

Carcinoma of the Adrenal Cortex Histopathology Reporting Guide



Family/Last name

Date of birth

Given name(s)

Patient identifiers

Date of request

Accession/Laboratory number

Elements in **black text** are CORE. Elements in **grey text** are NON-CORE.

indicates multi-select values indicates single select values

[SCOPE OF THIS DATASET](#)

CLINICAL INFORMATION (select all that apply)

- Information not provided
- Previous history of endocrine/adrenal tumour or related abnormality, *specify*

- Relevant biopsy/cytology results, *specify*

- Previous surgery/therapy, *specify*

- Relevant familial history, *specify*

- Functional status, *specify*

- Cushing syndrome Virilization
- Primary aldosteronism (PA) Feminization
- Conn syndrome
- Other, *specify*

- Imaging findings, *specify*

- Other, *specify*

OPERATIVE PROCEDURE (select all that apply)

- Not specified
- Adrenalectomy, total Adrenalectomy, partial
- Open or laproscopic
- Biopsy (incisional, excisional), *specify*

- Other, *specify*

SPECIMEN(S) SUBMITTED (select all that apply)

- Not specified
- Adrenal tumour
 - Left Right
- Lymph nodes, *specify site(s) and laterality*

- Other (e.g., metastatic site), *specify site(s) and laterality*

TUMOUR SITE (select all that apply)

- Not specified
- Adrenal
 - Left Right
- Other, *specify site(s) and laterality*

SPECIMEN INTEGRITY

- Specimen intact
- Capsule disrupted
- Fragmented specimen
- Cannot be assessed, *specify*

TUMOUR DIMENSIONS

Maximum tumour dimension (largest tumour)

Additional dimensions (largest tumour)

 x

- Cannot be assessed, *specify*

TUMOUR WEIGHT^a

- Cannot be assessed, *specify*

^a With other organs and fat removed.

HISTOLOGICAL TUMOUR TYPE

(Value list based on the World Health Organization (WHO) Classification of Tumours: Pathology and Genetics of Tumours of Endocrine Organs (2017))

- Adrenal cortical carcinoma, not otherwise specified (NOS)
- Adrenal cortical carcinoma, oncocytic type
- Adrenal cortical carcinoma, myxoid type
- Adrenal cortical carcinoma, sarcomatoid type
- Adrenal cortical neoplasm of uncertain malignant potential^b
- Other, *specify*

^b This is not considered a distinct entity under the WHO Classification.

EXTENT OF INVASION (select all that apply)

- Cannot be assessed
- Confined to adrenal gland
- Invasion into/through adrenal capsule
- Invasion into extra-adrenal structures, *specify*

- Invasion into adjacent organs, *specify*

TUMOUR ARCHITECTURE

- Diffuse (solid or pattern-less)
- Nested/non-diffuse

LIPID RICH CELLS

- ≤25%
- >25%

CAPSULAR INVASION

- Not identified
- Present
- Cannot be assessed, *specify*

LYMPHATIC INVASION

- Not identified
- Present

VASCULAR INVASION

- Not identified
- Present (select all that apply)

- Capillary/lymphatic sized vessels

- Vein size (select all that apply)

- Adrenal vein

- Vena cava

- Other, *specify*

ATYPICAL MITOTIC FIGURES

- Not identified
- Present

NECROSIS

- Not identified
- Present

**Extent**

- Focal
- Extensive

NUCLEAR GRADE (Fuhrman criteria)

- Low (Grade 1 or 2)
- High (Grade 3 or 4)

MITOTIC COUNT AND HISTOLOGICAL TUMOUR GRADE

Mitotic figures/10 mm² ^c
AND

- Low grade (≤20 mitoses)
- High grade (>20 mitoses)
- Cannot be assessed, *specify*

^c 10 mm² approximates 50 HPFs on some microscopes.

Ki-67 PROLIFERATION INDEX

Ki-67 %

- Cannot be assessed, *specify*

RETICULIN FRAMEWORK

- Intact/preserved
- Altered/absent
- Cannot be assessed, *specify*

MULTIFACTORIAL SCORING SYSTEMS

- Not used
- Specify scoring system(s) used and score(s)

Weiss system for conventional adrenal cortical neoplasms →

Modified Weiss system (Aubert) for conventional adrenal cortical neoplasms →

Lin-Weiss-Bisceglia system for oncocytic adrenal cortical neoplasm →

Helsinki system for diagnosis and prognosis of conventional and oncocytic adrenal cortical neoplasms →

Reticulin algorithm for the diagnosis of conventional and oncocytic adrenal cortical neoplasms →

Wieneke/AFIP algorithm for paediatric adrenal cortical neoplasms →

MARGIN STATUS 

Not involved (R0)
 Distance of tumour to closest margin mm

Involved
 Extent
 R1 (microscopic), *specify if possible* mm

R2 (macroscopic), *specify if possible* mm

Location of involved margin(s), *specify if possible*

Cannot be assessed, *specify*

LYMPH NODE STATUS 

No nodes submitted or found
 Number of lymph nodes examined

Not involved

Involved
 Number of positive lymph nodes

Number cannot be determined

Extranodal extension

- Not identified
 Present
 Cannot be determined

COEXISTENT PATHOLOGY (select all that apply) 

- None identified
 Adenoma
 Hyperplasia
 Other, *specify*

ANCILLARY STUDIES 

- Not performed
 Performed, *specify*

HISTOLOGICALLY CONFIRMED DISTANT METASTASES 

- Not identified
 Not assessed
 Present, *specify site(s)*

PATHOLOGICAL STAGING (UICC TNM 8th edition)^d **TNM Descriptors** (only if applicable) (select all that apply)

- m - multiple primary tumours
 r - recurrent
 y - post-therapy

Primary tumour (pT)

- TX Primary tumour cannot be assessed
 T1 Tumour 5 cm or less in greatest dimension, no extra-adrenal invasion
 T2 Tumour greater than 5 cm, no extra-adrenal invasion
 T3 Tumour of any size with local invasion, but not invading adjacent organs^e
 T4 Tumour of any size with invasion of adjacent organs^e

^e *Adjacent organs include kidney, diaphragm, great vessels (renal vein or vena cava) pancreas, and liver.*

Regional lymph nodes (pN)

- NX Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
 N0 No regional lymph node metastasis
 N1 Metastasis in regional lymph node(s)

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