

## Operative findings (Core)

It is expected that the surgeon provides information in regard to the presence or absence of gross extrathyroidal extension (ETE) at the time of the surgical procedure, in particular involvement of strap muscles, as well as to the completeness of excision. Gross ETE is a crucial element in the most recent staging systems.<sup>1,2</sup> The pathologist should indicate if the intra-operative data on gross ETE or margin completeness is not available at the time of pathology reporting.

## References

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