

Total Mesorectal Excision


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- ACS Commission on Cancer (CoC) Operative Standards Toolkit, featuring webinars, slides, summaries, and FAQs
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- YouTube video synopsis
- SurgOnc Today® podcast
- JACS editorial on Total Mesorectal Excision

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<p>Operation</p>	<p>Total mesorectal excision (TME) is performed for mid and low rectal tumors, resulting in complete or near-complete TME</p> <p>Keep fascia propria of rectum intact, operate in plane between rectum and presacral fascia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensures negative margins - Protects neurovascular structures
<p>Maintain the 'Holy Plane'</p>	
<p>Pathology Documentation</p>	<p>Quality of TME documented in synoptic report:</p> <div data-bbox="1655 906 1968 1117" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Near-Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete </div>
<p>When?</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>2021: Implementation</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #2c4e64; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>2023 site visits: 80% Compliance</p> </div> </div>

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