An Overview of Cancer	Staging and AJCC	Guidelines for the	Staging of
Gastrointestinal Cancer	s		

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Introduction

It is widely recognized that accurate classification and staging of cancer is an invaluable aid to ensuring that patients receive optimum treatment in accordance with the characteristics their disease in progress. Established staging criteria permit physicians to stratify their patients accurately and deliver the most effective therapies in accordance with the best available medical evidence across a broad range of disease types and states. Indeed, standards have been established for most clinically important disease sites.¹

In addition to providing a useful guide for determining treatments and prognoses, cancer staging serves as a common, international language that facilitates standardization and design of clinical trials and interpretation of study results. Thus, it is to the benefit of all that oncology researchers and clinicians alike maintain a thorough understanding of this unique language of cancer care.

Cancer Staging in Practice

Cancer staging is used initially to describe the anatomic extent of primary disease at diagnosis, before definitive treatment, and subsequent response to the apeutic intervention or disease progression. This achieves many purposes:

- 1. The extent of disease at a particular time in its progression can be described briefly and accurately to other physicians.
- 2. Cancers at different stages in their natural history have been found to respond differently to the same treatment; thus, treatments are selected according to cancer stage. If current data demonstrate that a given cancer at a certain stage does not

responsive to a particular therapy, the patient is spared the inconvenience of enduring unnecessary treatment.

3. Post-treatment staging can be compared to pretreatment staging to determine efficacy.

Staging Notation

Staging taxonomy is a form of shorthand that reveals important disease characteristics at a glance. Most physicians use guidelines developed by the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) to determine cancer stage. The AJCC uses three factors to describe the most significant events in the history of a cancer; local tumor growth (T), spread to regional lymph nodes (N), and metastasis (M). The characteristics of these three parameters determine the overall disease stage; Stages I – IV. This system is commonly referred to as the TNM staging method.

Step 1: T classification

T classification describes the size of primary tumor. The exact classification is specified in more detail according to primary site (ie,. lung, breast, esophagus, etc.), but in general, the notation is as follows:

TX: The extension of tumor cannot be determined or was not documented in patient records.

T0: No evidence of primary tumor

Tis (in situ): The tumor is noninvasive (has not spread to surrounding layers/structures)

T1-T4: Extent of invasion into surrounding layers/structures; the higher the

number, the further the invasion.

Step 2: N classification

N classification describes extent of spread to nearby (regional) lymph nodes.

Whether or not a lymph node is regional is defined by primary tumor site.

NX: Extent of spread to regional lymph nodes cannot be determined, or was not

documented in patient records.

N0: No spread to regional lymph nodes

N1: Cancer has spread to regional lymph nodes.

Depending on the primary tumor site, the number can proceed upward to N4 (reflecting

the location and number of affected lymph nodes).

Step 3: M classification

M classification describes the extent of spread to distant organs (distant

metastasis).

MX: Extent of distant metastasis cannot be determined, or was not documented in

patient records.

M0: No distant metastasis

M1: Distant metastasis is present.

Again, depending on primary tumor site, some cancers have subcategories that are signified by a lower-case letter (ie, T2a, M1b, etc.) to describe further the cancer. The better the description of the disease, the better the chances of choosing an effective treatment course.

Step 4: Stage classification

Finally, the stage number is assigned depending on the specific permutation of T, N, and M classifications. The stage number ranges from Stage I to IV (Roman numerals are used when designating cancer stage), with Stage I cancer being the least advanced. Stage can also be further grouped into subcategories; however, upper-case letters are used (ie, Stage IIA, Stage IIIB, etc.). When sub classifications are available and the correct subset cannot be determined, NOS (not otherwise specified) is used.

Methods of Staging

Two primary methods are used to evaluate staging—clinical and pathologic. Clinical staging relies on an assessment by the oncologist based on history, physical examination, imaging tests (ie, magnetic resonance imaging [MRI], computed tomography [CT] scan, plain films, etc.), and laboratory tests. The pathologist usually determines pathologic staging, and it is based on the biopsied sample of the tumor.

Detailed Descriptions of Staging for Specific GI Cancers

All tables are modified from the AJCC Collaborative Staging Manual and Coding Instructions, version $1.0.^2$

Esophagus

T classification	Description	
T0	No evidence of primary tumor	
Tis	In situ; non-invasive; intraepithelial	
T1	Invasive tumor within confinements of submucosa	
T2	Muscularis propria invaded	
T3	Adventitia and/or soft tissue invaded	
	Esophagus is described as "FIXED"	
T4	Tumor invades adjacent structures:	
	Cervical esophagus:	
	Major Blood Vessels:	
	Carotid artery	
	Jugular vein	
	Subclavian artery	
	Thyroid gland	
	Carina	
	Cervical vertebra(e)	
	Hypopharynx	
	Larynx	
	Trachea	
	Intrathoracic (upper or middle) esophagus:	
	Major Blood Vessels:	
	Aorta	
	Azygous vein	
	Pulmonary artery/vein	
	Vena cava	
	Pericardium	
	Carina	
	Diaphragm	
	Main stem bronchus	
	Lung via bronchus	
	Mediastinal structure(s)	
	Pleura	
	Trachea	
	Rib(s)	
	Thoracic vertebra(e)	
	Intrathoracic (lower/ abdominal) esophagus:	
	Major Blood Vessels:	
	Aorta	
	Gastric artery/ vein	
	Vena cava	
	Diaphragm	
	Stomach, cardia (via serosa)	

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N classification	
N0	No regional lymph node involvement
N1	All esophagus subsites:
	Peri-/paraesophageal
	Anterior mediastinal
	Mediastinal, NOS
	Cervical esophagus only:
	Cervical, NOS
	Anterior deep cervical (laterolateral, recurrent laryngeal)
	Internal jugular, NOS
	Deep cervical, NOS:
	Upper, NOS:
	Jugulodigastric (subdigastric)
	Aortopulmonary
	Paratracheal
	Posterior mediastinal
	Superior Mediastinal
	Scalene (inferior deep cervical)
	Supraclavicular (transverse cervical)
	Intrathoracic esophagus (upper or middle) only:
	Internal jugular, NOS:
	Deep cervical, NOS:
	Lower, NOS:
	Jugulo-omohyoid (subdigastric)
	Intrabronchial:
	Carinal (tracheobronchial, tracheal bifurcation)
	Hilar (bronchopulmonary, proximal lobe, pulmonary root)
	Peritracheal
	Left gastric (superior gastric)
	Cardiac (cardial)
	Lesser curvature
	Perigastric, NOS
	Superior mediastinal
	Posterior mediastinal (tracheoesophageal)
	Aortopulmonary
	Pulmonary ligament
	Intrathoracic esophagus (lower/abdominal) only:
	Left gastric (superior gastric):
	Cardiac (cardial)
	Lesser curvature
	Perigastrc, NOS
	Common hepatic
	Diaphragmatic
	Paratracheal
	Splenic
	Superior mediastinal
	Posterior mediastinal (tracheoesophageal)
M classification	
M0	No metastases
M1NOS	Distant lymph nodes:
	Cervical esophagus
	Common hepatic
	Diaphragmatic
	Pulmonary ligament
	Splenic
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	Intrathoracic esophagus (upper or middle) only:
	Common hepatic
	Diaphragmatic
	Splenic
	Intrathoracic esophagus (lower/ abdominal) only:
	Aortopulmonary
	Pulmonary ligament
Mla	Intrathoracic esophagus (upper) only:
	Cervical lymph node(s)
	Intrathoracic esophagus (lower/ abdominal) only:
	Celiac lymph node(s)
M1b	Other distant metastases and distant lymph nodes

Tis	Stage	T	N	M
Tis	0	Tis	N0	M0
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T		Tis	N0	MX
IIA		Tis	NX	MX
T2	I	T1	N0	M0
IIB	IIA	T2	N0	M0
T1		T2	N1	M0
III	IIB		N1	M0
T4			N1	M0
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T4		T4	N0	M0
IVNOS		T4	N1	M0
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	T4	N0	M1a
	T4	N1	M1a
	T4	NX	M1a
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	TX	NX	M1a
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	T0	N1	M1b
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	Т3	NX	M1b
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	T4	NX	M1b
	TX	N0	M1b
	TX	N1	M1b
	TX	NX	M1b

Stomach

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; noninvasive; intraepithelial; (Adeno)carcinoma in a polyp, noninvasive
T1	Invasive tumor within confinements of submucosa
	Tumor in polyp
T2a	Invades into but not through muscularis propria
	Linitis plastica and no other information regarding extension is available
T2b	Invasion through muscularis propria or muscularis, NOS
	Extension through wall, NOS
	Perimuscular tissue invaded
	Subserosal tissue/(sub)serosal fat invaded
	Extension to adjacent (connective) tissue WITHOUT perforation of visceral
	peritoneum:
	Gastric artery
	Ligaments:
	Gastrocolic
	Gastrohepatic
	Gastrosplenic
	Omentum, NOS

	Greater
	Lesser
	Perigastric fat
Т3 І	Invasion of/through serosa (mesothelium), (tunica serosa), (visceral peritoneum),
	including perforation of visceral peritoneum covering the gastric ligaments or the
	omentum WITHOUT invasion of adjacent structures
T4 I	Diaphragm
I	Duodenum via serosa or NOS
I	Esophagus via serosa
=	Ileum
	Jejunum
	Liver
	Pancreas
	Small intestine, NOS
	Spleen To the Control of the Control
	Transverse colon (including flexures)
	Abdominal wall Adrenal gland
	Kidney
	Retroperitoneum
	Further contiguous extension
N classification	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	None; no regional lymph node involvement
	Clinically positive nodes, pathology did not rule out
	Clinically positive nodes, number positive unknown
	1 to 6 clinically positive regional lymph nodes
N2 7	7 to 15 clinically positive regional lymph nodes
	16 to 90 clinically positive regional lymph nodes
I	Regional lymph node(s):
	Left gastric (superior gastric), NOS:
	Cardial
	Cardioesophageal
	Gastric, left
	Gastropancreatic, left Lesser curvature
	Lesser omental
	Paracardial
	Pancreaticosplenic (pancreaticolienal)
	Pancreatoduodenal
	Perigastric, NOS
	Peripancreatic
	Right gastric (inferior gastric), NOS:
	Gastrocolic
	Gastroduodenal
	Gastroepiploic (gastro-omental), right or NOS
	Greater curvature
	Greater omental
	Pyloric, NOS Infrapyloric (subpyloric)
	Suprapyloric (subpyloric)
	Splenic (lienal), NOS:
	Gastroepiploic (gastro-omental), left
	Splenic hilar
1	Nodule(s) in perigastric fat
	Celiac

	Hepatic
M classification	
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s):
	For all subsites:
	Inferior mesenteric
	Para-aortic
	Porta hepatis (portal) (hilar), (in hilus of liver)
	Retropancreatic
	Retroperitoneal
	Superior mesenteric or mesenteric, NOS
	For all subsites EXCEPT lesser curvature
	Hepatoduodenal
	All other distant metastases

Stage	T	N	M
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
IA	T1	N0	M0
IB	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T2NOS	N0	M0
	T2a	N0	M0
	T2b	N0	M0
II	T0	N2	M0
	T1	N2	M0
	T2NOS	N1	M0
	T2a	N1	M0
	T2b	N1	M0
	Т3	N0	M0
IIIA	T2NOS	N2	M0
	T2a	N2	M0
	T2b	N2	M0
	T4	N0	M0
	Т3	N1	M0
IIIB	T3	N2	M0
IV	T0	N3	M0
	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	N2	M1
	T0	N3	M1
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Small Intestine

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor

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Tis	In situ; non-invasive; intraepithelial
Tr1	(Adeno)carcinoma in a polyp, noninvasive
T1	Invasive tumor within confinements of submucosa
TO	Tumor in polyp
T2	Muscularis propria invaded
Т3	Invasion through muscularis propria or muscularis, NOS
	Extension through wall, NOS
	Subserosal tissue/(sub) serosal fat invaded
	Transmural, NOS
	Adjacent connective tissue
	Mesentery, including mesenteric fat, invaded less than or equal to 2 cm in depth or
	NOS
	Nonperitonealized perimuscular tissue invaded less than or equal to 2 cm in depth or
	NOS
	Retroperitoneum invaded less than or equal to 2 cm in depth or NOS
T4	Invasion of/through serosa(mesothelium), (tunica serosa), (visceral peritoneum)
	Abdominal wall
	Mesentery invaded greater than 2 cm in depth
	Non-peritonealized perimuscular tissue invaded greater than 2 cm in depth
	Retroperitoneum invaded greater than 2 cm in depth
	Other segments of the small intestine via serosa
	For duodenum primary only:
	Ampulla of Vater
	Diaphragm
	Extrahepatic bile ducts
	Gallbladder
	Pancreas
	Pancreatic duct
	Blood vessel(s), major:
	Aorta
	Gastroduodenal artery
	Portal vein
	Renal vein
	Superior mesenteric artery or vein
	Vena cava
	Greater omentum
	Hepatic flexure
	Kidney, NOS
	Kidney, right
	Liver, NOS
	Liver, quadrate lobe
	Liver, right lobe
	Omentum, NOS
	Transverse colon
	Ureter, right
	Stomach
	For jejunum or ileum primary only:
	Colon, including appendix
	Bladder
	Fallopian tube
	Ovary
	Uterus
	Further contiguous extension
N classification	
N0	No regional lymph node involvement

N1	Regional lymph node(s):		
	For duodenum primaries only:		
	Duodenal		
	Gastroduodenal		
	Hepatic		
	Infrapyloric (subpyloric)		
	Pancreaticoduodenal		
	Pyloric		
	Pericholodochal (common bile duct)		
	Superior mesenteric		
	For jejunum or ileum primaries only:		
	Ileocolic for terminal ileum primary		
	Mesenteric, NOS		
	Posterior cecal (retrocecal) for terminal ileum primary		
	Superior mesenteric		
M classification			
M0	No metastases		
M1	Distant lymph nodes including celiac lymph node(s)		
	All other distant metastases		

Stage	T	N	\mathbf{M}
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
I	T1	N0	M0
	T2	N0	M0
II	Т3	N0	M0
	T4	N0	M0
III	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
	T3 T4	N1	M0
	T4	N1	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1
	T1	N1	M1
	T1	NX	M1
	T2	N0	M1
	T2	N1	M1
	T2	NX	M1
	Т3	N0	M1
	T3	N1	M1
	Т3	NX	M1
	T4	N0	M1
	T4	N1	M1
	T4	NX	M1
	TX	N0	M1
	TX	N1	M1
	TX	NX	M1

Colon

T classification	Description		
T0	No evidence of primary tumor		
Tis	In situ; noninvasive; intraepithelial		
	(Adeno)carcinoma in polyp or adenoma, noninvasive		
	Invasive tumor confined to mucosa, NOS (including intramucosal, NOS)		
	Lamina propria, including lamina propria in the stalk of a polyp		
T1	Invasive tumor within confinements of submucosa		
	Tumor in polyp (including submucosa in the stalk of the polyp)		
	Confined to colon, NOS		
T2	Muscularis propria invaded		
T3	Extension through wall, NOS		
	Invasion through muscularis propria or muscularis, NOS		
	Non-peritonealized pericolic tissues invaded		
	Perimuscular tissue invaded		
	Subserosal tissue/(sub)serosal fat invaded		
	Transmural, NOS		
	All colon sites:		
	Adjacent tissue(s), NOS		
	Connective tissue		
	Mesenteric fat		
	Mesentery		
	Mesocolon		
	Pericolic fat		
	Ascending and descending colon		
	Retroperitoneal fat		
	Transverse colon/flexures		
	Gastrocolic ligament		
	Greater omentum		
	Adherent to other organs or structures, but no microscopic tumor found in adhesion(s)		
T4	Invasion of/through serosa (mesothelium), (visceral peritoneum)		
	Adherent to other organs or structures, NOS		
	All colon sites:		
	Small intestine		
	Abdominal wall		
	Retroperitoneum (excluding fat)		
	Fallopian tube		
	Ovary		
	Uterus		
	Adrenal		
	Bladder		
	Diaphragm		
	Fistula to skin		
	Gallbladder		
	Other segment(s) of colon via serosa		
	Cecum and appendix:		
	Greater omentum		
	Kidney		
	Liver		
	Ureter		
	Ascending colon:		
	Greater omentum		

	Liver, right lobe	
	Transverse colon and flexures:	
	Gallbladder/bile ducts	
	Right kidney	
	Right ureter	
	Liver	
	Pancreas	
	Spleen	
	Stomach	
	Transverse colon and flexures:	
	Ureter	
	Descending colon:	
	Greater omentum	
	Pelvic wall	
	Spleen	
	Left kidney	
	Left ureter	
	Sigmoid colon:	
	Greater omentum	
	Pelvic wall	
	Cul-de-sac (rectouterine pouch)	
	Ureter	
	Further contiguous extension	
N classification		
N0	None; no regional lymph node involvement	
N1	Clinically positive nodes, pathology did not rule out	
	Clinically positive nodes, number positive unknown	
	1 to 3 clinically positive regional lymph nodes	
N2	4 to 90 clinically positive regional lymph nodes	
	Regionally lymph nodes:	
	All colon sites:	
	Mesenteric, NOS	
	Colic (NOS)	
	Epicolic (adjacent to bowel wall)	
	Mesocolic	
	Paracolic/ pericolic	
	Nodule(s) or foci in pericolic fat/adjacent mesentery/ mesocolic fat	
	Cecum and appendix:	
	Cecal: anterior (prececal), posterior (retrocecal); NOS	
	Ileocolic	
	Right colic	
	Ascending colon:	
	Ileocolic	
	Middle colic	
	Right colic	
	Transverse colon and flexures:	
	Inferior mesenteric for splenic flexure only	
	Left colic for splenic flexure only	
	Middle colic	
	Right colic for hepatic flexure only	
	Descending colon:	
	Inferior mesenteric	
	Left colic	
	Sigmoid	
	Sigmoid colon:	
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	Inferior mesenteric Sigmoidal (sigmoid mesenteric)		
	Superior hemorrhoidal		
	Superior rectal		
M			
classification			
M0	No metastases		
M1	Distant lymph node(s):		
	For all colon sites:		
	Common iliac		
	Distant lymph node(s), NOS		
	External iliac		
	Para-aortic		
	Retroperitoneal		
	Cecum, appendix, ascending, hepatic flexure and transverse colon:		
	Superior mesenteric		
	Inferior mesenteric		
	Splenic flexure, descending, and sigmoid colon:		
	Superior mesenteric		
	Carcinomatosis		
	All other distant metastases		

Stage	T	N	M
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
I	T1	N0	M0
	T2	N0	M0
IIA	Т3	N0	M0
IIB	T4	N0	M0
IIINOS	TX	N1	M0
IIIA	T0	N1	M0
	Tis	N1	M0
	Tis	N1	MX
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
IIIB	Т3	N1	M0
	T4	N1	M0
IIIC	T0	N2	M0
	Tis	N2	M0
	Tis	N2	MX
	T1	N2	M0
	T2	N2	M0
	Т3	N2	M0
	T4	N2	M0
	TX	N2	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	N2	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	Tis	N0	M1

Tis	N1	M1
Tis	N2	M1
Tis	NX	M1
T1	N0	M1
T1	N1	M1
T1	N2	M1
T1	NX	M1
T2	N0	M1
T2	N1	M1
T2	N2	M1
T2	NX	M1
T3	N0	M1
T3	N1	M1
Т3	N2	M1
T3	NX	M1
T4	N0	M1
T4	N1	M1
T4	N2	M1
T4	NX	M1
TX	N0	M1
TX	N1	M1
TX	N2	M1
TX	NX	M1

Rectosigmoid, Rectum

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; non-invasive; intraepithelial
	(Adeno)carcinoma in a polyp or adenoma, noninvasive
	Invasive tumor confined to mucosa, NOS (including intramucosal, NOS)
	Lamina propria, including lamina propria in the stalk of a polyp
T1	Invasive tumor within confinements of submucosa
	Tumor in polyp (including submucosa in the stalk of the polyp)
T2	Muscularis propria invaded
T3	Extension through wall, NOS
	Invasion through muscularis propria or muscularis, NOS
	Perimuscular tissue invaded
	Subserosal tissue/(sub)serosal fat invaded
	Non-peritonealized pericolic tissues invaded
	Transmural, NOS
	Adjacent (connective tissue):
	For all sites:
	Perirectal fat
	For rectosigmoid:
	Mesentery (including mesenteric fat, mesocolon)
	Pericolic fat
	For rectum:
	Extension to anus
	Rectovaginal septum
	Adherent to other organs or structures but no tumor found in adhesion(s)
T4	Invasion of/ through serosa (mesothelium), (visceral peritoneum)

	T. 4		
	Adherent to other organs or structures, NOS		
	Rectosigmoid:		
	Cul-de-sac (rectouterine pouch)		
	Pelvic wall		
	Small intestine		
	Bladder		
	Colon via serosa		
	Fallopian tube(s)		
	Ovary(ise)		
	Prostate		
	Ureter(s)		
	Uterus		
	Rectum:		
	Bladder		
	Cul-de-sac (rectouterine pouch)		
	Ductus deferens		
	Pelvic wall		
	Prostate		
	Rectovesical fascia for male only		
	Seminal vesicle(s)		
	Skeletal muscle of pelvic floor		
	Vagina		
	Bone(s) of pelvis		
	Urethra		
	Uterus		
	Further contiguous extension		
N classification			
N0	None; no regional lymph node involvement		
N1	Clinically positive nodes, pathology did not rule out		
111	Clinically positive nodes, number positive unknown		
3.72	1 to 3 clinically positive regional lymph nodes		
N2	4 to 90 clinically positive regional lymph nodes		
	Regional lymph nodes:		
	Rectosigmoid:		
	Paracolic/ pericolic		
	Perirectal		
	Rectal		
	Nodule(s) or foci in pericolic fat/adjacent mesentery/mesocolic fat		
	Colic, NOS		
	Left colic		
	Hemorrhoidal, superior or middle		
	Inferior mesenteric		
	Middle rectal		
	Sigmoidal (sigmoid mesenteric)		
	Superior rectal		
	Rectum:		
	Perirectal		
	Rectal, NOS		
	Nodule(s) or foci in perirectal fat		
	Hemorrhoidal, superior, middle or inferior		
	Inferior mesenteric		
1	Internal iliac (hypogastric)		
	Obturator		
	Obturator Rectal superior middle or inferior		
	Obturator Rectal, superior, middle, or inferior Sacral, NOS		

	Lateral (lateral sacral) Middle (promontorial), (Gerota's node) Presacral Sacral promontory
M	Sigmoidal (sigmoid mesenteric)
classification	
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s)
	Rectosigmoid:
	Internal iliac (hypogastric)
	Obturator
	For all sites:
	External or common iliac
	Other distant lymph node(s)
	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases

Stage	T	N	M
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
I	T1	N0	M0
	T2	N0	M0
IIA	T3	N0	M0
IIB	T4	N0	M0
IIINOS	TX	N1	M0
IIIA	T0	N1	M0
	Tis	N1	M0
	Tis	N1	MX
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
IIIB	T3	N1	M0
	T4	N1	M0
IIIC	T0	N2	M0
	Tis	N2	M0
	Tis	N2	MX
	T1	N2	M0
	T2	N2	M0
	T3	N2	M0
	T4	N2	M0
	TX	N2	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	N2	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	Tis	N0	M1
	Tis	N1	M1
	Tis	N2	M1
	Tis	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1

T1	N1	M1
T1	N2	M1
T1	NX	M1
T2	N0	M1
T2	N1	M1
T2	N2	M1
T2	NX	M1
Т3	N0	M1
Т3	N1	M1
Т3	N2	M1
Т3	NX	M1
T4	N0	M1
T4	N1	M1
T4	N2	M1
T4	NX	M1
TX	N0	M1
TX	N1	M1
TX	N2	M1
TX	NX	M1

Anus

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; noninvasive; intraepithelial
T1	Tumor size is 1 mm-20 mm
	Microscopic focus or foci only, no size of focus given
T2	Tumor size is 2 mm-50 mm
T3	Tumor size is 51 mm-989 mm
T4	Perineum
	Vulva
	Bladder
	Pelvic peritoneum
	Urethra
	Vagina
	Broad ligament(s)
	Cervix uteri
	Corpus uteri
	Prostate
	Further contiguous extension
N classification	
N0	No regional lymph node involvement
N1	Unilateral and bilateral:
	For all subsites:
	Anorectal
	Inferior hemorrhoidal
	Lateral sacral (laterosacral)
	Perirectal
N2	Unilateral:
	For all subsites:
	Internal iliac (hypogastric)
	Obturator

	Superficial inguinal (femoral)
N3	N1 AND superficial inguinal (femoral)
	Bilateral:
	For all subsites:
	Internal iliac (hypogastric)
	Obturator
	Superficial inguinal (femoral)
M	
classification	
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s)
	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases

Stage	T	N	M
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
I	T1	N0	M0
II	Т3	N0	M0
	T2	N0	M0
IIIA	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
	T3	N1	M0
	T4	N0	M0
IIIB	Т0	N2	M0
	T0	N3	M0
	T1	N2	M0
	T1	N3	M0
	T2	N2	M0
	T2	N3	M0
	T3	N2	M0
	T3	N3	M0
	T4	N1	M0
	T4	N2	M0
	T4	N3	M0
	TX	N2	M0
	TX	N3	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	N2	M1
	T0	N3	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1
	T1	N1	M1
	T1	N2	M1
	T1	N3	M1
	T1	NX	M1
	T2	N0	M1
	T2	N1	M1

T2	N2	M1
T2	N3	M1
T2	NX	M1
Т3	N0	M1
Т3	N1	M1
Т3	N2	M1
Т3	N3	M1
Т3	NX	M1
T4	N0	M1
T4	N1	M1
T4	N2	M1
T4	N3	M1
T4	NX	M1
TX	N0	M1
TX	N1	M1
TX	N2	M1
TX	N3	M1
TX	NX	M1

Liver

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; noninvasive; intraepithelial
T1	Single lesion (one lobe) WITHOUT intrahepatic vascular invasion, including vascular
	invasion not stated
	Confined to liver, NOS
	Localized, NOS
	More than one lobe involved by contiguous growth (single lesion) WITHOUT
	vascular invasion, including vascular invasion not stated
	Single lesion (as described for T1) with extension to gallbladder
T2	Single lesion (one lobe) WITH intrahepatic vascular invasion
	More than one lobe involved by contiguous growth (single lesion) WITH vascular
	invasion
	Single lesion (as described for T2) with extension to gallbladder
	Extrahepatic bile ducts
	Multiple satellite nodules/tumors (1 mm or 50 mm) in 1 or ≥1 lobes or on surface of
	parenchyme with or without intrahepatic vascular invasion (with or without extension
	to gallbladder)
T3	Major vascular invasion: major branch(es) of portal or hepatic vein(s)*
	Multiple satellite nodules/tumors (51 mm or 989 mm) in 1 or ≥ 1 lobes with or
	without intrahepatic vascular invasion (with or without extension to gallbladder)
T4	Direct extension/perforation of visceral peritoneum
	Extension to hepatic artery or vena cava
	Diaphragm
	Lesser omentum
	Ligament(s):
	Coronary
	Falciform
	Round [of liver]
	Hepatoduodenal
	Hepatogastric
	Triangular

	Parietal peritoneum
	Further contiguous extension:
	Pancreas
	Pleura
	Stomach
	Other contiguous extension
	T4 (as already described) AND multiple (satellite) nodules/tumors in more than one
	lobe of liver or on surface of parenchyma or satellite nodules, NOS
N classification	
N0	None; no regional lymph node involvement
N1	Regional lymph node(s):
	Hepatic NOS:
	Hepatic artery
	Hepatic pedicle
	Inferior vena cava
	Porta hepatis (hilar), [in hilus of liver]
	Hepatoduodenal ligament
	Periportal
	Portal vein
M	
classification	
-	No moderate and
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s):
	Cardiac
	Lateral (aortic) (lumbar)
	Pericardial (pericardiac)
	Posterior mediastinal (tracheoesophageal) including juxtaphrenic nodes
	Retroperitoneal, NOS
	Coronary artery
	Renal artery
	Aortic (para-, peri-)
	Diaphragmatic, NOS
	Peripancreatic (near head of pancreas only)
	Inferior phrenic nodes
	Other distant lymph node(s)
	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases

^{*}Major vascular invasion is defined as invasion of the branches of the main portal vein (right or left portal vein, not including sectoral or segmental branches) or as invasion of one or more of the three hepatic veins (right, middle, or left).

Stage	T	N	M
I	T1	N0	M0
	T2	N0	M0
II	T3	N0	M0
IIINOS	T3	NX	M0
	T4	NX	M0
IIIB	T4	N0	M0
IIIC	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
	T3	N1	M0
	T4	N1	M0

	TX	N1	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1
	T1	N1	M1
	T1	NX	M1
	T2	N0	M1
	T2	N1	M1
	T2	NX	M1
	T3	N0	M1
	T3	N1	M1
	T3	NX	M1
	T4	N0	M1
	T4	N1	M1
	T4	NX	M1
	TX	N0	M1
	TX	N1	M1
	TX	NX	M1

Gallbladder

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; noninvasive; intraepithelial
T1a	Invasive tumor within confinements of submucosa (superficial invasion)
T1b	Muscularis propria
T1NOS	Localized, NOS
T2	Perimuscular connective tissue
Т3	Invasion of/ through serosa (visceral peritoneum)
	Extension into liver
	*Extension to ONE of the following:
	Ampulla of Vater
	Duodenum
	Extrahepatic bile duct(s)
	Omentum, NOS
	Greater
	Lesser
	Pancreas
	Small intestine, NOS
	Colon
	Stomach
	Cystic artery/ vein
T4	Extension to two or more structures listed for T3 under * WITH or WITHOUT
	extension into liver of any depth
	Extension to:
	Hepatic artery
	Portal vein
	Further contiguous extension, including:
	Abdominal wall
	Diaphragm

N classification	
N0	None; no regional lymph node involvement
N1	Regional lymph node(s):
	Cystic duct (Calot's node)
	Node of foramen of Winslow (omental) (epiploic)
	Pericholedochal (common bile duct)
	Portal hepatis (portal) (periportal) (hilar) (in hilus of liver)
	Pancreaticoduodenal
	Periduodenal
	Peripancreatic (near head of pancreas only)
	Celiac lymph node(s)
	Superior mesenteric lymph node(s)
	Lymph nodes, NOS
M	
classification	
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s):
	Para-aortic Para-aortic
	Peripancreatic (along body and tail of pancreas only)
	Other distant lymph node(s)
	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases

Stage	T	N	M
0	Tis	N0	MO
	Tis	NX	MO
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
IA	T1NOS	N0	MO
	T1a	N0	MO
	T1b	N0	MO
IB	T2	N0	MO
IINOS	T3	NX	MO
IIA	T3	N0	MO
IIB	T0	N1	MO
	T1NOS	N1	MO
	T1a	N1	MO
	T1b	N1	MO
	T2	N1	MO
	T3	N1	MO
III	T4	N0	MO
	T4	N1	MO
	T4	NX	MO
	T4	N0	MO
	T4	N1	MO
	T4	NX	MO
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1NOS	N0	M1
	T1NOS	N1	M1
	T1NOS	NX	M1

T1a	N0	M1
T1a	N1	M1
T1a	NX	M1
T1b	N0	M1
T1b	N1	M1
T1b	NX	M1
T2	N0	M1
T2	N1	M1
T2	NX	M1
T3	N0	M1
T3	N1	M1
T3	NX	M1
T4	N0	M1
T4	N1	M1
T4	NX	M1
 TX	N0	M1
TX	N1	M1
TX	NX	M1

Extrahepatic Bile Duct(s)

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; non-invasive; intraepithelial
T1	Invasive tumor of extrahepatic bile duct(s), (choledochal, common,
	cystic, and hepatic) within confinements of muscularis propria
T2	Beyond wall of bile duct
	Periductal/fibromuscular connective tissue
T3	Unilateral branches of hepatic artery (right or left)
	Unilateral branches of portal vein (right or left)
T4	Colon
	Duodenum
	Omentum
	Lesser
	Greater
	Stomach
	Common hepatic artery
	Hepatic artery
	Main portal vein or its branches bilaterally
	Portal vein
	Abdominal wall
	Further contiguous extension
N classification	
N0	No regional lymph node involvement
N1	Regional lymph node(s):
	Cystic duct (node of the neck of the gallbladder), (Calot's node)
	Hepatic
	Hilar (in the hepatoduodenal ligament)
	Node of the foramen of Winslow (omental), (epiploic)
	Pancreaticoduodenal
	Pericholedochal (node around common bile duct)
	Periduodenal

	Peripancreatic (near head of pancreas only)
	Periportal
	Porta hepatis (portal), (hilar), (in hilus of liver)
	Celiac
	Superior mesenteric
M	
classification	
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s):
	Para-aortic
	Peripancreatic (along body and tail of pancreas only)
	Other distant lymph node(s)
	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases

Stage	T	N	M
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
IA	T1	N0	M0
IB	T2	N0	M0
IINOS	T3	NX	M0
IIA	T3	N0	M0
IIB	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
	T3	N1	M0
III	T4	N0	M0
	T4	N1	M0
	T4	NX	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1
	T1	N1	M1
	T1	NX	M1
	T2	N0	M1
	T2	N1	M1
	T2	NX	M1
	T3	N0	M1
	T3	N1	M1
	T3	NX	M1
	T4	N0	M1
	T4	N1	M1
	T4	NX	M1
	TX	N0	M1
	TX	N1	M1
	TX	NX	M1

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; non-invasive; intraepithelial
T1	Invasive tumor confined/limited to ampulla of Vater or extending to
	sphincter of Oddi
T2	Duodenal wall
T3	Pancreas
T4	Common bile duct
	Extrahepatic bile ducts other than common bile duct or sphincter of Oddi
	Extension to other adjacent organs or tissues:
	Blood vessels (major):
	Hepatic artery
	Portal vein
	Gallbladder
	Hepatic flexure
	Lesser omentum
	Liver including porta hepatis
	Peripancreatic soft tissues
	Stomach
	Transverse colon
	Further contiguous extension
	Other adjacent organs
N classification	
N0	No regional lymph node involvement
N1	Regional lymph node(s):
	Hepatic
	Hepatic artery
	Node of the foramen of Winslow (epiploic), (omental)
	Pancreaticoduodenal
	Peripancreatic (except at tail of pancreas, see CS Mets at DX)
	Periportal
	Lymph node(s):
	Anterior to the ampulla of Vater
	Inferior to the ampulla of Vater
	Posterior to the ampulla of Vater
	Superior to the ampulla of Vater Celiac
	Infrapyloric (subpyloric) Lateral aortic (lumbar)
	Proximal mesenteric
	Retroperitoneal
	Superior mesenteric
	Regional lymph node(s), NOS
M	J J T
classification	
	No metastases
M0 M1	Distant lymph node(s):
1V11	Node(s) at the tail of the pancreas
	Para-aortic
	Splenic lymph node(s)
	Other distant lymph node(s)
	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases
	An outer distant measures

Stage	T	N	\mathbf{M}
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
IA	T1	N0	M0
IB	T2	N0	M0
IINOS	T3	NX	M0
IIA	T3	N0	M0
IIB	Т0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
	T3	N1	M0
III	T4	N0	M0
	T4	N1	M0
	T4	NX	M0
IV	Т0	N0	M1
	Т0	N1	M1
	Т0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1
	T1	N1	M1
	T1	NX	M1
	T2	N0	M1
	T2	N1	M1
	T2	NX	M1
	T3	N0	M1
	T3	N1	M1
	Т3	NX	M1
	T4	N0	M1
	T4	N1	M1
	T4	NX	M1
	TX	N0	M1
	TX	N1	M1
	TX	NX	M1

Other Biliary and Biliary, NOS

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; non-invasive; intraepithelial
T1	Invasive tumor within confinements of muscularis propria
	Tumor confined to bile duct
T2	Perimuscular connective tissue
	Tumor invades beyond the wall of the bile duct
	Invasion of/ through serosa
T3	Extension into liver
	Extension to ONE of the following:
	Ampulla of Vater
	Omentum, NOS
	Greater

	Lesser
	Pancreas
	Small intestine, NOS
	Gallbladder
	Unilateral branches of the right or left portal vein
	Unilateral branches of the right of left hepatic artery
T4	Colon
	Stomach
	Abdominal wall
	Duodenum
	Common hepatic artery
	Cystic artery/vein
	Hepatic artery, NOS
	Portal vein or its branches bilaterally
	Portal vein, NOS
	Further contiguous extension
N classification	
N0	None; no regional lymph node involvement
N1	Regional lymph node(s):
	Cystic duct (Calot's node)
	Node of foramen of Winslow (epiploic) (omental)
	Pericholedochal (common bile duct)
	Porta hepatis (portal) (hilar) [in hilus of liver]
	Pancreaticoduodenal
	Periportal
	Periduodenal
	Peripancreatic (near head of pancreas only)
	Celiac
	Superior mesenteric
	Regional lymph node(s), NOS
M	
classification	
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s):
	Para-aortic
	Other distant lymph node(s)
	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases

Stage	T	N	M
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
IA	T1	N0	M0
IB	T2	N0	M0
IINOS	Т3	NX	M0
IIA	Т3	N0	M0
IIB	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T3	N1	M0
III	T4	N0	M0
	T4	N1	M0

	T4	NX	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1
	T1	N1	M1
	T1	NX	M1
	T2	N0	M1
	T2	N1	M1
	T2	NX	M1
	Т3	N0	M1
	Т3	N1	M1
	Т3	NX	M1
	T4	N0	M1
	T4	N1	M1
	T4	NX	M1
	TX	N0	M1
	TX	N1	M1
	TX	NX	M1

Pancreas: Head

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; non-invasive
	Pancreatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia III
T1	Tumor size is 1 mm to 20 mm and confined to pancreas
	Microscopic focus or foci only, no size of focus given
T2	Tumor size is 21 mm to 989 mm and confined to pancreas
Т3	Extension to peripancreatic tissue, NOS
	Fixation to adjacent structures, NOS
	Ampulla of Vater
	Duodenum
	Extrahepatic bile duct(s)
	Stomach
	Blood vessel(s) (major):
	Gastroduodenal artery
	Hepatic artery
	Pancreaticoduodenal artery
	Portal vein
	Superior mesenteric artery
	Transverse colon, including hepatic flexure
	Mesenteric fat
	Mesentery
	Mesocolon
	Peritoneum
	Gallbladder
T4	Tumor is inseparable from the superior mesenteric artery or celiac axis
	Superior mesenteric artery
	Omentum
	Liver
	Aorta
	Celiac artery

	Calar (alternative transport and a final after the safe Comme)
	Colon (other than transverse colon including hepatic flexure)
	Spleen
	Adrenal (suprarenal) gland
	Ileum
	Jejunum
	Kidney
	Retroperitoneum
	Ureter
	Further contiguous extension
N classification	
N0	No regional lymph node involvement
N1	Regional lymph node(s):
	Celiac
	Gastroepiploic (gastro-omental), left
	Hepatic
	Infrapyloric (subpyloric)
	Lateral aortic (lumbar)
	Peripancreatic, NOS:
	Anterior, NOS:
	Anterior pancreaticoduodenal
	Anterior proximal mesenteric
	Pyloric
	Inferior to the head and body of pancreas
	Posterior, NOS:
	Pericholedochal (common bile duct)
	Posterior pancreaticoduodenal
	Posterior proximal mesentery
	Superior to the head and body of pancreas
	Retroperitoneal
	Superior mesenteric
	Pancreaticosplenic (pancreaticolienal)
	Splenic (lienal), NOS
	Superior hilum
1/	Suprapancreatic
M	
classification	
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s)
	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases

Stage	N	M	N
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
IA	T1	N0	M0
IB	T2	N0	M0
IINOS	T3	NX	M0
IIA	T3	N0	M0
IIB	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
_	T2	N1	M0

	Т3	N1	M0
III	T4	N0	M0
	T4	N1	M0
	T4	NX	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1
	T1	N1	M1
	T1	NX	M1
	T2	N0	M1
	T2	N1	M1
	T2	NX	M1
	Т3	N0	M1
	Т3	N1	M1
	Т3	NX	M1
	T4	N0	M1
	T4	N1	M1
	T4	NX	M1
	TX	N0	M1
	TX	N1	M1
_	TX	NX	M1

Pancreas: Body and Tail

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; non-invasive
	Pancreatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia III
T1	Tumor size is 1 mm to 20 mm and confined to pancreas
	Microscopic focus or foci only, no size of focus given
T2	Tumor size is 21 mm to 989 mm and confined to pancreas
T3	Extension to peripancreatic tissue, NOS
	Fixation to adjacent structures, NOS
	Duodenum
	Ampulla of Vater
	Extrahepatic bile duct(s)
	Spleen
	Blood vessel(s):
	Hepatic artery
	Portal vein
	Splenic artery/vein
	Superior mesenteric vein
	Splenic flexure of colon
	Kidney, NOS
	Left adrenal (suprarenal) gland
	Left kidney Left ureter
	Mesenteric fat
	Mesentery Mesocolon
	Peritoneum
	Retroperitoneal soft tissue (retroperitoneal space)

T-4	
T4	Tumor is inseparable from the celiac axis or superior mesenteric artery
	Aorta
	Celiac artery
	Superior mesenteric artery
	Stomach
	Ileum
	Jejunum
	Gallbladder
	Liver (including porta hepatis)
	Colon (other than splenic flexure)
	Diaphragm
	Right adrenal (suprarenal) gland
	Right kidney
	Right ureter
	Further contiguous extension
N classification	
N0	No regional lymph node involvement
N1	Regional lymph node(s):
	Hepatic
	Lateral aortic (lumbar)
	Pancreaticosplenic (pancreaticolienal)
	Peripancreatic, NOS:
	Anterior, NOS:
	Anterior pancreaticoduodenal
	Anterior proximal mesenteric
	Pyloric
	Inferior to the hand and body of pancreas
	Posterior, NOS:
	Pericholedochal (common bile duct)
	Posterior pancreaticoduodenal
	Posterior proximal mesentery
	Superior to the head and body of pancreas
	Retroperitoneal
	Splenic (lineal)
	Gastroepiploic
	Splenic hilum
	Suprapancreatic
	Superior mesenteric
	Celiac
	Infrapyloric (subpyloric)
M	
classification	
M0	No metastases
M1	Distant lymph node(s)
1411	Carcinomatosis
	All other distant metastases
	711 Outer distant metastases

Stage	T	N	M
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
IA	T1	N0	M0

IB	T2	N0	M0
IINOS	Т3	NX	M0
IIA	Т3	N0	M0
IIB	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
	Т3	N1	M0
III	T4	N0	M0
	T4	N1	M0
	T4	NX	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1
	T1	N1	M1
	T1	NX	M1
	T2	N0	M1
	T2	N1	M1
	T2	NX	M1
	Т3	N0	M1
	Т3	N1	M1
	Т3	NX	M1
	T4	N0	M1
	T4	N1	M1
	T4	NX	M1
	TX	N0	M1
	TX	N1	M1
	TX	NX	M1

Pancreas: Other and Unspecified

T classification	Description
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
Tis	In situ; non-invasive
	Pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia III
T1	Tumor size is 1 mm to 20 mm and confined to pancreas
	Microscopic focus or foci only, no size of focus given
T2	Tumor size is 21 mm to 989 mm and confined to pancreas
T3	Peripancreatic tissue
	Ampulla of Vater
	Duodenum
	Extra hepatic bile duct(s)
	Adjacent large vessels except for those listed under T4
	Colon
	Spleen
	Stomach
T4	Tumor is inseparable from the celiac axis or superior mesenteric artery
	Aorta
	Celiac artery
	Superior mesenteric artery
	Further contiguous extension

N classification			
N0	No regional lymph node involvement		
N1	Regional lymph node(s):		
	Celiac		
	Hepatic		
	Infrapyloric (subpyloric)		
	Lateral aortic (lumbar)		
	Pancreaticosplenic (pancreaticolienal)		
	Peripancreatic, NOS:		
	Anterior, NOS:		
	Anterior pancreaticoduodenal		
	Anterior proximal mesenteric		
	Pyloric		
	Inferior to the head and body of pancreas		
	Posterior, NOS:		
	Pericholedochal (common bile duct)		
	Posterior pancreaticoduodenal		
	Posterior proximal mesentery		
	Superior to the head and body of pancreas		
	Retroperitoneal		
	Splenic (lienal), NOS		
	Gastroepiploic (gastro-omental), left		
	Splenic hilum		
	Suprapancreatic		
	Superior mesenteric		
M			
classification			
M0	No metastases		
M1	Distant lymph node(s)		
	Carcinomatosis		
	All other distant metastases		

Stage	\mathbf{T}	N	${f M}$
0	Tis	N0	M0
	Tis	NX	M0
	Tis	N0	MX
	Tis	NX	MX
IA	T1	N0	M0
IB	T2	N0	M0
IINOS	Т3	NX	M0
IIA	Т3	N0	M0
IIB	T0	N1	M0
	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
	Т3	N1	M0
III	T4	N0	M0
	T4	N1	M0
	T4	NX	M0
IV	T0	N0	M1
	T0	N1	M1
	T0	NX	M1
	T1	N0	M1

T1	N1	M1
T1	NX	M1
T2	N0	M1
T2	N1	M1
T2	NX	M1
Т3	N0	M1
Т3	N1	M1
Т3	NX	M1
T4	N0	M1
T4	N1	M1
T4	NX	M1
TX	N0	M1
TX	N1	M1
TX	NX	M1

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