

Pathological staging (Core)

The staging applies to all tumour types, including anaplastic carcinoma, which hitherto had automatically been staged as stage 4 irrespective of all other details.

The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) TNM 8th edition staging applies to carcinomas and includes papillary, follicular, poorly differentiated, Hürthle cell (oncocytic), anaplastic, and medullary carcinoma.¹

Multifocal tumours (≥ 2 foci) of all histological types should be designated (m), with the largest and/or most invasive focus determining the classification, e.g., pT2(m).

References

- 1 International Union against Cancer (2017). *TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours (8th Edition)*. Brierley JD, Gospodarowicz MK and Wittekind C (eds). Wiley-Blackwell., New York.