Flowchart to Assess Compliance with CoC Standard 5.7 (Total Mesorectal Excision)

START: Select case from accession list.

Rectal cancer?

Tumor location?

Tumor location?

MID to LOW

Curative intent?

Curative intent?

Yes

Was TME performed?

Was TME performed?

Not

Locate “Macroscopic Evaluation of Mesorectum” data item in pathology report.

Is the data item present?

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No

Synoptic format?

Synoptic format?

Yes

Which response?

Which response?

COMPLIANT

NOT APPLICABLE

INCOMPLETE or CANNOT BE DETERMINED

COMPLETE or NEAR COMPLETE

NOT IN SCOPE OF STANDARD. Choose another case.

HIGH

Exclusion criteria:

- High rectal cancers
- Primary resection specimens with no residual cancer (e.g., following neoadjuvant therapy)
- In situ lesions

Repeat until you have assessed 7 cases or all eligible cases from the program.