



AJCC Cancer Staging System, 8th Edition: UPDATE

- Cancer Staging Manual will be released October 31, 2016
 - Full size print manual
 - Additional illustrations
 - Complete definitions, tables, rules, and explanations

- 8th Edition effective with cases diagnosed January 1, 2017

- **Updates**
 - Updated General Staging Rules
 - Updated staging systems
 - Updated histologic classifications and grading systems
 - Updated WHO/IARC histology codes
 - More illustrations

- **New paradigms**
 - HPV (oropharyngeal ca staging systems based on HPV status)
 - Separate staging system for patients with neoadjuvant therapy (*yc or yp systems*)
 - Esophagus and Stomach
 - Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma
 - Separate staging systems based on anatomic sites

- **New features**
 - Levels of Evidence
 - Imaging section
 - Risk Assessment Models for select cancer sites
 - Recommendations for Clinical Trial Stratification
 - Prognostic factors
 - Required for prognostic stage grouping
 - Recommended for clinical care
 - Emerging factors

- **New chapters/staging systems**
 - Cervical Lymph Nodes and Unknown Primary Tumors of the Head and Neck
 - Pharynx - HPV-Mediated Oropharynx Cancer (p16+)
 - Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck
 - Thymus
 - Bone: Appendicular Skeleton/Trunk/Skull/Face, Pelvis, and Spine
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma of the Head and Neck
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma of the Trunk and Extremities
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma of the Abdomen and Thoracic Visceral Organs
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma of the Retroperitoneum
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma – Unusual Histologies and Sites
 - Parathyroid
 - Leukemia



- **Split chapters**
 - p16 negative oropharynx and hypopharynx (previously pharynx)
 - Nasopharynx (previously pharynx)
 - Pancreas – exocrine (previously endocrine/exocrine pancreas)
 - Pancreas – endocrine (previously endocrine/exocrine pancreas)
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Stomach
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Duodenum and Ampulla of Vater
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Jejunum and Ileum
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Appendix
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Colon and Rectum
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Pancreas
 - Thyroid – Differentiated and Anaplastic
 - Thyroid – Medullary
 - Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma
 - Adrenal – Neuroendocrine

- **Merged chapters**
 - Ovary, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Carcinoma

- **Deleted chapters**
 - Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma and Other Cutaneous Carcinomas
 - See cutaneous carcinoma of the head and neck