

Margin status (Required)

Reason/Evidentiary Support

Whether the surgical procedure is a radical or partial orchidectomy must be stated, as this will influence the assessment of surgical margins. Specifically, in the case of partial orchidectomy specimens, it is important that the intratesticular surgical margin is carefully evaluated to ensure that no residual tumour is present in the remaining testis.

For radical orchidectomies there is little evidence that surgical margin status has been studied as an independent prognostic factor separately from stage and other known indicators. The only true surgical margin is the spermatic cord margin in a usual radical orchidectomy and involvement with stromal invasion is rare. Very rarely in a widely invasive tumour, scrotal skin may be included. This should be easily apparent in such cases, and it would be appropriate to state whether the scrotal skin margin was invaded by tumour.

Occasionally the spermatic cord margin may include vessels showing vascular invasion by tumour. This is vascular invasion, and does not represent a positive margin.