

Coexistent pathology (Non-core)

The presence of any pathological abnormalities in the background colon or rectum should be recorded. These include polyps (type, number and whether meeting criteria for any polyposis syndrome), chronic inflammatory bowel disease (distribution and specify with or without dysplasia), effects of any neoadjuvant therapy on non-neoplastic tissue, diverticular disease and/or changes related to obstruction. Synchronous primary carcinomas should have individual datasets completed for all appropriate elements.