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Colorectal Cancer pT4 TNM Finding v6

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Colorectal cancer with direct invasion of adjacent organs or structures and/or perforation of the visceral peritoneum. Direct invasion in T 4 includes invasion of other segments of the colorectum by way of the serosa. Invasion of the sigmoid colon by a carcinoma of the cecum, for example, should be classified as T 4. Tumor that is adherent to other organs or structures macroscopically is classified as T 4. However, if on microscopic examination, no tumor is present in the adhesion, the classification should be pT 3. V and L substaging should be used to indicate the presence or absence of vascular or lymphatic invasion. (from AJCC 6th Ed.)