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TNM v 8: Rectal Cancer	
T0	no evidence of primary tumour
Tis*	carcinoma in situ: intraepithelial or invasion of lamina propria
T1	tumour invades submucosa
T2	tumour invades muscularis propria
T3	tumour invades through the muscularis propria into the subserosa or into non-peritonealised perirectal tissues
T3a**	tumour extends <1 mm beyond muscularis propria
T3b**	tumour extends 1-5 mm beyond muscularis propria
T3c**	tumour extends 5-15 mm beyond muscularis propria
T3d**	tumour extends 15 mm beyond muscularis propria
T4	tumour invades directly into other organs or structures and/or perforates visceral peritoneum
T4a	tumour penetrates to the surface of the visceral peritoneum
T4b	tumour directly invades or is adherent to other organs or structures
N0	no regional lymph node metastases
N1***	metastasis in 1-3 regional (perirectal) lymph nodes
N1a	metastasis in 1 regional lymph node
N1b	metastasis in 2-3 regional lymph nodes
N1c	tumour deposit(s) in the subserosa, mesentery, or non-peritonealised pericolic or perirectal tissues without regional nodal metastasis
N2***	metastasis in 4 or more regional lymph nodes
N2a	metastasis in 4-6 regional lymph nodes
N2b	metastasis in 7 or more regional lymph nodes
M0	no distant metastasis
M1	distant metastasis
M1a	metastasis confined to one organ or site (for example, liver, lung, ovary, non-regional node) without peritoneal metastases
M1b	metastases in more than one organ
M1c	metastasis to the peritoneum with or without other organ involvement