

FRCS Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, participants should be able to:

- Describe the preoperative evaluation and staging of patients with rectal cancer.
- Outline treatment recommendations, including use of neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapies, based on cancer stage and other cancer characteristics.
- Identify the key steps in rectal cancer surgery, including pitfalls and complications that may occur.
- Identify a high-quality mesorectal excision specimen and techniques for obtaining such a specimen surgically.
- Describe the management of perioperative complications of rectal cancer surgery.
- Describe the post-treatment surveillance of rectal cancer patients, and the management of recurrences if they occur.