**Standard 5.7: Total Mesorectal Excision**

**Operation**

Total mesorectal excision (TME) is performed for mid and low rectal tumors, resulting in **complete** or **near-complete** TME.

Keep fascia propria of rectum intact, operate in plane between rectum and presacral fascia
- Ensures negative margins
- Protects neurovascular structures

**Maintain the ‘Holy Plane’**

Quality of TME documented in synoptic report:
- Complete
- Near-Complete
- Incomplete

**Pathology Documentation**

**When?**

2021: Implementation

2024 site visits: **80% Compliance**