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Table 1a

<b>UK- NICE recommendations</b>	<b>Risk of local recurrence</b>		<b>European-ESMO recommendations</b>
A threatened (<1 mm) or breached resection margin <b>or</b> Low tumours encroaching onto the inter-sphincteric plane <b>or</b> Any levator involvement	High	Advanced disease	cT3 with any MRF involved <b>or</b> cT4b <b>or</b> levators threatened <b>or</b> lateral lymph node involvement
		Locally advanced disease	cT3c/d if very low rectal tumours, levators not threatened, MRF clear <b>or</b> cT3c/d mid or high rectal tumours, cN1-2 (extranodal) and EMVI positive
Any cT3b or greater, in which the potential surgical margin is not threatened <b>or</b> Any suspicious lymph node not threatening the surgical resection margin <b>or</b> The presence of extramural vascular invasion <sup>[a]</sup>	Moderate	Intermediate disease	cT3a/b if low rectal tumours with no involvement of levator muscles and MRF clear <b>or</b> cT3a/b mid or high rectal tumours, cN1-2 (not extranodal) and no EMVI
cT1 or cT2 or cT3a <b>and</b> No lymph node involvement	Low	Early disease	cT1 or cT2 or cT3a/b if middle or high rectal tumours, <b>and</b> No lymph node involvement <b>and</b> Not threatening the surgical resection margin <b>and</b> No EMVI

Table 1b

<b>UK- NICE recommendations</b>	<b>Risk of local recurrence</b>		<b>European-ESMO recommendations</b>
CRT <b>and</b> interval to TME	High	Advanced disease	CRT <b>or</b> SCPRT plus FOLFOX (and delay) <b>and</b> TME
CRT <b>and</b> interval to TME	Borderline high/ Moderate	Locally advanced disease	CRT <b>or</b> SCPRT <b>and</b> TME ( <b>or</b> 'watch-and-wait' in high-risk patients if cCR achieved)
SCPRT then immediate TME	Moderate	Intermediate disease	TME alone <b>or</b> SCPRT/CRT if good quality mesorectal excision cannot be achieved
TME alone in most cases	Low	Early disease	TME alone in most cases <b>or</b> TEM, CRT or 'watch-and-wait' for high-risk patients or those rejecting TME