

Lymph node status (Required and Recommended)

Reason/Evidentiary Support

In earlier editions of the UICC/AJCC of the TNM classification, the number of lymph nodes infiltrated by tumour was used to differentiate the different pN categories. This has been simplified to now consist of presence or absence of lymph node involvement by tumour.¹ It has, however been shown that survival does decrease with an increase in the number of lymph nodes involved (>4).³⁷

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