Goals and Objectives
Rectum: Total mesorectal excision (TME)
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Lecture participants should:

Medical Expert:
- Be able to describe normal rectal anatomy, relationship of mesorectum with surrounding structures.
- Acquire knowledge on surgical procedures which provide a TME specimen.
- Acquire knowledge on how to evaluate and gross dissect a TME specimen.
- Acquire knowledge in the interpretation of TME pathological specimens: margins, LVI, TRG of tumor response to neoadjuvant therapy, staging.

Communicator:
- Acquire knowledge on the importance of gathering clinical information pertaining surgical procedures performed and if patient received neoadjuvant therapy
- Acquire knowledge on important information to communicate to the gross groom
- Acquire knowledge on how to formulate clear, concise and complete pathologic reports

Collaborator:
- Acquire knowledge of the roles of various team members in the diagnosis and treatment of rectal cancer (eg surgeons, radiologists, oncologists, laboratory medicine staff)
- Acquire knowledge on the role of intra and interdepartmental consultations in the pathologic diagnosis of rectal cancer
- Acquire knowledge regarding the role of the pathologist in tumour board presentations for rectal cancer

Manager:
- Acquire knowledge of the importance of quality assurance and quality control measures for the diagnosis of rectal cancer

Health Advocate:
- Acquire knowledge on understanding the impact of a diagnosis of rectal cancer on patients
- Acquire knowledge on the importance of turn around time on rectal cancer
**Professional:**
- Acquire knowledge on when to appropriately consult an expert in GI pathology
- Acquire knowledge on the limitations of intraoperative consultations in the diagnosis of rectal cancer (FS not required, just a gross examination)

**Scholar:**
- Acquire knowledge on relevant sources of information (journals, textbooks, web-based resources) for reviewing literature pertaining to rectal cancer
- Acquire knowledge on relevant pathology organizations/meetings pertaining to rectal cancer
- Acquire knowledge on possible research project ideas in the field of rectal cancer