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### **Insights on CRC Classification Based on Further Analyses of a Large Number of Cases**

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In the current sixth edition of the AJCC TNM, stage II colorectal cancer was subdivided into IIA or IIB if the primary tumor was T3N0 or T4N0, respectively. In addition, stage III was subdivided into IIIA (T1-2N1), IIIB (T3-4N1), or IIIC (any TN2). Interim analyses indicated that substage stage IIIA patients had improved survival compared with some stage II patients, and that stage IIIC patients with T1-2N2 cancers had better outcome than did stage IIIB patients with T3-4N1 cancers. For the seventh edition of the AJCC TNM, the Hindgut Task Force sought validation in a population-based dataset that depth of invasion interacts with nodal status to affect survival. Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) population-based data from more than 100,000 patients were evaluated for clinicopathologic characteristics that affect TNM classification. The results and the proposed alterations to TNM will be presented.