

Colorectal Cancer Resection Pathology Reporting — pT Category (Primary Tumor) and pN Category (Regional Lymph Nodes) with Histologic Grade

*This measure is to be reported **each time** a colorectal cancer resection surgical pathology examination is performed during the reporting period for all patients with colorectal cancer, regardless of age. It is anticipated that clinicians who examine colorectal tissue specimens following resection in a laboratory or institution will submit this measure. Independent laboratories (ILs) and independent diagnostic testing facilities (IDTFs), using indicator Place of Service 81, are not included in PQRI.*

Measure description

Percentage of colon and rectum resection pathology reports that include the pT category (primary tumor), the pN category (regional lymph nodes), and the histologic grade

What will you need to report for each patient undergoing a colorectal cancer resection surgical pathology examination for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will need to determine:

- Whether or not the specimen site is primary colorectal tissue (eg, liver, lung)

If the specimen site is primary colorectal tissue, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you documented the pT category, pN category, and histologic grade in the pathology report

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to document the pT category, pN category, and histologic grade due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, anal canal)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).