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Epithelial neoplasms are found in 0.6% of appendicectomy specimens. Numerous classification systems have been proposed, leading to much confusion and difficulty when comparing treatment modalities and outcomes. Following a modified Delphi consultation process, a group of international experts proposed an updated classification system for appendiceal epithelial neoplasms. Tumours may be classified as mucinous or non-mucinous (intestinal type) and according architectural features to the degree of cytological atypia and (infiltrative versus pushing invasion) (Table 76.3).

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