

## **Margin status (Core)**

Where there are multiple tumours, none of which involve a margin, the distance from the lesion nearest to the lateral/radial resection margin should be measured.

If the specimen is received piecemeal, the status of the margins may not be assessable. The lateral margins may not be assessable but the deep margin (which is more clinically relevant) can and should be assessed in piecemeal endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR).

Endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) is done either 'en bloc' or piecemeal. Lateral margin assessment can only be done for en bloc resection specimen. If the EMR specimen is received piecemeal, the lateral margins may not be assessable but the deep margin (which is more important) can and should be assessed.

Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) specimens allow better assessment of margins as they are likely to be done en bloc.

For multifocal tumours, the presence of a positive margin in any tumours should be indicated as 'positive', and the closest margin can be measured from any tumours in the specimen.