For patients with colon cancer, at least 12 lymph nodes should be resected at surgery. (NCCN v2. 2017)

Between 2011 and 2014, patients with colon cancer who had surgery at USC had at least 12 regional LN resected in over 85% of cases. This exceeds the compliance rate of COC hospitals.

For patients with stage III rectal cancer preoperative or postoperative chemotherapy and radiation is the standard. (NCCN v2. 2017)

The COC standard is to administer this treatment before surgery if it is clinically advanced or after surgery within 180 days.

In 2014, LAC+USC has reached 90 percent compliance compared to the COC standard of 85%.