

<b>TABLE 2.</b>			
<b>COLORECTAL CANCER MEASURES</b>			
THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS, ASCO, NCCN AND THE COMMISSION ON CANCER (CoC) AGREED UPON COMMON SPECIFICATIONS OF THE MEASURES BELOW.			
<b>At least 12 regional lymph nodes are removed and pathologically examined for resected colon cancer.</b>			
Application	Type	Denominator	Numerator
Hospital or systems-level performance	Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age <math>\geq</math>18 at time of diagnosis</li> <li>• Known or assumed to be first or only cancer diagnosis</li> <li>• Primary tumors of the colon</li> <li>• Epithelial malignancy only</li> <li>• AJCC Stage I, II, or III</li> <li>• Surgical resection performed at the reporting facility</li> </ul>	$\geq$ 12 regional lymph nodes pathologically examined
<p><b>Evidence</b>  <b>NICCQ Measure: CO-2A8.</b> <a href="http://www.jco.org/cgi/content/abstract/24/4/626">http://www.jco.org/cgi/content/abstract/24/4/626</a></p> <p><b>NCCN Guideline Recommendations v2.2006</b>  <b>COL-2:</b> Appropriate colon cancer surgery - colectomy with en bloc removal of regional lymph nodes.  AND  <b>COL-A:</b> AJCC and CAP recommend examination of a minimum of 12 lymph nodes to accurately identify stage II colorectal cancers.  <b>REC-A:</b> Biopsy or remove clinically suspicious nodes beyond the field of resection if possible. Extended resection not indicated in the absence of clinically suspected nodes.</p>			
<b>Radiation therapy is considered or administered within 6 months (180 days) of diagnosis for patients under the age of 80 with clinical or pathologic AJCC T4N0M0 or Stage III receiving surgical resection for rectal cancer.</b>			
Application	Type	Denominator	Numerator
Hospital or systems-level performance	Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 18-79 at time of diagnosis</li> <li>• Known or assumed to be first or only cancer diagnosis</li> <li>• Primary tumors of the rectum</li> <li>• Epithelial malignancy only</li> <li>• AJCC clinical or pathologic AJCC T4N0M0 or Stage III</li> <li>• All or part of first course of treatment performed at the reporting facility</li> <li>• Known to be alive within 6 months (180 days) of diagnosis</li> </ul>	Consideration or administration of radiation therapy initiated within 6 months (180 days) of date of diagnosis
<p><b>Evidence</b>  <b>NICCQ Measure: CO-2C1a.</b> <a href="http://www.jco.org/cgi/content/abstract/24/4/626">http://www.jco.org/cgi/content/abstract/24/4/626</a></p> <p><b>NCCN Guideline Recommendations v2.2006</b>  <b>REC-3/REC-B/REC-C:</b> cT3, N0 or T any, N1-2 should receive neoadjuvant chemo/RT combination OR adjuvant chemotherapy +/- RT  OR cT4 and/or locally unresectable should receive neoadjuvant chemo/RT combination</p>			