

Vascular invasion (Core)

The distinction between small vessel invasion (lymphatics and capillaries) and invasion of large vessels (i.e., venous) should be determined as invasion of large vessels is associated with a poor prognosis.

Intravascular tumour cells, admixed with thrombus, is thought to be a reliable marker of vascular invasion with the most prognostic significance.¹

The assessment of venous invasion is a component of several multifactorial scoring systems (see **MULTIFACTORIAL SCORING SYSTEMS**).

References

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