

Pathological staging (Core)

The Tumour Node Metastasis (TNM) system of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is recommended.¹

Pathologic Classification

Additional descriptors can be used:

The suffix 'm' indicates the presence of multiple primary tumours in a single site and is recorded in parentheses, e.g., pT(m) NM.

The 'r' prefix indicates a recurrent tumour when staging is carried out after a documented disease-free interval.

Pathological T (pT): Histological assessment of the primary tumour (pT) generally is based on the largest invasive tumour focus. See **TUMOUR DIMENSIONS** for methodology details.

Reference

- 1 Brierley JD, Gospodarowicz MK and Wittekind C (eds) (2016). *Union for International Cancer Control. TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 8th Edition*, Wiley, USA.