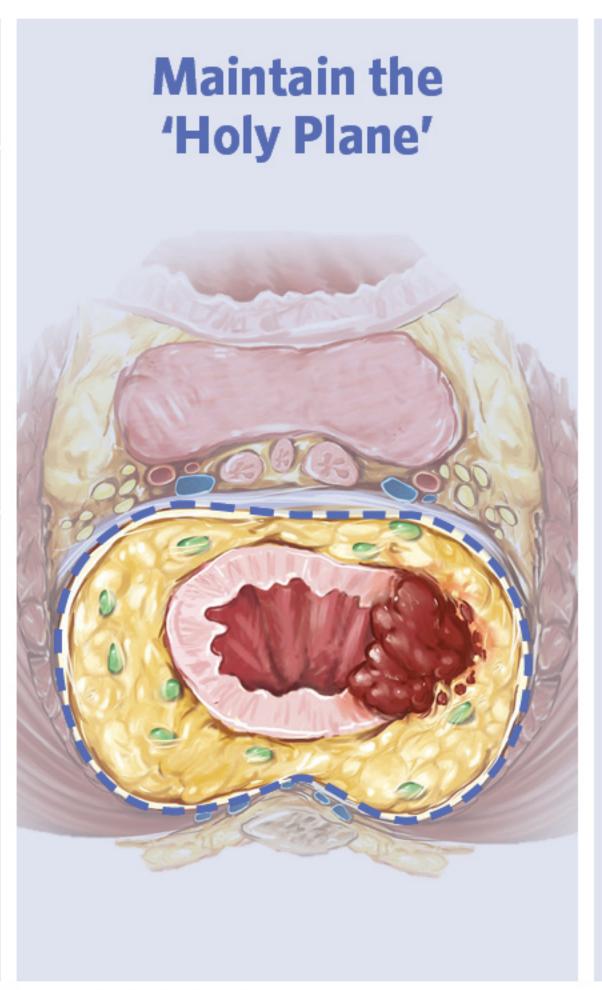
## **Standard 5.7: Total Mesorectal Excision**

## **Operation**

Total mesorectal excision (TME) is performed for mid and low rectal tumors, resulting in **complete** or **near-complete** TME

Keep fascia propria of rectum intact, operate in plane between rectum and presacral fascia

- Ensures negative margins
- Protects neurovascular structures



## **Pathology Documentation**

Quality of TME documented in synoptic report:

Complete Near-Complete Incomplete

## When?

2021: Implementation

2024 site visits:

80% Compliance

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