

Updates and Tips for AJCC 8th Edition

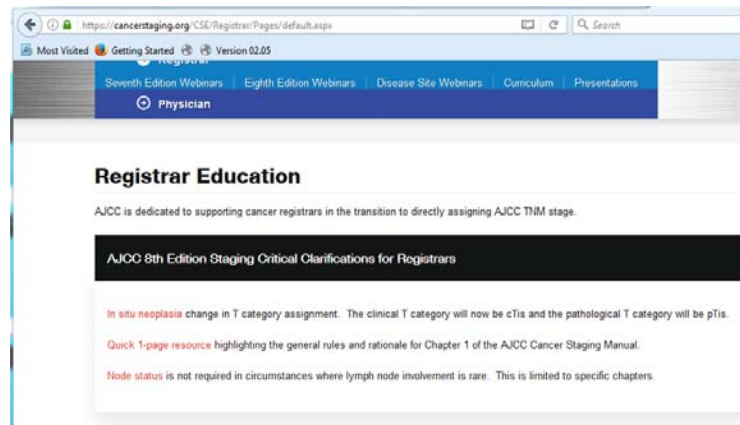
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Managing Physician

Remember that only the managing physician is supposed to assign the patient's stage because that is the physician who has access to all of the pertinent information from the PE, imaging, biopsy, diagnostic procedures, surgical findings, and pathology reports.

Get Guidelines from Cancerstaging.org



No More Downstaging

Subcategory info not available to registrar

- Assign main category (available in all AJCC tables)
- Do **NOT** assign lower subcategory

Stage group info not available to registrar

- e.g., missing subcategory or prognostic factor category
- Do **NOT** assign stage group
- Document stage group as unknown

Required Prognostic Factors

Cancer registry data collection

- Registry must record X or unknown if factor not available
- Registry must NOT use lowest category
- Registry may NOT assign stage group if factor needed

Chapter 6 Cervical Lymph Nodes and Unknown Primary Site of Head and Neck

Only applies if there are positive cervical lymph nodes where the primary site is unknown

Previously the site was coded to C14.8 and now these should be coded to C76.0

CPDMS Choice List

No customized choice list yet

KCR won't have this until near Christmas

Until that time registrars will have to read and choose from the generic list

Questions?
