

Lung cancer classification

Non-small-cell lung cancer

Small-cell lung cancer.

T (Primary Tumor)		Label
T0	No primary tumor	
Tis	Carcinoma in situ (Squamous or Adenocarcinoma)	Tis
T1	Tumor ≤3 cm,	
T1a(mi)	Minimally Invasive Adenocarcinoma	T1a(mi)
T1a	Superficial spreading tumor in central airways ^a	T1a _{SS}
T1a	Tumor ≤1 cm	T1a _{≤1}
T1b	Tumor >1 but ≤2 cm	T1b _{>1-2}
T1c	Tumor >2 but ≤3 cm	T1c _{>2-3}
T2	Tumor >3 but ≤5 cm or tumor involving: visceral pleura ^b , main bronchus (not carina), atelectasis to hilum ^b	T2 _{Visc Pl} T2 _{Centr}
T2a	Tumor >3 but ≤4 cm	T2a _{>3-4}
T2b	Tumor >4 but ≤5 cm	T2b _{>4-5}
T3	Tumor >5 but ≤7 cm or invading chest wall, pericardium, phrenic nerve or separate tumor nodule(s) in the same lobe	T3 _{>5-7} T3 _{Inv} T3 _{Satell}
T4	Tumor >7 cm or tumor invading: mediastinum, diaphragm, heart, great vessels, recurrent laryngeal nerve, carina, trachea, esophagus, spine; or tumor nodule(s) in a different ipsilateral lobe	T4 _{>7} T4 _{Inv} T4 _{Ipsi Nod}
N (Regional Lymph Nodes)		
N0	No regional node metastasis	
N1	Metastasis in ipsilateral pulmonary or hilar nodes	
N2	Metastasis in ipsilateral mediastinal/subcarinal nodes	
N3	Metastasis in contralateral mediastinal/hilar, or supraclavicular nodes	
M (Distant Metastasis)		
M0	No distant metastasis	
M1a	Malignant pleural/pericardial effusion ^c or pleural /pericardial nodules or separate tumor nodule(s) in a contralateral lobe;	M1a _{Pl Dissem} M1a _{Contr Nod}
M1b	Single extrathoracic metastasis	M1b _{Single}
M1c	Multiple extrathoracic metastases (1 or >1 organ)	M1c _{Multi}

TX, NX: T or N status not able to be assessed

^a Superficial spreading tumor of any size but confined to the tracheal or bronchial wall

^b such tumors are classified as T2a if >3≤4 cm, T2b if >4≤5 cm.

^c Pleural effusions are excluded that are cytologically negative, non-bloody, transudative, and clinically judged not to be due to cancer.

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