericolic, or perirectal/ mesorectal tissues
- N2 Four or more regional nodes are positive
  - N2a Four to six regional lymph nodes are positive
  - N2b Seven or more regional lymph nodes are positive

**Distant metastasis (pM)**

- M0 No distant metastasis by imaging, etc.; no evidence of tumour in distant sites or organs (This category is not assigned by pathologists.)
- M1 Metastasis to one or more distant sites or organs or peritoneal metastasis is identified
  - M1a Metastasis to one site or organ is identified without peritoneal metastasis
  - M1b Metastasis to two or more sites or organs is identified without peritoneal metastasis
  - M1c Metastasis to the peritoneal surface is identified alone or with other site or organ metastases

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**S5.02 RESIDUAL TUMOUR STATUS**

- RX Presence of residual tumour cannot be assessed
- R0 No residual tumour
- R1 Microscopic residual tumour
- R2 Macroscopic residual tumour at the primary cancer site or regional nodal sites. (This designation is not used to indicate metastatic disease identified but not resected at surgical exploration.)

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**S5.02 Year and edition of staging system**

G5.01 **DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY**  
Include: Specimen submitted, Histological tumour type, Diameter of largest tumour, Completeness of excision, Tumour stage.

**S5.03 OVERARCHING COMMENT**

G5.02 Edition/version number of the Cancer Structured Reporting Protocol.